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Ipswich's Global Fiesta Receives State Government Funding

Ipswich's fantastic Global Fiesta is set to receive \$9 740 in State Government funding to assist with its operation in 2009, Parliamentary Secretary for Communities and Member for Ipswich Rachel Nolan announced today.

Global Fiesta is a fantastic one day festival of music, performing arts, food and craft stalls which displays the Ipswich region's extraordinary cultural diversity.

Originally developed as the Link Up Multicultural Festival, Global Fiesta has now expanded to be an outstanding showcase of the city's rich culture.

Global Fiesta is run by the Ipswich Events Corporation as part of the Ipswich Festival. It includes both local community groups and headline acts from outside the city.

Announcing the funding from her own Department of Communities portfolio, Ms Nolan said the Bligh Government was strongly committed to the promotion of diversity in Queensland communities.

"Diverse communities are strong, fun and vibrant communities," Ms Nolan said.

"Global Fiesta includes that serious social message but it is first and foremost a fun celebration for people of all ages."