

# Oceania & Pacific National Holidays: Recent May-June 2026 Celebrations and

Pacific Holidays · Answer Key · 5 Questions

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**1. Which Pacific nation celebrated its 64th Independence Day on June 1, 2026, marking its freedom from New Zealand control?**

- A) Fiji
- B) Tonga
- C) Samoa**
- D) Vanuatu

**2. On May 29, 2026, Fiji observed Ratu Sir Lala Sukuna Day. What was a significant event that marked the beginning of these celebrations in Rakiraki?**

- A) The unveiling of a new national monument
- B) The opening of the Ratu Sukuna Library**
- C) A major agricultural fair
- D) A traditional Fijian Chiefly Council meeting

**3. New Zealand marked the King's Birthday public holiday on June 1, 2026. On which day of the week does this holiday consistently fall each year?**

- A) The second Monday in June
- B) The first Saturday in June
- C) The first Monday in June**
- D) The last Friday in May

**4. Tonga observed Emancipation Day on June 4, 2026, with the public holiday being recognized on June 8. What historical event does this day primarily commemorate?**

- A) The signing of the Constitution of Tonga
- B) The abolition of serfdom in 1862**
- C) The discovery of the Tongan islands
- D) The end of World War II in the Pacific

**5. In most Australian states and territories, the King's Birthday public holiday was celebrated on June 8, 2026. What is notable about the date of this holiday in relation to the monarch's actual birthday?**

- A) It coincides exactly with King Charles III's actual birthday.
- B) It is always celebrated in autumn for better weather.
- C) The holiday is fixed in early winter for the southern hemisphere, not the King's actual birthday.**
- D) It shifts annually based on lunar cycles.