



National Families Week

15 - 21 May

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Australian communities will celebrate the importance of families in locally organised events around the country to mark National Families Week, 15 to 21 May 2017. Over 120,000 people are registered to take part.

'Families are society's most important building block; whatever form families take all deserve respect, support and encouragement,' said Families Australia's Chief Executive Officer Dr Brian Babington. 'Stronger families mean stronger, more resilient communities.'

The aim of National Families Week 2017 is to celebrate the vital role that families play in Australian society. The theme is '*Stronger families, stronger communities*'.

National Families Week is supported and promoted by Ambassadors, prominent Australians who are champions for families and family wellbeing.

National Families Week coincides with the **United Nations International Day of Families** on 15 May, the day observed by the United Nations to mark the importance placed on families as the most fundamental units of society, and to show the international community's concern for family issues in many parts of the world.

Families Australia is a national, member-based, not-for-profit organisation that works to promote the needs and interests of families, especially those experiencing disadvantage. National Families Week is sponsored by the Australian Government Department of Social Services.

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To see a listing of registered public National Families Week events in your local area and the list of NFW Ambassadors go to <http://nfw.org.au/>

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