



Australia Day

Reflect. Respect. Celebrate

FINACT - Australia Day 2026

26 January, 10AM-1PM

Venue: Weston Neighbourhood Hall

Federation of Indian Associations of ACT (FINACT)
invites you to join us to celebrate Australia Day with
free BBQ, art and cultural performances and prize distribution for drawing
and reels competition

We invite your entries for
Drawing competition*:



6-10years (Group1) and 11-15 years (Group 2)
&



Introducing NEW Reels Competition!!**



for 16 to 25 years



THEME for both competitions: What it means to you to be Indian Australian?

Exciting Prizes for Winners

**Rules for the competitions in the following pages*

ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST FOLLOW COMPETITION RULES

Send your entries to events@finact.net.au

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Drawing Competition

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Instructions, Terms and Conditions for Participants

1. **Background** – The Federation of Indian Associations of ACT (FINACT) received a grant from the National Australia Day Council to celebrate 2025 Australia Day Community Event on 26 January. Through drawing competition FINACT continues to engage with the younger generation in the community and encourage talent. This year, FINACT is introducing Reels competition to engage youth from our community.
2. **Purpose** – To unite all Australians through celebration and reflection. Provide opportunity to young Australians to express and reflect on the Australia day theme- Reflect. Respect. Celebrate. We are all part of the story.
3. **Eligibility** – Two Age groups: 6 to 10 years; and 11 to 15 years. A total of six prizes between the groups will be awarded.
4. **Type of artwork**- We welcome drawings using any suitable media, including pencils, crayons, watercolors, acrylic, oil paintings charcoal, pencils, etc., on canvas or art paper, preferably A3 size. Your work must reflect the theme – What it means to you to be Indian-Australian. Please include a short title and your name along with a short statement (2-3 lines on separate pages) about what your drawing says.
5. **Submissions** – Please email good quality, undistorted picture of your artwork to events@finact.net.au. Please include your name, contact phone number and parents' consent to publish your work, first name, and the intellectual property rights (see point 8 below). Please bring original artwork to Australia Day Event on 26 January 2026, so we can exhibit it.
6. **Due Date** – All submissions are due  **Thursday, 22 January 2026, 23:59 hrs.** Late submissions will not be accepted.
7. **Assessment of Submissions** – FINACT will establish a panel of experts who will assess all submissions to select winners, using a standard criterion: (a) creativity and originality, (b) quality of artistic composition, (c) level of detail, (d) relevance to the Australia day theme, and (e) overall impression.
8. **Intellectual Property Rights (IPR)** - The artist retains Intellectual Property Rights to their submitted artwork. By submitting to FINACT, the artist FINACT and the National Australia Day Council (NADC) a perpetual, royalty-free license to use, reproduce, adapt, and distribute the artwork for Australia Day celebrations, promotions, and related purposes.
9. FINACT reserves the right to cancel or modify the scope of the competition if required.



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1. Theme & Creative Interpretation

Participants are invited to create an original Instagram Reel responding to the theme: "What does it mean to you to be an Indian Australian?"

- Your interpretation may explore, but is not limited to:
- Personal stories and reflections
- Cultural identity, traditions, and heritage
- Everyday life and lived experiences
- Challenges, achievements, and celebrations
- Aspirations, belonging, and identity
- All entries must be original, respectful, and authentic in tone and expression.

2. Reel Duration

- Minimum length: 20 seconds
- Maximum length: 60 seconds
- Reels that fall outside this duration will not be considered.

3. Content Guidelines – What You May Include

- Participants are encouraged to be creative and expressive. Submissions may include:
- Personal narration or voice-over
- Music (original or royalty-free only)
- Subtitles or on-screen captions
- Original visuals, illustrations, animations, or creative text
- Honest reflections, positive insights, and artistic storytelling

4. Content Restrictions – What to Avoid: The following content will result in disqualification:

- Hateful, abusive, defamatory, or discriminatory material
- Derogatory language, slurs, or harmful stereotypes
- Violence, nudity, or sexually explicit or suggestive content
- Political campaigning or partisan messaging
- Copyrighted music, video, or images without permission
- Negative or disrespectful language about India or Australia
- All submissions must be suitable for a general audience.



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5. Originality & Plagiarism Policy

- All entries must be the participant's own original work. This includes:
- No reposting or re-using others' content
- No copying of scripts, concepts, or visuals
- No direct use of AI-generated content without meaningful creative transformation
- Any form of plagiarism will result in automatic disqualification.

6. Submission Format & How to Enter

- Platform: Instagram Reels
- FINACT must be added as a collaborator on the Reel at the time of posting
[@https://www.instagram.com/finact11](https://www.instagram.com/finact11)



- Email links to events@finact.net.au with details of participant's full name, date of birth and and contact number
- Any required hashtags or tagging instructions (if applicable) will be shared separately
- Only Reels shared in this format will be eligible for judging.

7. Judging Criteria

- Entries will be assessed based on:
 1. Creativity and originality
 2. Alignment with the competition theme
 3. Storytelling and emotional impact
 4. Visual quality and clarity
 5. Overall presentation and execution



8. Rights & Usage

By entering the competition, participants grant FINACT:

Permission to share submitted Reels across FINACT's official platforms

Non-exclusive rights to use the content for promotional purposes

Creators retain full ownership and copyright of their work.

9. Submission Deadline

All Reels must be posted and submitted by:  22nd January 2026, 11:59PM

Late submissions will not be accepted.