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National Youth Week Media Kit

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MEDIA RELEASE

11 April 2007

Launch Yourself into Youth Week

National Youth Week (NYW) is Australia's largest celebration of young people, and Canberra is going to be bursting with events happening all over town!

NYW aims to encourage young people to share ideas, attend live events, have their voices heard, showcase their talents, celebrate their contribution to the community, take part in competitions, and have fun! In 2007 it will be held from 14-22 April.

Diana Ni (ACT Young Member for National Youth Week '07) said, "I am really excited about National Youth Week! It is a celebration of youth, and there are lots of awesome events happening in the ACT. There really will be 'something for everyone and I encourage everyone to attend these events'"

One of the exciting events at Youth Week in Canberra is the AIS Youth Week World Soccer Game on Sunday 15th April, at 2pm, a game of soccer for anyone who wants to play on the AIS World Standard Olympic Soccer Field with some of Australia's best known athletes.

Another special event that is happening this year for the first time is the 2007 Novotel Balloon Fiesta Youth Day on Monday 16th April on the lawns of Old Parliament House. Along with the daily array of balloon tethers, flights, food and fun, this day will include two workshops for young people on event management for community events and making a career out of hot air ballooning from 8.30am.

National Youth Week in Canberra is funded by the Australian Government and ACT Government and coordinated by the Youth Coalition of the ACT.

For more information contact Elena Kirschbaum on 6247 3540 or 0407 267 239



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The Sky Is The Limit During Youth Week

*Deakin Oval,
Royal Australian Mint
12:45pm-1:15pm
Thursday 12 April*

(Parking available in the visitors' car park at the Mint)

The theme of this year's National Youth Week is 'launch yourself' and that is just what will be happening at the Royal Australian Mint to start the celebration of National Youth Week in the ACT. ACT Youth Week Coordinator Elena Kirschbaum will be launching herself out of a plane and down into a crowd of young people.

Elena will be welcomed on the ground by Deputy Chief Minister and Minister for Youth Katy Gallagher. The Deputy Chief Minister will also be meeting many of the young people who are organising or participating in Youth Week events, showing them her support for the valuable contribution young people make to the life of Canberra.

Media are invited to join us for a fantastic photo and footage opportunity for National Youth Week, Australia's biggest celebration of young people.

Program:

- 12.30pm Young people arrive
- 12.45pm Ms. Katy Gallagher (Deputy Chief Minister) arrives
- 12.50pm Elena jumps from plane, skydive begins
- 12.55pm Elena lands, greeted by Minister Gallagher and available for interviews

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Youth Celebrate at Garema Place Expo

***Youth Week Expo
Garema Place (Canberra City)
4pm-9pm
Friday 13 April***

On Friday afternoon over 1,500 young people from around Canberra will be celebrating their talents and skills at the Youth Week Expo in Garema Place. The Expo will feature a range of young performers, fun activities and a market place of stallholders from youth organizations, community organizations, government and young entrepreneurs selling their wares.

The Youth Expo is organised by the Youth Coalition of the ACT with funding from the ACT Government and will attract young people from around the Territory. The event will feature a range of young artists up on stage including well-known artists such as Hancock Basement to new and emerging artists including Julia and the Deep Sea Sirens. There will also be comedy acts, dancers, circus and cheerleading.

The marketplace of stallholders offers information and services for young people as well as young artists and designers displaying their work.

There will also be a range of fun activities such as a game of inflatable giant twister, airbrush tattooing, hula hooping, graffiti art, hacky sack, stencil your own t-shirt, a murder mystery game and lots more.

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List of National Youth Week Events in the ACT

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Friday 13th April:

- **Youth Week Expo**

Friday 13th April, 4pm – 9pm @ Garema Place

Huge Youth Week event in the heart of the City. Hancock Basement, Zero Degrees and Falling, Julia and the Deep Sea Sirens, the Borderline Escape, Simetria, Marianne and Jonathan Mettes, Blindsight Dance Group, Fresh Funk, Bring It On style cheerleading, circus performances, theatre and comedy and loads more. Have a go at hula hooping, graffiti art, giant twister, hacky sack, and making your own t-shirts, get an airbrush tattoo, or some of the cool prizes and give-aways on offer. Check out the art and craft stalls and information, free BBQ and so much more on planned for the Youth Week Expo. If you go to one event this year make it this one, a huge one-night-only event.

- **Youth InterACT Conference 2007**

Friday 13th April, 9am – 4pm @ CIT Reid

The Youth InterACT Conference is an opportunity for young people to participate in forums and workshops and share information on a variety of topics. Interactive workshops will give young people an opportunity to participate and explore areas of interest. There will be lots of fun activities and opportunities for young people to participate including workshops on developing your own tattoo designs, graffiti art, circus skills and a drumming workshop.

