



Heather Butler, MP

Parliamentary Secretary to the Premier

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Government Supports National Youth Week Events

Parliamentary Secretary to the Premier Heather Butler today announced that more than \$66,000 funding has been provided to 55 organisations to help host National Youth Week events this year.

“With 68 events planned for National Youth Week, I expect it will be one of the biggest celebrations of the year for young people,” Ms Butler said.

“There will be events around the State including art exhibitions, activities days, shows, social events, BBQs, workshops and forums.”

“For example, the North West Action for Youth has coordinated this year’s regional event in the North West and will receive \$6 000 to hold the Make a Move – Road Trip.”

“It will be a weeklong event as the road trip bus tours the North West Coast delivering information and activities to young people, service providers, local councils, local businesses and schools.”

“The Meander Valley Council will be running two unique events –a workshop teaching young people the art of puppetry and an informative family day centred around a cycling expo.”

Ms Butler said the Derwent Valley Council had an excellent line up of National Youth Week events for young people in the area, to be collectively provided as part of the Autumn in the Valley celebrations.

“An important part of National Youth Week is to encourage young Tasmanians to get out and about and to participate in their communities.”

“This year’s slogan ‘Make a Move’ reflects that aim and organisers have been encouraged to use this theme to inspire their events.”

“Nationwide, young people have the opportunity to attend thousands of new events during National Youth Week and Tasmania is no exception with a raft of exciting events now in planning.”

“I congratulate the organisations who have been granted funding, and look forward to their events as an opportunity to celebrate young people in Tasmania and to recognise the contributions they make to their communities,” Ms Butler said.

National Youth Week is an Australian, State and Local Government initiative that is coordinated in Tasmania by the Office of Children and Youth Affairs.

A full list of the grant recipients and projects are available at www.dpac.tas.gov.au.