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RICHMOND YOUTH PROJECT TO RECEIVE \$83,000

Young people aged 9-14 years in the Richmond/Hawkesbury area will benefit from funding granted to the North Richmond Youth Project worth \$83,000 over the next three years.

Minister for Youth, Linda Burney said the North Richmond Youth Project supports young people to develop positive relationships and do well at school.

Ms Burney announced the funding at the launch of Youth Week 2008 activities in the Hawkesbury area with the theme *Shout Share Live Unite*.

“Young people in the Hawkesbury are expected to join almost 200,000 young people across the state in celebrating the 20th National Youth Week in NSW,” Ms Burney said.

“Young people in the Hawkesbury will be celebrating Youth Week with their own events including the Forgotten Valley Film Festival, Rock Across the River Festival, Young Women's Art Exhibition, “The Burbs” Music Festival and An Evening of Jazz and Dance.

“These great events in the Hawkesbury capture the spirit of the week – young people having fun, being creative and expressing their talents at activities and events they help organise.

“Local Youth Week activities are organised across the state by young people volunteering their time, for the benefit of other young people and the community as a whole.

“Last year more than 3,500 young people got involved in organising events and activities; and more than 190,000 young people actually participated in Youth Week in NSW.”

Minister Burney said the lemma Government provided more than \$235,000 in grants from the NSW Department of Community Services (DoCS) to councils towards the cost of staging Youth Week 2008 activities and events.

“Every local council in NSW has received a grant to help plan activities that give young people aged 12 to 25 years opportunities to participate in their local community,” she said.

“Young people who would like to get involved or attend Youth Week events should contact their local council, or visit the Youth Week website at www.youthweek.nsw.gov.au.”

Youth Week is supported by all levels of government across Australia. In NSW, Youth Week is coordinated by DoCS and the major sponsor is the Motor Accidents Authority through its ‘Arrive Alive’ campaign.

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