To register contact Christina Towns at Christina.Towns@act.gov.au.

- **National Youth Week Official ACT Launch**

Friday 13th April, 9.30am – 10.30am @ K Block, Canberra Institute of Technology (CIT), Reid Campus, Constitution Avenue, Reid, ACT

The official launch of the ACT's National Youth Week events. Come along for a speech by MLA Karen McDonald as well as free entertainment.

- **LEAP! to it!**

Friday 13th April, 4pm – 9pm @ Garema Place

LEAP! Will create an interactive display which will highlight individual stories that talk about the barriers faced and the gifts and talents that the young presenters have to offer.

This exhibition will be showcased at the Youth Week Expo.

Saturday 14th April:

- **Balloon Fiesta Nighttime Spectacular**

Saturday 14th April, 6pm @ Manuka Oval, Manuka Circle, Manuka, \$19.50/\$14.50 aged 13-17 and full time students. Buy tix thru Ticketek.

This night-time event will feature music, food, family fun and of course a majestic nightglow, starring many of the balloons of the Fiesta. Join in the excitement as these graceful giants slowly expand, transforming into massive balloons of varying shapes and sizes - lighting up the night sky, followed by fireworks at the end of the evening.

- **Up Your Art Two**

Opening Event 14th April @ 2pm

Big Opening Event of Up Your Art Two with live music and free food.

Sunday 15th April:

- **AIS Youth Week World Soccer Game**

Sunday 15th April, 2pm @ AIS Outdoor Synthetic Soccer Field

Come and play a game of soccer on the AIS World Standard Olympic Soccer Field with some of Australia's best known athletes. There's no cost, and you don't need to be a great soccer player to join. Come along and have a go at this fun event. Supported by the AIS and the Youth Coalition of the ACT.

Monday 16th April:

- **2007 Novotel Balloon Fiesta Youth Day**

Monday 16th April, from 6am

Monday 16th April 2007 is Youth Day at the 2007 Novotel Balloon Fiesta Australia. Along with the daily array of balloon tethers, flights, food and fun, this day will include a number of activities for youths to participate in with prizes to be won. See www.balloonfiesta.com.au

- **The Amazing Bus Race**

Monday 16th April, 12pm - 5pm

The Amazing Bus Race is an event targeted at young people aged 14-18 years from the Canberra Region. The events involve group of 5 young people utilising ACTION buses to complete a range of physical, intellectual and luck-based challenges at youth-oriented locations around Canberra. If you are interested in a team contact Kerry kerry.bargas@wcs.org.au.

- **All You Can Eat Theatre**

16th – 18th April, 10am – 5pm (8pm Tuesday) @ Tuggeranong Arts Centre

Messengers Outreach would like to extend an invitation for the ACT's most promising young dramatists to join them for a great range of drama workshops designed to broaden their theatrical horizons. We are looking for the most talented actors, writers and directors to be a part of impro classes, script workshops, and more.

Tuesday 17th April:

- **Youth Week Short Film Screening**

Tuesday 17th April, 2pm – 4pm @ The National Museum of Australia, Visions Theatre

The Schools Short Film Screening is an opportunity to come and watch some great short films made by young people in high schools and colleges around Canberra. The screening will also include a select few films made by young people outside of secondary school that have won awards and recognition. Come and cheer on your friends at this free film.

Building Better Boards

- *Tuesday 17th April, 12pm – 2pm @ Youth Coalition of the ACT, 46 Clianthus Street_O'Connor*

A networking event for young ACT residents who sit on private and community boards and committees. This fun BBQ is hosted by the young people on the Youth Coalition board, and offers the chance to meet other young board members and discuss the challenges involved in effectively representing other young people and governing organizations. Please RSVP the Youth Coalition by 12th April (and please mention any dietary requirements)

Wednesday 18th April:

- **Youth Homelessness Matters Day**

Wednesday 18th April, 12pm – 3pm @ Garema Place

Youth Homeless Matters is a National community awareness campaign aimed at raising public awareness of youth homelessness in Australia. The ACT will be holding an expo and BBQ in conjunction with community organisations to promote local youth focused programs and initiatives that the community can engage in.

- **Young Canberra Citizen of the Year 2007 Awards**

Wednesday 18th April, 4pm – 5pm @ Legislative Assembly, First Floor, Exhibition Room

The Young Canberra Citizen of the Year 2007 will be announced. There will be a further 3 Awards presented on the day, Personal Achievement Award, Group Award and Encouragement Award.

