

NEWS RELEASE



The Hon. Graham West MP
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COUNT DOWN TO YOUTH WEEK NOW UNDERWAY

With less than two weeks until the launch of this year's Youth Week, preparations for state-wide celebrations and activities are well under way.

Minister for Youth, Graham West, encourages everyone to log on to the NSW Youth Week website to find out what's happening in their area.

"It's going to be a busy week packed with things to do, so to make sure you don't miss out, check out the details for the events via the Youth Week website at www.youthweek.nsw.gov.au," Mr West said.

"Information is easy to find - just click on the "local events" tab and select your region from the drop-down menu. There's sure to be something to interest everyone."

Youth Week will be held from 28 March to 5 April and the theme is 'Make a Move'.

Activities range from major events such as the popular YouthRock band competition at Sutherland which showcases talented bands from secondary schools to smaller activities such as camping with local Elders in the far west of NSW.

Mr West reiterated the importance of Youth Week in enabling young people to express their views and raise issues of concern to the wider community.

"Youth Week ensures that the voices of young people are heard, and their positive contributions are acknowledged and celebrated by the wider community," Mr West said.

"It's designed by young people and for young people, and provides a fantastic opportunity for everyone to come together to have fun."

Youth Week is funded by the NSW Government, who this year have allocated almost \$240,000 to councils across NSW towards the cost of staging Youth Week activities and events.

The key Sponsor is the NSW Motor Accidents Authority through its 'Arrive alive' campaign.

"This year marks the 21st anniversary of Youth Week in NSW, and we're gearing up for the biggest Youth Week ever," Mr West said.

For more information, visit www.youthweek.nsw.gov.au.

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