

# RELIGIOUS & CULTURAL EVENTS FOR 2015



Spiritual Health Victoria

Month	Day	Event	Religion	Notes
JAN	3 <sup>rd</sup> (Sat)	Mawlid an-Nabi	ISLAMIC	Prophet Mohammed's Birthday
	5 <sup>th</sup> (Mon)	Birth of Guru Gobind Singh Ji	SIKH	Tenth Guru of the Sikh faith who sacrificed his life & family for human liberty, equality and fraternity.
FEB	1 <sup>st</sup> (Sun) – 7 <sup>th</sup> (Sat)	INTERFAITH WORLD HARMONY WEEK		
	13 <sup>th</sup> (Fri)	National Apology Day		Recalling Australian government's 2008 apology to the Aboriginal Stolen Generations
MAR	5 <sup>th</sup> (Thurs)	Purim	JEWISH	Reading of story from Scroll of Esther with celebrations of survival and gifts to others
	5 <sup>th</sup> (Fri)	Mahaprabhu Appearance	HINDU	
APR	3 <sup>rd</sup> (Fri)	Mahavir Jayanti	JAIN	Solemn remembrance of Christ's suffering
	3 <sup>rd</sup> (Fri)	Good Friday	CHRISTIAN	
MAY	2 <sup>nd</sup> (Sat)	Twelfth Day of Ridwan	BAHA'I	
	3 <sup>rd</sup> (Sun)	Narasimha Deva Appearance	HINDU	
JUN	1 <sup>st</sup> (Mon)	Buddha Day / Vesak Day	BUDDHIST	(UN observance)
	16 <sup>th</sup> (Tues)	Martyrdom of Sri Guru Arjan Dev Ji	SIKH	First martyr of the Sikh faith and compiled the Sikh scriptures
AUG	15 <sup>th</sup> (Sat)	Assumption / Dormition of Mary	CHRISTIAN	Commemorates the death, burial and ascension of the Virgin Mary
	28 <sup>th</sup> (Mon)	Sukkot	JEWISH	Remembering of reliance on Divine when in the desert; Jews build and dwell in booths
OCT	6 <sup>th</sup> (Tues)	Simchat Torah	JEWISH	Celebrating the end of the cycle of Torah readings by dancing with the scrolls
	13 <sup>th</sup> (Tues) – 21 <sup>st</sup> (Wed)	Navaratri	HINDU	Festival of the Divine Mother, honouring Durga and the female Deities
NOV	1 <sup>st</sup> (Sun)	All Saints Day	CHRISTIAN	Honouring saints known and unknown, who led lives of holiness and devotion to God
	11 <sup>th</sup> (Wed)	Remembrance Day		Minute's silence and services held in memory of fallen soldiers from world wars
DEC	8 <sup>th</sup> (Tues)	Bodhi Day	BUDDHIST	Commemorates the day that the historical Buddha attained enlightenment, or "Bodhi" in Sanskrit & Pali.
	7 <sup>th</sup> (Mon) – 14 <sup>th</sup> (Mon)	Chanukah	JEWISH	Chanukah celebrates the recapture and rededication of the Temple in Jerusalem in the time of the Greeks.