

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

**Minister for Ageing  
Minister for Disability Services  
Minister for Aboriginal Affairs  
The Hon. Paul Lynch MP**



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## **Seniors Week Grants program now open**

Community organisations, seniors' groups and local councils are being urged to apply for funding under the 2010 NSW Seniors Week Grants Program.

Minister for Ageing Paul Lynch said the grants were provided through the Department of Ageing, Disability and Home Care (DADHC) to help the development and organisation of local NSW Seniors Week projects.

Next year's Seniors Week will be held from 21 to 28 March.

This year, 289 organisations were funded for activities and events ranging from festivals to local fitness classes and tea dances.

Mr Lynch said Seniors Week events occupied centre stage in all communities throughout New South Wales.

"This year, more than 250,000 seniors attended 700 events across the State," he said.

"Seniors Week celebrates the fact that people are living long, healthy and happy lives," Mr Lynch said.

By 2030, the number of people aged more than 65 years is forecast to double. By 2047, 25 percent of the population is expected to be aged over 65 years.

Seniors Week Grant applications close on 18 September. All applicants will be notified in December whether they are successful in securing a grant for their event.

Application forms are now available on the NSW Seniors Week website at [www.nswseniorsweek.com.au](http://www.nswseniorsweek.com.au) or by calling the Seniors Information Service on 13 12 44.

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