

# Hope Vale Calendar of Events 2024

Event Start Date	Event Name	Description of Event
01/03/2024 - 07/03/2024	Hearing Awareness Week	Let's make it a reality. Hearing Awareness Week (27 Feb – 3 March 2023) is an important event that takes place every year in Australia and coincides with the World Health Organisation's World Hearing Day (3 March 2023)
03/03/2024	Clean Up Australia Day	Clean Up Australia Day is an annual event observed on the first Sunday of March as part of Australia's efforts to conserve the environment, and this year, it falls on March 3.
08/03/2024	International Women's Day	International Women's Day is a global holiday celebrated annually on March 8 as a focal point in the women's rights movement, bringing attention to issues such as gender equality, reproductive rights, and violence and abuse against women
21/03/2024	National close the Gap day	Close the Gap Day is a day of action aimed at closing the gap in health outcomes between First Nations and non-Indigenous people. National close the gap day
20/03/2024-26/03/2024	National Playgroup Week	National Playgroup Week is all about celebrating and promoting the benefits of playgroups for children, families and communities.
21/03/2024	Harmony Day	Harmony Day is a time for everyone to celebrate the enormous benefits of multiculturalism. The day recognises the importance of cultural respect, participation, and inclusiveness for everyone who calls Australia home

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<b>29/03/2024</b>	Good Friday	Good Friday is a Christian holiday commemorating the crucifixion of Jesus and his death at Calvary. It is observed during Holy Week as part of the Paschal Triduum.
<b>31/03/2024</b>	Easter Sunday	The religious holiday of Easter celebrates the resurrection of Jesus Christ, as described in the Bible's New Testament.
<b>01/04/2024</b>	Easter Monday	Easter Monday is the second day of Easter and a public holiday in some countries. In Western Christianity it marks the second day of the Octave of Easter; in Eastern Christianity it marks the second day of Bright Week
<b>25/04/2024</b>	Anzac Day	Anzac Day is a national day of remembrance in Australia and New Zealand that broadly commemorates all Australians and New Zealanders "who served and died in all wars, conflicts, and peacekeeping operations" and "the contribution and suffering of all those who have served"
<b>May 2024</b>	Domestic Violence Awareness Month	Community events and activities are held during May each year to raise awareness and increase visibility of domestic and family violence and coercive control, and encourage involvement in the prevention of this form of violence in Queensland.
<b>02/05/2024-07/05/2024</b>	Family Day Week	National Family Day Care Week is integral to raising the image and profile of family day care. It celebrates the unique benefits of the small group settings, personalised educational programming and flexible hours of care that make family day care the option of choice for so many Australian families.
<b>Sunday 12/05/2024</b>	Mother's Day	Mother's Day is a celebration honoring the mother of the family or individual, as well as motherhood, maternal bonds, and the influence of mothers in society.
<b>15/05/2024-21/05/2024</b>	Under 8 Day	Initiated by the Early Childhood Association, Under Eights Week celebrates the importance of learning in the early years of a child's life
<b>17/05/2024</b>	Remembrance Day Evacuation of our Guugu Yimithirr Bama	
<b>27/05/2024</b>	1967 Referendum	On 27 May 1967, Australians voted to change the Constitution so that like all other Australians, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples would be counted as part of the population and the Commonwealth would be able to make laws for them.

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<b>04/07/2024-11/07/2024</b>	NAIDOC Week	NAIDOC Week theme is For Our Elders. Across every generation, our Elders have played, and continue to play, an important role and hold a prominent place in our communities and families.
<b>31/07/2024</b>	Ranger's Week Celebration	World Ranger Day is celebrated worldwide on July 31st to commemorate Rangers killed or injured in the line of duty and to celebrate the work Rangers do to protect the planet's natural treasures and cultural heritage.
<b>4/08/2024</b>	National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children's Day	National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children's Day (Children's Day) is the national day dedicated to celebrating our children. Children's Day is celebrated across the country each year.
<b>9/08/2024</b>	International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples	The International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples is observed on 9 August each year to raise awareness and protect the rights of the world's indigenous population.
<b>12/08/2024</b>	International Youth Day	International Youth Day is an awareness day designated by the United Nations. The purpose of the day is to draw attention to a given set of cultural and legal issues surrounding youth.
<b>13/08/2024</b>	Red Nose Day	Red Nose Day sparked a global movement and catalysed research into the reasons why babies die suddenly in their sleep and because of that, we now have six evidence-based steps all parents can take to reduce the risk of their baby dying in their sleep.
<b>Saturday 17/08/2024-23/08/2024</b>	Book Week	International Children's Book Day . The Board decides on a theme for the event in addition to an author from that country writing a personal message to the children of the world to inspire them to read.
<b>18/08/2024</b>	National day against bullying and violence	To support children and young people to use their Power for Good – by understanding the ways in which they are powerful and encouraging individual and collective action to stop bullying and create the best world possible.
<b>26/08/2024</b>	Daffodil Day	To Cancer Council, and those affected by cancer, the daffodil represents hope for a cancer free future.

