

COMMEMORATIVE DATES

Month	Date	Event
January	1 January	Commonwealth of Australia proclaimed (1901)
	8 January	Last Australian servicemen returned from Korea (1958)
	11 January	Official cessation of hostilities in Vietnam by Australian forces (1973)
	17 January	Operation Desert Storm commenced - the combat phase of the Gulf War (1991)
February	3 February	The Fall of Ambon - Gull Force forced to surrender - 800 Australians taken prisoner (1942)
	10 February	HMAS Melbourne/HMAS Voyager Collision (1964)
	14 February	National Serviceman Day
	15 February	Fall of Singapore (1942)
	16 February	Bangka Island massacre (1942)
	19 February	First bombing of Darwin (1942)
	20 February	Battle of Koepang in Dutch Timor (1942)
	24 February	National Day for War Animals
28 February	Sinking of HMAS Perth in the Battle of Sunda Strait (1942)	
March	1 March	Formation of Australian Army (1901)
	1 March	Formation of Australian Navy (1901)
	2 March	Battle of Bismark Sea (1943)

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	3 March	Attacks on Broome (1942)
	19 March	Iraq War commenced (2003)
	31 March	Formation of Royal Australian Air Force (1921)
April	2 April	Crash of RAN Sea King helicopter Shark 02 (2005)
	10 April	Siege of Tobruk commences, North Africa (1941)
	11 April	Battles for Bullecourt (1917)
	22 April	Battle of Kapyong commences, Korea (1951)
	24 April	Kapyong Day (1951) - Commemorated by 3 RAR
	25 April	Gallipoli Landing, Türkiye (1915). Anzac Day
	30 April	End of the Vietnam War (1975)
May	3 May	Battles for Bullecourt (1917)
	4 May	Battle of the Coral Sea commences (1942)
	8 May	Victory in Europe (1945)
	12 May	First attack on FSB Coral (1968)
	13 May	End of the North Africa Campaign (1943)
	14 May	Hospital Ship Centaur sunk (1943)

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	26 May	First attack on FSB Balmoral
	29 May	International Day of UN Peacekeepers
	31 May	Japanese submarines attack Sydney Harbour (1942)
	31 May	Boer War ends (1902)
June	6 June	D Day, Liberation of Europe commences (1944)
	6-7 June	Battle of Long Khanh (1971)
	7 June	Military Working Dog Day
	10 June	Battle of Shah Wali Kot commences, Afghanistan (2010)
	12 June	Black Hawk helicopter tragedy (1996)
	16 June	Malayan Emergency declared (1948)
	19 June	Battle of Wadi Zieni (1941)
	25 June	International Day of the Seafarer
July	1 July	The sinking of the Montevideo Maru (1942)
	1 July	The formation of the Royal Australian Army Ordnance Corps (1902), Formation of the Royal Australian Army Medical Corps (1902), Formation of the Royal Australian Army Nursing Corps (1903)
	4 July	Battle of Hamel (1918)

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	11 July	All ADF departed Afghanistan (2021)
	19 July	Battle of Fromelles (1916)
	21 July	First Battle of El Alamein (1942)
	23 Jul – 3 Sep	September - Battle of Pozières (1916)
	24 July	Arrival of RAMSI forces in the Solomon Islands (2003)
	27 July	Korean Veterans' Day (Armistice signed 1953)
	28 July	Crash of 'Bushman 83' MRH-90 Taipan helicopter during Exercise Talisman Sabre (2023)
August	2 August	Iraq invasion of Kuwait (1990)
	5 August	Cowra Breakout by Japanese prisoners of war (1944)
	9 August	Sinking of HMAS Canberra (1) (1942)
	15 August	Victory in the Pacific (1945)
	18 August	Vietnam Veterans' Day
	25 August	Battle of Milne Bay (1942)
	26 August	Battle of Isurava (1942)
	31 August	Malaya & Borneo Veterans' Day
September	1 September	Battle of Mont St Quentin (1918)

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	3 September	Merchant Navy Day
	14 September	Australian Peacekeepers Day
	15 September	Battle of Britain Day (1940)
	20 September	Arrival of INTERFET in East Timor (1999)
	26 September	Operation Jaywick (1943)
	29 September	Breaking the Hindenburg Line (1918)
October	3 October	The Battle of Maryang San (1951)
	3 October	Vietnam Forces Welcome Home Parade, Sydney (1987)
	19 October	War Widows Day
	23 October	Second Battle of Alamein (1942)
	24 October	United Nations Day
	31 October	Charge of Beersheba (1917)
November	1 November	AIF first convoy sails from Albany (1914)
	3 November	Kokoda Day
	11 November	Remembrance Day / Great War Armistice signed (1918) / Shrine of Remembrance opened, Melbourne (1934) / Australian War Memorial opened, Canberra (1941)

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	18 November	Battle of Berlin (1943)
	19 November	Sinking of HMAS Sydney (II) (1941)
December	7 December	The end of the Siege of Tobruk (1941)
	10 December	'Operation Fauna' 1RAR (1952)
	20 December	Last troops evacuated from Gallipoli (1915)
	31 December	Conclusion of Operation SLIPPER, Afghanistan (2014)