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National Youth Week kicks off in Darwin today

Territorians are being urged to recognise the value of all young people as National Youth Week gets underway this weekend.

Minister Assisting the Chief Minister for Youth Affairs Marion Scrymgour said National Youth Week aims to showcase young people’s talents, contributions and achievements, as well as promote a positive image of young people.

“The NT Government recognises the talent of our young people,” Ms Scrymgour said.

“Young Territorians make a great contribution to our community and the rest of Australia, and it is important we all listen and acknowledge their voice in society.”

Ms Scrymgour said this year’s slogan for Youth Week slogan is “Run With It – Celebrate and recognise the value of all young Australians to their community”.

National Youth Week 2004 activities in Darwin include the NT Youth Film Festival, youth leadership activities, music performances, sports tournaments, drama workshops and a Battle of the Bands.

“There are certainly a wide variety of activities on offer, reflecting the diverse talents and interests of young people in the Territory,” Ms Scrymgour said.

“National Youth Week provides young Territorians with the opportunity to show what they can do, express their ideas and showcase their achievements and contributions.”

National Youth Week will be officially launched tonight at the Young Achievers’ Awards by Chief Minister and Minister for Youth Affairs Clare Martin.

“The NT Young Achievers Award Program is our opportunity to recognise the exceptional abilities, achievements and potential of the Territory’s youth,” Ms Martin said.

“As part of our celebrations for 25 years of Self-Government in the NT, it is fitting that our young people are recognised as an essential part of building a brighter and better future.”

Details of Youth Week activities in the NT are available at www.youth.nt.gov.au.