

# WHAT IS WA DAY?

WA Day is held each year on the first Monday in June. It's a day to celebrate all Western Australians, recognising our Aboriginal history, early European settlers and the many people from all over the world who have made, and continue to make, Western Australia their home.

## DID YOU KNOW?

- Prior to 2012, June 1 was known as Foundation Day, which marked the day when the first European settlers, under the command of Captain James Stirling RN, Lieutenant Governor, arrived from Britain to settle the Swan River Colony.
- In April 2012 Foundation Day was formally changed to WA Day following bipartisan political support in the Western Australian Parliament.
- The legislation emphasised that the new 'State Day' was to be inclusive of all people no matter how long they have called themselves Western Australians.



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