An exciting week of activities has officially begun with Chief Minister, Clare Martin, launching the Territory’s National Youth Week celebrations at the NT Young Achiever Awards presentation on Saturday night.

Ms Martin said that National Youth Week 2003 is jam-packed with activities across the Territory, including youth festivals, discos, hip hop workshops, dance performances, pool parties, sporting events, the Film Festival Premiere, Closing Concert and more.

"It is an exciting opportunity to launch National Youth Week at the Awards Dinner, which is also a showcase for the talents, creativity and commitment of young people to improving their own community," she said.

"National Youth Week celebrates our diverse youth culture and it is exciting that so many young people are taking up the opportunities that the week presents.

"This event - the largest on the Australian youth calendar - is for young people, by young people."

The slogan for National Youth Week 2003 is "What’s it to you?" and young Territorians are encouraged to get involved, have fun and share what it’s like being a young person.

"Events are being held across the Territory in Darwin, Palmerston and rural area, Katherine, Tennant Creek, Nhulunbuy, Alice Springs and remote communities," Ms Martin said.

"This is a chance for people to learn new skills, meet people, explore their views of the world and show what it means to be a young Territorian.

"I encourage people to go along and see what is on offer during what promises to be a memorable youth week."

A list of activities is attached. For further information on events in the Territory, visit the Office of Youth Affairs website www.youth.affairs.nt.gov.au or free call 1800 652 736.