

STATISTICS FOR AUSTRALIA DAY CEREMONIES

- 12,887 people expected to be conferred
- 129 nationalities
- 336 ceremonies

State	No. of People	No. of Ceremonies	No. of Nationalities
NSW	3,393	85	100
VIC	2,928	67	84
QLD	2,506	54	83
NT	124	9	24
WA	2,745	67	77
SA	1,011	38	52
TAS	148	15	22
ACT	32	1	17
Nationally	12,887	336	129

APPENDIX B: Key events

- At the National Flag-raising and Citizenship Ceremony in Canberra, Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull will confer citizenship on 32 people from 19 different countries. The Governor-General His Excellency General the Honourable Sir Peter Cosgrove AK MC (Retd) will lead those attending in the Australian Citizenship Affirmation.
- The Minister for Home Affairs, the Hon Peter Dutton MP, will preside over a morning ceremony at the Rotary Club of Samford Valley, as well as a second morning ceremony at the Moreton Bay Regional Council. Together, these ceremonies will see 172 new citizens from 10 different countries become Australian citizens.
- The Minister for Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs, the Hon Alan Tudge MP, will preside over a ceremony at Melbourne Town Hall to welcome 108 new Australian citizens. He will later preside over a ceremony hosted by the Knox City Council for 100 new Australian citizens.
- On 25 January, a special ceremony will be hosted in Victoria by the Melbourne City Football Club at AAMI Park before the kick-off of the Melbourne City and Newcastle Jets A-league game, 51 conferees will become Australian Citizens.

- On 26 January, another special ceremony will be hosted in Victoria by the Melbourne Victory Football Club at AAMI Park before the kick-off of the Melbourne Victory and Sydney FC A-league game, 75 conferees will become Australian citizens.
- In Sydney, The Governor-General, His Excellency General the Honourable Sir Peter Cosgrove AK MC (Retd), will preside over an evening ceremony at Admiralty House in Sydney to welcome 50 new citizens from 19 different countries. The Assistant Minister for Home Affairs, the Hon Alex Hawke MP, will preside at a ceremony at the Rotary Club of The Hills-Kellyville for 31 people in Winston Hills.
- A special ceremony will be held on-board HMAS Canberra in Darling Harbour, which will be presided by the Governor of NSW, His Excellency General The Honourable David Hurley AC DSC (Retd).
- In South Australia, a citizenship ceremony will be held at the Adelaide Festival Centre on Australia Day for 100 conferees from 15 different countries. The ceremony will conclude shortly before the commencement of Australia Day in the City, an event held by the Australia Day Council of South Australia in Elder Park.
- In Tasmania, the City of Hobart Council will hold an Australia Day citizenship ceremony as part of the Sandy Bay Regatta at the Long Point Reserve (held in conjunction with their council Australia Day awards). Launceston City Council will host a citizenship ceremony in conjunction with their council Australia Day awards at the Albert Hall on Friday 26 January. Australia Day Ambassador award winning architect Robert Morris-Nunn AM will be the guest speaker at the event, both of these ceremonies will see 53 new citizens from 11 countries become Australian citizens.
- A special ceremony will be held at the Davis Research Station in Antarctica, prior to Australia Day.
- In Western Australia over 2,700 people will be conferred in 67 ceremonies throughout the day.
- The Northern Territory will welcome more than 100 new citizens from 24 countries.

APPENDIX B: Historical information

- The first Australian citizenship ceremony took place at Albert Hall in Canberra on 3 February 1949. Seven people, one representing each state of Australia and the Australian Capital Territory, became citizens at this ceremony. They were from Czechoslovakia, Denmark, France, Greece, Norway, Spain and Yugoslavia.
- During 1949, almost 2,500 people from more than 35 countries became Australian citizens at ceremonies. Most were migrants from Italy, Poland, Greece, Germany and Yugoslavia.
- Since the first citizenship ceremony 66 years ago, more than 5 million people have chosen to become Australian citizens.