

August 2026: Australia Gears Up for Darwin Festival, National Science Week, and more

Australian Events · Answer Key · 16 Questions

1. Which significant arts and cultural festival will be held in Darwin, Northern Territory, from August 6th to August 23rd, 2026?

- A) Adelaide Fringe Festival
- B) Darwin Festival**
- C) Perth International Arts Festival
- D) Melbourne International Jazz Festival

2. What is the date for National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children's Day in 2026?

- A) August 2nd
- B) August 4th**
- C) August 9th
- D) August 15th

3. During which period in August 2026 will National Science Week be celebrated across Australia?

- A) August 1st to 9th
- B) August 8th to 16th
- C) August 15th to 23rd**
- D) August 22nd to 30th

4. In November 2026, Adelaide will host its annual LGBTQIA+ Arts & Cultural Festival. What is this festival called?

- A) Sydney Gay & Lesbian Mardi Gras
- B) Feast Festival**
- C) Pride March Adelaide
- D) WOMADelaide

5. The Perseid meteor shower is a popular annual event. In August 2026, when will it peak?

- A) August 4th-5th
- B) August 8th-9th
- C) August 12th-13th**
- D) August 20th-21st

6. Which commemoration, honoring service members who fought in the Vietnam War, will mark the 60th anniversary of the Battle of Long Tan in 2026?

- A) Anzac Day
- B) Victory in the Pacific Day
- C) Remembrance Day
- D) Vietnam Veterans' Day**

7. The International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples is observed on August 9th. In 2026, on what day of the week will it fall, and how will the primary UN observance be conducted?

- A) Saturday; in-person at UN Headquarters
- B) Sunday; online broadcast
- C) Monday; via a virtual commemoration**
- D) Tuesday; through regional community events

8. What is the theme for National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children's Day in 2026?

- A) Living Our Truth**
- B) Little Footsteps, Big Future
- C) The Next Generation: Strength, Vision and Legacy
- D) Strength, Vision and Legacy

9. The Melbourne Fringe Festival is a major event. In 2026, when will it take place?

- A) September 29th - October 18th**
- B) October 1st - 20th
- C) September 15th - October 4th
- D) October 10th - 29th

10. Victory in the Pacific Day commemorates the end of World War II. On what date in August is it observed in Australia?

- A) August 9th
- B) August 15th**
- C) August 25th
- D) August 31st

11. The Darwin Festival often incorporates other significant events. Which major art fair is held under the umbrella of the Darwin Festival?

- A) Fremantle Arts Festival
- B) Adelaide Biennial of Australian Art
- C) Darwin Aboriginal Art Fair (DAAF)**
- D) Tarnanthi Festival

12. National Science Week's school theme for 2026 is "Seeds of Science: Nurturing knowledge for all". This theme invites exploration of curiosity, inquiry, and shared learning in what broad field?

- A) Environmental Science
- B) Biotechnology
- C) STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics)**
- D) Agricultural Science

13. Which astronomical event will occur on August 12, 2026, offering a spectacular celestial display, though primarily visible in regions like Iceland, Greenland, and Spain?

- A) A total lunar eclipse
- B) A partial solar eclipse
- C) A total solar eclipse**
- D) A planetary conjunction

14. The Feast Festival, celebrating LGBTQIA+ arts and culture, is held in Adelaide. In which month does it take place in 2026?

- A) August
- B) October
- C) November**
- D) December

15. The Commemoration of Women in the Armed Forces of Australia is observed in Western Australia on August 8, 2026. Where is the main commemorative event held?

- A) State War Memorial, Kings Park, Perth**
- B) Australian War Memorial, Canberra
- C) RSL Headquarters, Melbourne
- D) Anzac Memorial, Sydney

16. Which two planets will be in conjunction in the pre-dawn sky on August 15, 2026, offering a viewing opportunity for stargazers?

- A) Mars and Saturn
- B) Jupiter and Venus
- C) Mercury and Jupiter**
- D) Venus and Mars