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The Hon. Graham West MP
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CALLING ALL YOUNG DESIGNERS

Young designers have the opportunity to win \$500 and showcase their creative talent by entering the 2009 NSW Youth Week Website Design Competition, Member for Campbelltown and new Minister for Youth Graham West and Member for Wollondilly Phil Costa said today.

“This year, the NSW Youth Week website generated over 625,000 hits between January and April,” said Mr West. “This provides up-and-coming designers with a fantastic opportunity to showcase their talent.”

Mr West is encouraging young people aged 12 to 25 from across the state to enter the competition.

“The winning design will be used not only as the website’s homepage but as a template for the rest of the website’s pages,” he said.

The NSW Youth Week website is the main portal for engaging young people and connecting them with their local council’s Youth Week activities.

“This year 220,000 young people attended or participated in Youth Week activities - the highest rate of participation in the 20-year history of the event,” said Mr West.

“It was an overwhelming success, involving an exciting range of activities - from fashion exhibitions and movie nights, to graffiti workshops and dance parties.”

Mr West said that Youth Week is an important opportunity for young people to express their views and raise issues of concern to the wider community. NSW Youth Week is funded by the NSW Department of Community Services (DoCS) in NSW, and the key Sponsor is the NSW Motor Accidents Authority through its ‘Arrive alive’ campaign.

“Youth Week ensures that the voices of young people are heard, and their positive contributions are acknowledged and celebrated by the wider community.”

Entries to the NSW Youth Week Website Design Competition will be judged by a panel of young members on the NSW Youth Week Young People’s Advisory Committee.

Entries close Friday 26 September, 2008. Visit www.youthweek.nsw.gov.au/download/ to download an application form.

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