

CHP Events Calendar 2019*

Important weeks and days



Conferences listed at end.
*Original information provided by:
[Our community website](#) and other organisations.

February

20 February

[World Day of Social Justice](#)

Organisation: United Nations

Social justice is an underlying principle for peaceful and prosperous coexistence within and among nations. We uphold the principles of social justice when we promote gender equality or the rights of indigenous peoples and migrants. We advance social justice when we remove barriers that people face because of gender, age, race, ethnicity, religion, culture or disability.

March

8 March

[International Women's Day](#)

Organisation: United Nations

International Women's Day is a day to celebrate the contribution and achievements of all women. It is an opportunity to remember the barriers that women have broken through, and the accomplishments they have made despite barriers.

21 March

[Close the Gap Day](#)

National Close the Gap Day aims to raise awareness of the importance of closing the gaps in health, educational and life expectancy that exist between the indigenous and the non-indigenous communities in Australia.

21 March

[Harmony Day](#)

Organisation: Department of Immigration and Citizenship

A day when all Australians celebrate our cultural diversity. The day is also the United Nation's International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination. Harmony Day is managed by the Department of Immigration and Citizenship (DIAC) and gives people the opportunity to celebrate what makes each Australian unique and share what we have in common.

31 March

[Neighbour Day](#)

Neighbour Day is Australia's annual celebration of community held on the last Sunday in March every year. Its aim is to encourage closer, friendlier

relationships between neighbours and to strengthen communities. The annual theme for Neighbour Day 2019 is: Loneliness: What neighbours can do to create connections.

April

2 April

[Federal State Budget](#)

The Australian Government will deliver the 2019-20 Federal Budget

5 April – 14 April

[Victorian Youth Week](#) (formerly known as National Youth Week). A weeklong celebration of young people (12 to 25), Youth Week encourages youths to share ideas, attend events, discuss youth issues, showcase their talents and even have a bit of fun.

17 April

[Youth Homelessness Matters Day \(YHMD\)](#)

Youth Homelessness Matters Day aims to raise awareness and public discussion about youth homelessness so that we can develop sustainable and innovative solutions for not only supporting the needs of homeless youth, but supporting the dreams of homeless youth. Organisation: National Youth Coalition for Housing.

May

7 May

[Victorian State Budget](#)

The Victorian State Government will deliver the 2019-20 State Budget

15 May

[International Day of Families](#)

Organisation: United Nations
The International Day of Families is an opportunity to raise awareness of issues relating to families in the international community.

17 May

[International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia](#)

IDAHTB was created in 2004 to draw the attention of policymakers, opinion leaders, social movements, the public and the media to the violence and discrimination experienced by LGBTI people internationally. May 17 is one of the most important date for LGBTI communities to mobilise on a worldwide scale.

20-26 May

[National Volunteer Week](#)

Organisation: Volunteering Australia.

National Volunteer Week (NVW) is the largest celebration of volunteers and volunteerism in Australia, and provides an opportunity to highlight the role of volunteers in our communities and to say thank you to the more than 6 million Australians who volunteer.

26 May

[National Sorry Day](#)

National Sorry Day is an Australia-wide observance. This day gives people the chance to come together and share the steps towards healing for the Stolen Generations, their families and communities. Stolen generations refer to Indigenous Australians who were forcibly

removed from their families and communities.

27 May - 3 June

[National Reconciliation Week](#)

National Reconciliation Week (NRW) is a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures, and achievements, and to explore how each of us can contribute to achieving reconciliation in Australia.

June

16-22 June

[Refugee Week](#)

Organisation: The Refugee Council of Australia

Refugee Week is used to inform the public about refugees and celebrate positive contributions made by refugees to Australian society.

20 June

[World Refugee Day](#)

Organisation: United Nations

World Refugee Day is used to raise awareness of the difficult lives led by refugees.

July

7-14 July

[NAIDOC Week](#)

NAIDOC Week celebrates the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. NAIDOC is celebrated not only in Indigenous communities but by Australians from all walks of life.