Thursday 19th April:

- **Shifty's Best Tricks Skateboard Competition**

Thursday 19th April, 1pm @ Civic Skatepark

A best trick skateboard comp, at the Civic Skatepark. Awesome prizes supplied by Shiftys Skate Shop in Civic. Featuring awesome skateboarding, as well as music, BBQ, and more. Just turn up on the day to compete or just to watch.

- **Mixmaster**

Thursday 19th April, 6.30pm @ Gungahlin Youth Centre

Mixmaster hip hop workshops are run by five time ACT DMC finalist Dave Scully and guest MCs. The workshops are a fun, hands on way to learn about hip hop with instruction from Canberra's finest DJs and MCs. Participants will get a chance to learn everything including: sound system components and set up, turntables, styli, slipmatts, vinyl, cds, headphones and microphones, basic scratching, simple rhythms and the structure of hip hop music. There will also be demonstration sets from the DJs and MCs. Give aways and prizes will also be available.

- **Renting Rights**

Thursday 19th April, 3pm – 5pm @ Havelock House, 85 Northbourne Ave, Turner 2612

Workshop for community workers and others who might assist young people renting. To register contact Deb Phippen at Deb_Phippen@clc.net.au.

- **Come and Try Special Olympics- sport for people with an intellectual disability**

19th – 20th April, 3.30pm – 5pm @ Hackett Neighbourhood Oval, Maitland St, Hackett

Special Olympics ACT provides year round sports training and competition to people with an intellectual disability. Come and Try Special Olympics will showcase a number of sport skills and activities offered in the program. Come meet some of our athletes and join in the fun. For further information or to register call 6230 1069

Friday 20th April:

- **Emily the Strange Weekend**

Friday 20th April, 9am – 9pm, Saturday 21st April, 9am – 5pm @ Westfield Belconnen, Mean Fish Designs

A weekend dedicated to Emily the Strange range at Mean Fish Designs. Great activities, fashion parades, competitions, silent auctions and more.

- **Rendezvous in the Creek**

Friday 20th April, 3pm – 10.30pm @ Western Creek Community Centre, Parkinson Street Western. Cost: \$3

7 hour Marathon Band event held at Western Creek Youth Centre. The Main Stage will be rocking with highly regarded interstate and local acts including a secret performance by a well known band. A special acoustic stage will be kickin' it in the grounds of the youth centre for a much needed chill out. There'll be bean bags and cold drinks to help you get through the madness of the longest ALL AGES band event to hit a Canberra Youth Centre this year. There'll be a free BBQ and a free drink ticket for entry. The event is supervised and is drug and alcohol free.

- **MC Battle @ Belco**

Friday 20th April, 6pm – 9pm @ U-Turn Youth Service, Chandler St Belconnen

This event is open to all young people in Belconnen and surrounding ACT area, and will provide the opportunity for young people to show off their talents. The main event of the evening is the battle itself, where rappers will go head-to-head "8 Mile" style, showing off their poetic skills and being judged by the hype of the crowd. In between breaks we will showcase local artists and rappers for the crowd's entertainment.

- **Free Food and Open Day**

Friday 20th April, 11.30am – 1.00pm @ Youth Law Centre, Level 1 Savings House 8-10 Petrie Plaza Civic ACT 2600 (near the merry-go-round)

Do you buy thing from shops, own a mobile phone or have a credit card? Planning on getting a job, driving a car, or renting a house? Chances are you might need legal information. Come along to the Youth Law Centre - a freelegal service for young people in the ACT.The Youth Law Centre is holding a free food and open day. Come on in and have a look around, help yourself to free food and get a ticket in the lucky door raffle. For more info call 6262 7077.

- **Playground Information Session**

Friday 20th April, 7pm, venue TBC (check www.makingcontact.net.au for details)

The information session will focus on the criteria for entering a script in the Playground Young Playwrights Competition. Two playwrights will speak about playwrighting and there will be a question and answer session and tips on how to write a one act play.

Saturday 21st April:

- **Parkour Demonstration**

Saturday 21st April, 2pm – 3pm @ Grassy area outside the Canberra Centre (Theatre-side near the noise wall)

Parkour is a philosophy and method of movement to overcome all physical and mental obstacles in an efficient, fluid manner by running, climbing, jumping and vaulting. Check out Canberra's traceurs in action on Saturday 21st in Civic.

- **Hard to the Core**

Saturday 21st April, 9pm-6am @ Mitchell Rock Climbing Centre. Cost: \$25

Two of Canberra's biggest promoters Lighter Massive and Euforix are combining to bring you a seriously mind blowing event. After both Lighter Massive's SpunOut and Euforix's triumphant last events you know that this is going to be one that will not disappoint. One international, four interstate and heaps of local DJ's to keep you going all night.

