

National Families Week 2018

Stronger families, stronger communities



National Families Week will be held from 15 - 21 May 2018 (coinciding with the United Nations International Day of Families on 15 May).

The aim of National Families Week is to celebrate the vital role that families play in Australian society. The theme '*Stronger families, stronger communities*' highlights the importance of families to communities and that community wellbeing is enhanced by family wellbeing.

National Families Week is a time to think about what individuals and organisations can do in the local community to enhance the wellbeing children and families and to make all families stronger. National Families Week is also an opportunity for local communities to encourage families to engage with and strengthen their communities.

Each year, over one hundred thousand people and hundreds of organisations celebrate National Families Week – Australia's annual celebration of families. In 2017, over 130,000 people participated in National Families Week registered events around Australia, illustrating the importance of families within the community.

National Families Week is timed to coincide with the United Nations International Day of Families on 15 May. This day is observed by the United Nations to mark the importance that the international community places on families as the most fundamental units of society, as well as to show concern about their situation in many parts of the world. The United Nations theme in 2018 is '*Families and inclusive societies*'.

All Australians, including community organisations, schools, councils, companies and individuals are invited to participate in National Families Week each year.

Organisations planning to hold an event for National Families Week need to register it in order to receive promotional products (posters, balloons, stickers, notepads and painting sheets).

National Families Week is managed by Families Australia, a national, peak, not-for-profit organisation which strives to improve the wellbeing of all Australian families and is sponsored by the Australian Government Department of Social Services.

More information can be found on our website: www.nfw.org.au