

**Question on Notice**

**No. 621**

**Asked on Wednesday, 18 April 2007**

**MR FENLON MP** asked the Minister for Communities, Minister for Disability Services Queensland, Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships, Minister for Seniors and Youth (**MR PIT**T)–

With reference to this week's annual celebration of youth –

What contributions or services has the Office for Youth provided for the 2007 National Youth Week?

**ANSWER:**

National Youth Week was held from Saturday 14 April to Sunday 22 April 2007. The theme of National Youth Week was *Celebrate and recognise the value of all young Australians to their communities*. The slogan for National Youth Week 2007 was *Launch Yourself*.

The Office for Youth coordinated Queensland's involvement in National Youth Week and provided support for the 2007 celebrations across Queensland.

This year, I approved a total of \$95 000 in National Youth Week grants, allocated evenly across the 10 departmental geographical regions. This represents a \$24 000 increase on previous years.

Grants of up to \$9 500 were distributed to community organisations and networks, young peoples' groups and local government authorities in Queensland to host one main, high quality event in each region.

The State Launch event for National Youth Week was held on Saturday 14 April 2007 in Thuringowa. I was proud to launch this event and to join in the celebrations with the local young people from North Queensland.

Also during National Youth Week, the 2007 Queensland Young Volunteer Awards Celebrations were held in Brisbane on Thursday 19 April 2007 at the Queensland University of Technology, and it was my pleasure to award seven individual young people and a group of four young people for their outstanding achievements.