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NSW SENIORS FESTIVAL TURNS 60

GRANTS AVAILABLE FOR EVENTS IN CASTLE HILL

Organisations in the Castle Hill electorate are being encouraged to celebrate the enormous contribution seniors make by holding an event during the 2018 NSW Seniors Festival.

Member for Castle Hill Ray Williams announced grants of up to \$10,000 are available for local organisations to host events and activities that will support the festival's 60th year.

"The \$200,000 grants program is part of the NSW Government's continued commitment to creating a more inclusive community for seniors and celebrate the immense value older people bring to Castle Hill," Mr Williams said.

"Schools, councils and other local organisations in Castle Hill are encouraged to apply and be part of more than 1,000 free or discounted events expected to be held across the state."

The 2018 festival will run from Wednesday April 4 to Sunday April 15.

The NSW Seniors Festival is the largest celebration of older people in the Southern Hemisphere, and organisations are encouraged to hold that events that will inspire seniors, regardless of their age or ability.

Past events have focused on creativity, recreation, technology, and health, while also benefiting the culturally and linguistically diverse, Aboriginal, and Torres Strait Islander communities.

For the first time, there are three funding categories available:

- Tier 1 Grants of up to \$1000 for small-scale local events or activities targeted at community organisations and schools.
- Tier 2 Grants from \$1,001 to \$5000 for local community events targeted at larger community organisations.
- Tier 3 Grants from \$5,001 to \$10,000 for large scale community events run by local councils in partnership with organisations and groups.

"The NSW Seniors Festival is an excellent way to connect with older people in our communities, and show our appreciation," Mr Williams said.

Grant applications close 5pm, Friday September 8, 2017. For more information or to submit an application, go to www.nswseniorsfestival.com.au.

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