

NEWS RELEASE



The Hon. Graham West MP
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YOUTH WEEK WEBSITE NOW LIVE!

A brand new website, promoting this year's Youth Week in NSW is now live at www.youthweek.nsw.gov.au.

Youth Minister, Graham West, today encouraged everyone to log on to the new site and check out the range of events taking place in their area during National Youth Week held between 28 March and 5 April 2009.

"There will be hundreds of activities for young people occurring all over the state during this year's Youth Week – workshops, exhibitions, dance parties, sporting events," he said.

This year, the NSW Youth Week website will feature a new page which allows young budding artists or musicians who are interested in performing at a Youth Week event to list their details so that event organisers can reach them directly.

The website also features great ideas on how to get involved in Youth Week and lists competition results and details.

Youth Week in NSW is funded by the NSW Government and is supported by major sponsor, NSW Motor Accidents Authority through its 'Arrive alive' campaign and also by *Beyond blue: the national depression initiative*.

The 2009 website which is sponsored by Arrive Alive, was designed by two Sydney schoolgirls as part of the NSW Youth Week Website Design Competition.

National Youth Week is an Australian Government, State, Territory and Local Government Initiative which provides an important opportunity for young people to express their views and raise issues of concern to the wider community.

"It's also an opportunity for the wider community to listen to young people, and to acknowledge and celebrate the positive contributions they make to society," said Mr West.

"Last year 220,000 young people attended or participated in Youth Week activities in NSW alone - the highest rate of participation in the history of the event," he said.

This year National Youth Week will be held from 28 March to 5 April. The theme is "Make a Move". For more information, or to get involved, visit www.youthweek.nsw.gov.au.

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