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The Hon. Graham West MP
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Member for Campbelltown

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MINISTER VISITS YOUNG CREATIVES MARKET

NSW Minister for Youth and Member for Campbelltown, Graham West, celebrated today's launch of 2009 Youth Week at Campbelltown's first "Young Creatives Market".

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

"The Market, held at the Campbelltown Arts Centre from 2pm, features a range of artwork made and designed by young people from the local community, including hand-made jewellery, drawings and mixed media designs.

"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.

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, hard work and passion of thousands of young people from all over NSW.

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

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 local events during the week," Mr West said.

For more information on what's happening in your area, visit www.youthweek.nsw.gov.au.

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