

# NEWS RELEASE



**The Hon. Graham West MP**  
Minister for Juvenile Justice  
Minister for Youth  
Minister for Volunteering  
Minister Assisting the Premier  
on Veterans' Affairs  
Member for Campbelltown

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## **MINISTER KICKS OFF YOUTH WEEK AT BONDI BLITZ**

NSW Youth Minister, Graham West, today launched this year's NSW Youth Week at one of Sydney's biggest Youth Week events, "Bondi Blitz".

"Bondi Blitz features a line-up of Sydney's up-and-coming bands, drawing large crowds every year," Mr West said.

"This event is what Youth Week is all about; young people getting involved, being heard and showcasing their talent.

"Nearly every aspect of Youth Week is organised and designed by young people; from the promotional material and the website, to the events and activities themselves.

"I am pleased to officially launch this year's Youth Week celebrations in NSW."

Mr West said that Youth Week, which is being held from 28 March to 5 April, is expected to be bigger than ever before with hundreds of activities, events, exhibitions and workshops being held across the state.

"The success of Youth Week is testament to the creativity and hard work of thousands of young people from all over NSW.

"It's also a great opportunity for young people to come together, have fun, and to let the community know what's important to them."

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

Youth Week in NSW is supported by major sponsor, NSW Motor Accidents Authority through its 'Arrive alive' campaign and again this year, by *beyondblue: the national depression initiative*. The theme for this year is 'Make a Move'.

"I would like to wish everyone all the best for this year's Youth Week, and I look forward to attending a number of events during the week," Mr West said.

For more information on what's happening in your area, visit [www.youthweek.nsw.gov.au](http://www.youthweek.nsw.gov.au).

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