

Question on Notice

Number. 406

Asked on Tuesday, 28 March 2006

MR FINN MP asked the Minister for Communities, Disability Services and Seniors (**MR PITT**) -

With reference to National Youth Week which is an important recognition of the contribution of young people to our society-

What is the Government doing to support National Youth Week?

ANSWER:

In 2006, 63 community organisations and networks, young peoples groups and local government authorities ran a wide range of activities across the state. The department encouraged community participation this year providing a total of \$71,150 in grants to community organisations throughout the state to coordinate regional activities.

Young people were provided with the opportunities to plan, develop and implement activities to be held during National Youth Week and were provided with a chance to express their ideas and views, raise issues of concern to them, and act on issues that affect their lives.

The wider community was provided with an opportunity to listen to young people and acknowledge and celebrate the positive contribution that young people make to their local communities.

In 2006, the Queensland Government delivered a showcase event, the Queensland Youth Fiesta on Saturday, 8 April 2006 to mark National Youth Week in Queensland. The Queensland Youth Fiesta provided information and engagement opportunities for young people to:

- learn about the programs and services available to them in Queensland, with state and local government, universities, other educational institutions and youth organisations providing information and participating in the Fiesta with interactive displays
- showcase their talent with a broad range of performances, including local bands, musicians and fashion designers, and
- learn new skills through a range of hands on, engaging and fun workshops in areas such as graphic design, music production, video production, and sports and fitness.

We were proud to support and celebrate National Youth Week which provided young people with an outlet to showcase their talents, participate in their communities, learn new skills and have their say on issues of importance to them.

National Youth Week also gave young people the chance to influence decisions that may affect their lives and ensure that they were recognised as valued and productive community members.

The Generate youth web site was Queensland's official home of National Youth Week on the web and the Queensland Government's primary means of communicating with the community regarding National Youth Week. Generate provided the National Youth Week funding information kit, event registration forms, online event promotions, and a variety of relevant resources for young people such as '59 ways you can get involved in National Youth Week', 'How to plan an event', and media release templates for National Youth Week events.

The Generate youth web site Event Calendar hosted 249 individual National Youth Week events which were able to be searched or browsed according to each of the ten (10) Department of Communities regions. These events were viewed on the Generate web site a collective total of 8,919 times with the most popular events being the Cairns Youth Expo (779 views) and the Queensland Youth Fiesta (507 views).