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Celebrating Aussie families and building stronger communities

Every year between 15 and 21 May, Australians from all walks of life, including community organisations, schools, councils and companies, come together to celebrate National Families Week.

Federal Minister Dr David Gillespie today launched this year's National Families Week in Canberra and encouraged Australians to celebrate family life and the essential role families play in our communities.

"Families are an enduring source of strength, support and advice. Initiatives like National Families Week are an opportunity for Australians to recognise and thank families for everything they do in our personal lives, and for our nation," Dr Gillespie said.

"More than 100,000 people get involved in hundreds of community events during the week, and it's great to see how popular this initiative has become".

This year's theme for National Families Week is '*Stronger Families, Stronger Communities*'. Importantly, today's launch also coincides with the United Nations International Day of Families, which is also held on 15 May.

Dr Gillespie said the Federal Coalition Government was committed to supporting Australian families.

"It's crucial that children are able to grow up in households that are safe, positive and stable. Families are the fabric that bind our communities together and this year's Federal Budget contains a range of measures that will assist families and reduce cost of living pressures on households" Dr Gillespie said.

From 2 July 2018, the Government will assist nearly one million Australian families by implementing a [new Child Care Package](#).

Families will also benefit from the Government's tax relief for households and its record investment in Australia's education and health systems.

To find a National Families Week event near you, please visit <https://nfw.org.au/find-an-event/>

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