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APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN FOR SPRING HOLIDAY BREAK ACTIVITIES IN CASTLE HILL

Councils and eligible not-for-profit organisations in Castle Hill are encouraged to apply for funding to deliver Holiday Break activities for young people during the upcoming spring school holidays.

Member for Castle Hill Ray Williams MP said the \$10 million program offers young people in the region aged 12-24 years the opportunity to socialise with their peers, learn something new and have fun.

"The Holiday Break program provides ways for young people to engage and connect with people their own age in a wide range of events from arts and cultural activities to outdoor leisure pursuits," Mr Williams said.

"It's also a great foundation to strengthen mental health and wellbeing after what has been a difficult couple of years for many in the regions."

"Funding of up to \$7,000 will be available to all 93 regional councils and eligible not-for-profit organisations to deliver fun and exciting activities like movie nights, arts workshops, music activities and sport camps."

Minister for the Arts and Regional Youth, Ben Franklin said that for the last three years, the Holiday Break program has provided young people in the regions with the opportunity to have fun and enjoy themselves over the holiday period.

"Holiday Break allows regional youth to overcome barriers to participation by providing free or heavily subsidised holiday activities, alleviating cost of living pressures for young families and ensuring they are given equal opportunities," Mr Franklin said.

"We want to ensure all regional young people have the opportunity to connect with each other, learn new skills, and enjoy their youth."

"If there's an activity that you'd like to see happen during youth week or the school holidays, I encourage you to reach out to your local council or eligible not-for-profit organisation to turn your idea into a reality."

Applications are open now until the 29 July 2022. To find out more and for program guidelines, visit www.nsw.gov.au/HolidayBreak.

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