

Significant events in measles, mumps and rubella vaccination practice in Australia

Year	Month	Intervention
1968		Live, attenuated measles vaccine registered (inactivated vaccine never available in Australia)
1969	May	Measles vaccination recommended for children aged 12–23 months Rubella vaccine registered and recommended
1970		Funded measles vaccination commenced in all states and territories (except NSW) for children aged 12–23 months
1971		Rubella vaccination funded for females aged 12–14 years (school-based program) and for vaccination of susceptible women prior to pregnancy
1972		Funded measles vaccination commenced in NSW for children aged 12–23 months
1975		First national vaccination schedule included measles vaccination for infants at 12 months of age
1980		Mumps vaccine registered for use in infants aged 12–15 months
1981		Mumps vaccine recommended for use in children after 12 months of age
1982		Combined measles-mumps (MM) vaccine recommended at 12 months of age, in preference to monovalent vaccines
1983		Combined measles-mumps (MM) vaccine funded on the national schedule at 12 months of age
1984		MM vaccination of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander infants in the NT scheduled at 9 months of age instead of 12 months
1989		Measles-mumps-rubella (MMR) vaccine recommended and funded on the national schedule at 12 months of age (9 months of age for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander infants in the NT), replacing MM vaccine
1992	November	2nd dose of MMR vaccine recommended and funded for both males and females
1993–1994		School-based delivery of MMR vaccine to one cohort of males and females aged 10–14 years. Most jurisdictions offered this in last year of primary/first year of secondary school.
1998	July July– December	Recommended age for 1st dose of MMR vaccine for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander infants in the NT increased to 12 months of age 2nd MMR dose scheduled at 4–5 years instead of 10–14 years Funding of a national Measles Control Campaign involving one-off school-based catch-up MMR vaccination for children aged 5–12 years
2000	March March March	2nd MMR dose scheduled at 4 years instead of 4–5 years 2nd MMR dose recommended for children aged >5 years who have only received 1 dose of MMR vaccine Adults born since 1970 recommended to have received 2 doses of MMR vaccine
2001		Funded young adult (18–30 years) MMR vaccination campaign conducted
2003	September	Adults born since 1966 recommended to have received 2 doses of MMR vaccine
2005	October	First measles-mumps-rubella-varicella (MMRV) vaccine registered for use in children aged >9 months and adults
2006	March	Second MMRV vaccine registered for use in children aged 12 months–12 years

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2008	April	2nd MMR dose scheduled at 18 months of age instead of 4 years, but not implemented
2013	July	MMRV recommended and funded for 2nd MMR dose scheduled at 18 months of age