

June 2025 Newsletter

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World Refugee Day

20 June



Refugee Council
of Australia

World Refugee Day is acknowledged on 20 June every year.

Australia has had a refugee program in place since 1947 and has continually supported refugees since then.

In the period just after World War II, Australia settled more refugees than in any other period of time. From 1947 to 1949, the average yearly number of refugees was almost 28,000 people per year. Since 1949, Australia has continued to support refugees but not in such large numbers.

The end of World War II brought great relief, and Australia was also able to welcome home soldiers who served valiantly during such torrid times.

Whilst many refugees have settled in Australia, it is difficult to find out exact details of how many have made Australia their home. Hopefully, the vast majority have felt welcome and made many friendships.

In the next 12 months, it is likely that the total number of refugees Australia has accepted since 1947 will pass one million people.



Voting in Australia

(Photo courtesy of the Australian Electoral Commission)

We all just had our opportunity to vote in the federal election on the 3rd of May. Democracy in Australia is quite unique whereby voting is compulsory. We have peaceful, free and transparent elections and we should be proud of that. However, some people may say, ***“Why vote, the government always wins”***.

Searching through our history, there have been several significant events that we can recall that have happened in June which have helped to shape our nation:

4 June 1824: Andrew Bent founds the first free press in the Australian Colonies

14 June 1825: Van Diemen's Land is separated administratively from New South Wales

10 June 1835: Australia's first political party, the Australian Patriotic Association, is founded

25 June 1847: Queen Victoria formally declares Melbourne a city

6 June 1859: The colony of Queensland is established by decree of Queen Victoria

12 June 1902: The Commonwealth Franchise Act granted most Australian women the right to vote and stand in federal elections

30 June 1934: The Commonwealth rejects Western Australia's case for secession. (WA can't separate from the rest of us!)

24 June 2010: Julia Gillard becomes the first female Prime Minister of Australia

“I WATCH SILVER MEMORIES EVERY DAY IN MY ROOM AND LOVE LISTENING TO THE BEAUTIFUL MUSIC,” BETTY J, ARCARE RESIDENT.

Silver Memories BLOG

The science of music and memory details how the brain is kept active. As such, research proves that music helps people with dementia to rebuild valuable connections with everyday life through recalling fond memories.

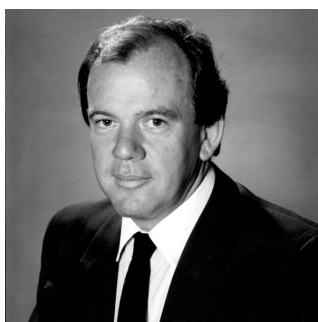


There are multiple benefits that music provides for the brain. As mentioned, it assists with memory recall as well as several other well documented benefits.

To read more, visit the Silver Memories website in the articles section or click on the link below if you are reading via a screen:

[The Science of Music and Memory](#)

Famous Australians



Mike Willesee AO, was born in Perth, on 29 June 1942 and passed away in 2019.

In 1967, Mike Willesee started as a reporter for ***This Day Tonight (TDT)*** on the ABC. He then hosted ***Four Corners*** from 1969 to 1971.

In 1971, Willesee began hosting ***A Current Affair*** on Channel 9. He helped to launch Paul Hogan's career by inviting him to perform short skits to start the program. After several years, Willesee then had a short stint at Channel 10 prior to joining Channel 7 in 1975 and hosting ***This is Your Life***.

In 1984, he returned to Channel 9 and hosted the ***Willesee*** program. In 2012, he began hosting his last regular program ***Sunday Night*** on Channel 7. Mike Willesee is an inductee into the TV Week Logies Hall of Fame.

The Year That Was

Broadcast Thursdays at 10am (AEST) and 9.30am (ACST), ***The Year That Was*** presents an excellent opportunity to reminisce about past happenings from a specific year. There are a variety of programs available on the App as well.

We remember the following years:

[1941 on June 5](#)
[1936 on June 12](#)
[1948 on June 19](#)
[1951 on June 26](#)
[1953 on July 3](#)
[1963 on July 10](#)
[1965 on July 17](#)
[1943 on July 24](#)
[1949 on July 31](#)
[1964 on Aug 7](#)
[1966 on Aug 14](#)
[1968 on Aug 21](#)
[1980 on Aug 28](#)

Activity Session plans for the programs are available from the Silver Memories website.

Thoroughly Modern Millie

Songs from the musical, *Thoroughly Modern Millie*, will be broadcast on Thursday, 19 June at 2pm (AEST) & 1.30pm (ACST)

Thoroughly Modern Millie is a musical with music by **Jeanine Tesori**, lyrics by **Dick Scanlan**, and a book by **Richard Morris** and **Scanlan**. It is based on the 1967 film, ***Thoroughly Modern Millie***, starring **Julie Andrews**. The film was based on the British musical ***Chrysanthemum***, which opened in London in 1956. The plot follows Millie and tells the story of a small-town girl who comes to New York City to marry for money instead of love – a thoroughly modern aim in 1922, as there was a significant increase in women entering the workforce in the 1920s.



Cabaret will be the featured musical to be broadcast on the third Thursday of the month at 2pm (AEST) and 1.30pm (ACST), 17 July.

The Sound of Music will be broadcast on the third Thursday of the month at 2pm (AEST) and 1.30pm (ACST), 21 August.