11 July

[World Population Day](#)

Organisation: United Nations

World Population Day seeks to focus attention on the urgency and importance of population issues and to remind us that we need to look after each other and the planet we live on.

August

The date of Equal Pay Day changes annually to reflect the number of additional days worked by women to achieve pay parity with men.

[Equal Pay Day](#)

Equal Pay Day is an important reminder of the continuing barriers women face in accessing the same opportunities and rewards as men in Australian workplaces.

4-10 August

[Homelessness Week](#)

Organisation: Homelessness Australia and Council to Homeless Persons. Homelessness Week is an annual awareness raising week to highlight the over 116,000 Australians who are homeless on any given night. Homelessness Australia provides information sheets and resources to support events all around Australia.

9 August

[International Day of the World's Indigenous People](#)

[Indigenous People](#)

Organisation: United Nations

This is a day used to celebrate and recognize the stories, cultures and unique identities of indigenous peoples around the world.

12 August

[International Youth Day](#)

Organisation: United Nations

International Youth Day is a reminder that investment in the world's youth will provide a better future for all.

30 August

[Wear it Purple Day](#)

Wear it Purple Day is an annual LGBTIQ+ awareness day. Supporters wear purple to celebrate diversity and young people from the LGBTIQ+ community. Businesses, councils, schools, community groups and clubs can participate by wearing purple and hosting events.

September

10 September

[World Suicide Prevention Day](#)

World Suicide Prevention Day is about bringing together communities, researchers, practitioners and politicians, clinicians and those in government, individuals with lived experience and those bereaved by suicide, to demonstrate a commitment to reducing the incidence of suicide in Australia, to raise awareness of this significant national challenge and to share information about ways to effectively take action as individuals and a community.

12 September

[R U OK? Day](#)

Are You Ok Day is an annual national day of action that aims to get Australians, right across the entire spectrum of society, connecting with friends and loved ones, by reaching out to anyone doing it tough and simply asking: "Are you ok?" talking about suicide with someone at risk

actually reduces the chances of them taking their life. It is the one thing we can all do to make a real difference. R U OK? Day is about prevention, preventing little problems turning into big problems.

October

1 October

[International Day of Older Persons](#)

Organisation: United Nations

The International Day of Older Persons is a celebration of the older people in all societies, and a reminder to continue developing a society for all ages.

7 October

[World Habitat Day](#)

Organisation: The United Nations
The United Nations has designated the first Monday of October of every year as World Habitat Day. The purpose of World Habitat Day is to reflect on the state of our towns and cities, and on the basic right of all to adequate shelter. It is also intended to remind the world that we all have the power and the responsibility to shape the future of our cities and towns.

7 October

[International Tenants' Day](#)

Organisation: The council of the International Union of Tenants.

On this day throughout the world housing and tenancy issues are promoted and expounded. Issues such as rights for tenants, affordable rental, and tenant participation in all matters related to housing highlight the universality of tenancy.

5-11 October

[Mental Health Week](#)

Mental Health Week is an annual national awareness event held in October every year. The aim is to raise awareness of the importance of mental health and wellbeing in the wider community, to increase community awareness and education about mental health issues and to encourage participation in life enhancing lifestyles.

10 October

[World Homeless Day](#)

The concept of 'World Homeless Day' emerged from online discussions between people working to respond to homelessness from various parts of the world. The purpose of World Homeless Day is to draw attention to homeless people's needs locally and provide opportunities for the community to get involved in responding to homelessness.

10 October

[World Mental Health Day](#)

Organisation: United Nations

World Mental Health Day aims to raise public awareness of mental health issues, and increase understanding of the strain they can place on the individual, their families, friends and communities.

Date TBC

[Anti Poverty Week](#)

Anti-Poverty Week aims to strengthen public understanding of the causes and consequences of poverty and hardship around the world and in Australia; and to encourage research, discussion and action to address

these problems, including action by individuals, communities, organisations and governments.

