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National Youth Week grants for 2009 now available

Young Queenslanders will be able to celebrate National Youth Week 2009 in style, thanks to \$70,000 in Queensland Government grants to support community events.

Local state member for Ipswich Ms Rachel Nolan said the funding would assist with the planning and staging of educational and engaging activities throughout Queensland during next year's National Youth Week, from 28 March to 5 April.

"The National Youth Week grants are available so young people can develop, plan and promote activities and participate in what is now the biggest celebration of youth in the country," ms Nolan said.

"Organisations including community groups, youth groups and local government authorities in our community and across the state will be eligible to apply for the funding.

"The grants will enable a range of activities to be held that promote a positive profile of young people in the community, by allowing them to showcase their talents, while raising and acting on issues of concern to them."

Minister for Communities and Youth Lindy Nelson-Carr said she was pleased to support National Youth Week, an Australian, state, territory and local government initiative.

"The Queensland Government recognises that young people's participation in our communities enhances community and government decision-making, as well as improving the lives of young people," Ms Nelson-Carr said.

"National Youth Week provides 12 to 25 year olds with an opportunity to have their say on issues affecting young people in their community, and for them to be recognised as valued and productive community members.

"The 2009 events will build on this year's successful celebrations, which included creative art exhibitions, concerts, dance parties, cultural camps, sporting activities and a variety of workshops."

To obtain a funding application package call the Office for Youth on 3008 8622 or visit www.communities.qld.gov.au

Funding submissions must be lodged by 4pm on Monday 4 August 2008.