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APPLICATIONS OPEN FOR NAIDOC WEEK CELEBRATIONS

Minister for Aboriginal Affairs Leslie Williams has encouraged Aboriginal and community groups across NSW to take advantage of \$200,000 in funding grants for NAIDOC Week 2016.

NAIDOC is a weeklong celebration of the culture, history and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders in Australia.

Ms Williams said the NSW Government is offering grants to support local organisations run local NAIDOC Week events this July.

“Grants of up to \$1,000 are available, with up to \$3,000 considered for more significant events,” Mrs Williams said.

“It’s a great opportunity for groups such as Aboriginal land councils, local councils, neighbourhood centres or sporting clubs to get a little extra assistance for their local events.

Applications open on 22 February and eligible organisations have until 14 April to submit their requests for funding. To be successful, applications will need to demonstrate how their event supports promotion of Aboriginal history, culture and achievements.

“This year the NSW Government is making \$200,000 in funding available – an increase of \$75,000 compared to last year, so we can support even more great events right across our State.”

In 2016, NAIDOC Week will run from 3 to 10 July under the theme of ‘Songlines: The living narrative of our nation’.

For more information on the NSW Government funding grants and to apply, please visit www.aboriginalaffairs.nsw.gov.au. Federal and NSW Government entities are not eligible to apply.

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