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NSW GOVERNMENT GETS BEHIND YABUN FESTIVAL

Minister for Aboriginal Affairs Victor Dominello MP has today announced that the NSW Liberals & Nationals Government will provide $20 000 to support the Gadigal Information Service in hosting the 2012 Yabun Festival.

The Yabun Festival celebrates Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and culture and will held at Victoria Park, Broadway, (next to the University of Sydney) on Australia Day, 26 January 2012.

Minister Dominello said that the Yabun Festival is a free community event which draws audiences of up to 15 000 people each year.

“I am pleased to announce funding support for the Yabun Festival which celebrates ten years in 2012,” Mr Dominello said.

“The Yabun Festival is widely renowned as one of the biggest Indigenous Festivals in Australia.

“It showcases some of Australia's best in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander music, including Jessica Mauboy, Dan Sultan and Christine Anu, and also features some new artists who are just emerging on the scene.

“Koori Radio 93.7FM will broadcast the Yabun live music concert and the support of volunteers, stall holders, performers and other contributors all combine to make Yabun an outstanding success every year,” Minister Dominello said.

In addition to music and performance, Yabun also delivers a very current and informative cultural program, presenting panels and speeches by some of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community’s most recognised leaders, academics, politicians and artists.

“The NSW Government will also host a stall on the day to enable attendees an opportunity to learn more about the NSW Government’s Ministerial Taskforce on Aboriginal Affairs which is commencing public consultations next week.

“I look forward to attending the Yabun Festival and the opportunity to experience one of the most impressive festivals in NSW,” Minister Dominello concluded.

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