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LOCAL COUNCILS RECOGNISED FOR YOUTH WEEK EFFORTS

Four local councils have been honoured at a gala dinner in Sydney tonight for their efforts during this year’s NSW Youth Week celebrations, Minister for Citizenship and Communities Victor Dominello MP said today.

Minister Dominello, who has responsibility for Youth Affairs, said Youth Week is an opportunity for young people to develop, organise and manage events and activities in their local area.

The Local Government Youth Week Awards recognise and acknowledge the role of local councils in assisting young people to coordinate their Youth Week programs.

“Youth Week provides a platform for young people to not only express their ideas, it gives them a chance to shine the spotlight on issues that concern them,” Minister Dominello said.

“Local councils are critical to this process as they play an active role in helping young people make local events and activities during Youth Week happen.”

Member for Hornsby Matt Kean MP, representing Minister Dominello, presented the awards, which were chosen by members of the NSW Youth Week Young People’s Advisory Committee.

“I am delighted to be presenting this year’s Local Government Youth Week Awards which celebrate the achievements of local councils across NSW,” Mr Kean said.

“This year Fairfield City Council won the Best Local Youth Week Program and my local council, Hornsby Shire Council, has been rewarded for the Most Innovative Youth Week Program.”

“Regional councils were also well represented. The Snowy River Shire Council was recognised for the Best Small Council with the Most Outstanding Youth Week Program in 2011 and Walgett Shire Council took out this year’s award for the Best Ongoing Commitment to Local Youth Week Programs.

“On behalf of the NSW Government I congratulate all the winning councils for their outstanding work,” Mr Kean said.

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