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<b>September – October School Holiday Period</b>	Career Expo	Hope Vale Council career expo will bring together a pool of service providers who will come together for the event. Showing their services and providing an opportunity for employment for local of Hope Vale.
<b>September - November</b>	Three Rivers Competition	Rugby League Competition between Hope Vale, Wujal Wujal, Cooktown, Coen & Kowanyama. The competition is a circuit type model that allows communities to host the events. This runs for a period of 3 months.
<b>September - November</b>	Junior League Football	The Cockatoos values the Youth of Hope Vale in helping them strive for the very best and exposing them to higher opportunities whether its success on the field or even in other pathways off the field, Our vision is to own our own clubhouse and be self-sufficient and self-reliable in the near future, that is why we are calling out to potential sponsors to help create a firm foundation so that we can run successfully as Hope Vale's first official Club.
<b>1/09/2024</b>	Indigenous Literacy Day	Indigenous Literacy Day aims to raise awareness of the need to support literacy in remote and isolated indigenous communities of Australia.
<b>10/09/2024</b>	Muni's Day	On the 2nd Sunday of September each year the Hope Vale community celebrates the Coming of the Gospel with a service on the shores of Alligator Beach, Hope Vale. The day is affectionately named 'Muni Day' in honour of the first missionary Rev. G.H. Schwarz. (The word 'muni' means 'black,' just as the name Schwarz does in German.)
<b>1/09/2024</b>	Father's Day	Father's Day is a holiday honouring one's father, or relevant father figure, as well as fatherhood, paternal bonds, and the influence of fathers in society.
<b>4/09/2024</b>	National child protection week	Child Protection Week which aims to promote a safe and healthy life for every child, now and into the future.
<b>6/09/2024</b>	Early childhood educator's day	Early Childhood Educators' Day recognises and celebrates the work of Australia's educators in early learning services for their wonderful contribution to the wellbeing and healthy development of the young children in their care.

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<b>14/09/2024</b>	R U OK? Day	R U OK? is an Australian non-profit suicide prevention organisation, founded by advertiser Gavin Larkin in 2009. It revolves around the slogan "R U OK?" and advocates for people to have conversations with others.
<b>1/10/2024</b>	International day of older persons	We're fortunate to have older people around us, whether they're family, friends, or just general acquaintances. Older people are fonts of wisdom, experience, and storytelling. They can inspire us to continue striving — or warn us of dangers we're unaware of.
<b>10/10/2024</b>	World Mental Health Day	World Mental Health Day is an international day for global mental health education, awareness and advocacy against social stigma.
<b>23/10/2024</b>	Pink Ribbon Day	Tragically, there are around 4600 Queensland women diagnosed with a breast or gynaecological cancer each year. This heart-breaking statistic is the powerful reason behind why Queenslanders will come together on Pink Ribbon Day, October 28, to show their support and raise awareness.
<b>27/10/2024</b>	National Kidsafe Day	The aim of National Kidsafe Day is to increase the awareness of preventable child injuries as well as the critical work of Kidsafe Australia.
<b>21/10/2024</b>	Halloween	Many Australians celebrate the day by throwing elaborate parties where guests dress as ghosts, ghouls and members of the undead community.
<b>11/11/2024</b>	Remembrance Day	Remembrance Day is a Memorial Day observed in Commonwealth member states since the end of the First World War in 1919 to honour armed forces members who have died in the line of duty. The day is also marked by war remembrances in several other non-Commonwealth countries.
<b>14/11/2024</b>	Worlds Diabetes Day	This year's theme is again "Access to diabetes care", as it was last year, and will be again in 2023, highlighting the importance of prevention and response efforts
<b>December</b>	Christmas Break up	Council workforce break-up function

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<b>24/12/2024</b>	Christmas Eve	is the evening or entire day before Christmas Day, the festival commemorating the birth of Jesus. Christmas Day is observed around the world
<b>25/12/2024</b>	Christmas Day	Is an annual festival commemorating the birth of Jesus Christ, observed primarily on December 25 as a religious and cultural celebration
<b>31/12/2024</b>	New Years Eve	New Year's Eve, also known as Old Year's Day or Saint Sylvester's Day in many countries, is the evening or the entire day of the last day of the year, 31 December. The last day of the year is commonly referred to as "New Year's Eve".

*Below are events that are yet to be finalised for 2024*

<b>December</b>	Pig Competition	Annual Community Event for families to participate in
<b>December</b>	Fishing Competition	Annual Community Event for families to participate in
<b>Last Saturday of each month</b>	Markets	Local markets give you the chance to chat with the locals and experience the fresh produce of the region. Also, an opportunity to sell your products.
<b>September</b>	Battle of the Bands	Show cases local talent within the Community.
<b>July - August</b>	Return to Hope Vale	LTC Committee to advise of schedule date
<b>September</b>	Fashion Gala Parade	Show casing local artist designs