- **Expo 07**

Saturday 21st April, 11am - 3pm @ Gungahlin Skate Park, Yerrabi Ponds District Gungahlin

EXPO is an annual event hosted by Gungahlin Youth Centre as a part of National Youth Week and aims to recognise the fantastic contribution young people make to the community. EXPO '07 will host a range live bands & Dj's, BMX & Skate demos and comps, free fairy floss, Kulture Break dance performances and workshop, Jumping castle, mechanical bull and horizontal bungee. Expo is a drug and alcohol free event and a great day out for all young people, families and community members.

Sunday 22nd April:

- **Getting Published - Workshop for Young Writers**

Sunday 22nd April, 10am – 4pm @ ACT Writers Centre, Gorman House, Ainslie Avenue Braddon. Cost: \$40 / \$10 (members of Writers Centre)

For National Youth Week, the ACT Writers Centre and *lip magazine* are running a workshop for aspiring young writers (aged 15 to 21) who are interested in advice about how to get articles published in magazines. The workshop presenter is Rachel Longhurst, young writer and editor of *lip magazine*. Bookings ESSENTIAL on phone 6262 9191.

All Week Events:

- **Greater Union Civic Youth Week Celebration**

14th – 22nd April @ Greater Union, Civic

Greater Union in Civic will be offering special deals for young people throughout Youth Week. With movie tickets for just \$8, and special candy bar deals for people aged 12-25. Plus, be at the Youth Week Expo for free tickets and other give aways to 'Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles' and 'Meet the Robinsons' showings throughout Youth Week.

- **Snap Shooters**

Monday 16th – Friday 27th April, 9am – 5pm, Belconnen Community Centre Gallery

U-Turn and Bungee Resilience Program are presenting a joint exhibition during youth week festivities. The exhibition focus is to provide young people with the opportunity and ability to represent their view of the world. All art works are influence by the "snap shot" effect. Like a roll of film these series of images unravel a collective view on what inspires, motivates, disturbs and compels young people in the Belconnen region.

- **No Island Is A Man**

12th - 14th, 19th - 21st April 2007, 8pm @ Tuggeranong Arts Centre

This play is a story about a young man's experience of depression and how that effects his relationships with his family and friends.

- **Up Your Art Two**

11th – 22nd April, 12pm – 5pm @ ANCA Gallery, Rosevear Place Dickson

This art exhibition showcases young people's talents. Individual artworks are a product from workshops funded by YWCA and other community services.

As well as these awesome events, Youth Week in Canberra includes other events like:

- **The Young Carers Big Breakfast:** A day beginning with a breakfast and continuing with a fun day of activities for young people who care for relatives with an illness, a disability, a mental illness or an alcohol or other drug problem.
- **ADHS SRC Launch IT Swarm Project:** The ADHS SRC Launch IT Swarm Project is based in Emergent Technologies, using either or both the mobile phone and the MP3 podcasting receiver device to run a series of Swarming events, where students have to complete a task without any verbal or written communication.
- **Multicultural Youth BBQ:** A BBQ will be held at Glebe Park in Civic to celebrate diversity and multicultural young people in the ACT. There will be soccer and other fun activities for young people to participate in.
- **Quamby Youth Detention Centre Expo:** A day for youth service providers to make contact with young inmates in Quamby.
- **CREATE Foundation Young Consultants Training:** Young Consultants Training provides skills in presentation and public speaking and makes available the unique perspective of Young People in Care.



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The logo for the Youth Coalition of the ACT consists of a red rectangular banner with the words 'youth coalition' in white, lowercase, sans-serif font. Below the banner, the words 'of the ACT' are written in a smaller, red, lowercase, sans-serif font.

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National Youth Week Profiles for the ACT

- **Diana Ni**

Diana is the ACT Young Member of National Youth Week

Diana was born in Shanghai China and migrated to Melbourne when she was seven. Diana has been on the Minister's Youth Council since September 2005. She is currently in her fifth year of a combined Commerce and Law degree. Diana is passionate about youth justice issues. She hopes to make a difference and provide her opinion on a wide range of issues affecting young people.

Her interests include volleyball, playing the piano and reading political journals.

- **Elena Kirschbaum**

Elena is the ACT Coordinator of National Youth Week and a young person herself.

Working for a number of years as an event manager, Elena has coordinated events such as: the Majura Festival; Northside Community Service 30th Birthday Celebration; Slow Festival Demonstrations Day and the Tocumwal Heritage Expo, and is currently working with Hartley Lifecare on the upcoming House Gig and on Inclusion Conference 07.

Elena is a performance artist and works regularly with Schmick As, as well as other solo and ensemble work. She is also a young business woman, running her own company.

- **Youth Coalition of the ACT**

The Youth Coalition of the ACT is the peak body for youth affairs in the ACT. We are funded by the ACT Government to promote the wellbeing and interests of young people in the ACT.