17 October

[International Day for the Eradication of Poverty](#)

Organisation: United Nations

The UN developed this day to promote awareness of the need to eradicate poverty and destitution in all countries, particularly in developing countries - a need that has become a development priority.

19-27 October

[Children's Week](#)

Organisation: Children's Week Council of Australia

Children's Week is an annual event celebrated in Australia during the fourth week in October. Children's Week celebrates the right of children to enjoy childhood. It is also a time for children to demonstrate their talents, skills and abilities.

28 October

[Blue Knot Day](#)

Blue Knot Day is Blue Knot Foundation's national awareness day celebrated in October every year. On this day, they ask all Australians to unite in support of the 5 million Australian adult survivors of childhood trauma and abuse.

November

Date TBC

[Social Inclusion Week](#)

Created by Dr Jonathon Welch AM, Social Inclusion Week aims to help ensure all Australians feel included

and valued, giving everyone the opportunity to participate fully in society.

25 November

[International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women](#)

Organisation: United Nations

This day is a reminder that violence against women should never occur. It is a reminder that the world must continue to eliminate instances of violence against anybody, particularly women.

25 November – 10 December

[16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence](#)

A time to galvanize action to end violence against women and girls around the world. The international campaign originated from the first Women's Global Leadership Institute coordinated by the Centre for Women's Global Leadership in 1991.

December

3 December

[International Day of Persons with Disabilities](#)

Organisation: United Nations

This day aims to promote a better understanding of disability issues with a focus on the rights of persons with disabilities and gains to be derived from the integration of persons with disabilities in every aspect of the political, social, economic and cultural life of their communities.

5 December

[International Volunteer Day](#)

Organisation: United Nations

International Volunteer Day is a day

for volunteers and volunteer-involving organisations to celebrate their efforts and to showcase the difference they make in their communities. Events are held to honour and acknowledge the outstanding work and contribution of volunteers to change the world for a better future.

10 December

[International Human Rights Day](#)

Organisation: United Nations

A day to celebrate the basic rights of all humans, and to remember that many people still have to fight for their human rights.

20 December

[International Human Solidarity Day](#)

Organisation: United Nations

International Human Solidarity Day was established by the General Assembly of the United Nations in 2005 as an initiative in the fight against poverty.

Conferences & Awards

14-15 October

[The 2019 Victorian Homelessness Conference](#)

Held biennially, the Victorian Homelessness Conference has earned a reputation as the leading event of its kind in Australia.

The Conference is an outstanding professional development opportunity for practitioners, policymakers, researchers and consumers of homelessness services.

15 October

[The Homelessness Media Awards](#)

The inaugural Homelessness Media Awards will be held on the final day of the Victorian Homelessness Conference.

More information will appear on the CHP website: chp.org.au, closer to the date.

Date TBC

[ACOSS National Conference](#)

The ACOSS National Conference is the premier community sector event which brings together key decision makers, practitioners, researchers and people on the front line of social policy and services.

8 March

[Women of Yarra Awards](#)

In celebration of International Women's Day, these awards celebrate the unique contributions women make to community, culture and progressive social change. Winners will be announced at an award ceremony and afternoon tea at Collingwood Town Hall.

18-19 March

[National Youth Homelessness Conference](#)

This will be the first national conference focusing on youth homelessness in 20 years. It will ask: what would a genuine strategy to end youth homelessness look like?

20 June

[Australian Progress](#)

From health, human rights and social justice to inequality and climate change, Progress 2019 showcases strategies to drive change; and provide practical insights to grow the impact of our organisations.

22-23 July

[National Elder Abuse Conference](#)

27 February - 1 March

[FIA Conference 2018](#)

A conference for like-minded people from the fundraising community for talks, workshops and experiences to help inspire and shape the year ahead.

For a full list of 2019 Indigenous
Conferences, go to:

<https://www.icsconferences.org/>

