



## Australian History - Part 5 - Apologies



### Study the documents and answer the questions

- What report was published in 1997? \_\_\_\_\_
- What happens every year in May? \_\_\_\_\_
- When was “National Sorry Day” created? \_\_\_\_\_
- It was created to apologize to  the government  the Stolen Generations.
- When did the Parliament officially apologize to the Stolen Generations? \_\_\_\_\_



National Sorry Day is held on the 26th of May each year. The day is held to acknowledge the devastation caused to our families and Communities due the forced removal of our children from their families resulting in the Stolen Generations.

Sorry Day is an opportunity to pay tribute to Stolen Generations members and to remember those who have passed into the Dreaming. Having a national Sorry Day was a recommendation of the 1997 'Bringing Them Home' report. This report examined the large scale removal of Aboriginal children as a result of government policies and the significant negative impacts.

**'We today take this first step by acknowledging the past and laying claim to a future that embraces all Australians'**

Kevin Rudd, Prime Minister of Australia 2008



**NATIONAL SORRY DAY 2018**  
21st Anniversary

Friday 25 May

Supporting our Stolen Generations and their families

11am-2pm  
Jim McConville Oval  
58 M'ner Rd

Hear stories from our Stolen Generation Members

Starting our past with future generations

Learn the history of our Stolen Generations

Family Day  
Games  
Fun Activities  
Face Painting  
BBQ

Congress Link Up Service

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**“National Sorry Day is a time to remember those members of the Stolen Generations who have passed on and to call on governments to invest more funding in ongoing healing needs of our people suffering from intergenerational trauma and pain”**

Florence Orlu, Chair, Healing Foundation  
Stolen Generations Reference Committee

On the second day of the new Federal Parliament, on 13 February 2008, the Prime Minister of Australia made a formal apology to Indigenous Australians, particularly the Stolen Generations, for past mistreatment. The apology acknowledged the profound wrong done to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children, families and communities by governments removing children solely on the basis of race. The apology is a positive step towards cultural reconciliation in Australia.

Paying respect today and always to the children who will never come home, to the Stolen Generations, their descendants and families who continue to heal. And every Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander person in the country for pretty much everything really.

**National Sorry Day and Reconciliation Week**

Sorry.

