



Tanya Davies
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NSW PREPARES TO ENTERTAIN SENIORS FOR FESTIVAL'S 60TH YEAR

More than 100 councils, small businesses and community organisations have received a share of \$200,000 from the NSW Government, to hold events and activities during the 60th year of the NSW Seniors Festival.

Minister for Ageing Tanya Davies today announced the recipients, who will host free and low cost events in their local communities to celebrate seniors.

“There’s something for everyone to enjoy during this year’s festival, with all activities and events in line with the 2018 theme *Let’s Do More Together*,” Mrs Davies said.

“Along with the popular Premier’s Gala Concerts and the Seniors Expo, we will be seeing hundreds of events including sports, music, craft, gardening, and dance to name a few. It really will be a wonderful celebration for the Festival’s diamond anniversary.”

Outstanding grant recipients in Sydney include Canterbury Bankstown Council, who will receive \$3000 to host an event every day of the 12-day festival including a virtual time capsule to preserve the stories of local seniors, Indigenous painting workshops, as well as art, yoga and swimming classes.

Regionally, Coffs Harbour City Council has been awarded \$7000 to run the *'Better Together Seniors Spectacular'* markets and *'Blooming Excellent'* gardening workshops and free entry to Coffs Museum for all seniors.

“These grants enable the NSW Government to thank seniors right across the state for their invaluable contribution to the community,” Mrs Davies said.

“I encourage all seniors to take part in the festival, develop new skills, build friendships and most importantly, have some fun.”

More than 500,000 people are expected to flock to NSW Seniors Festival events this year.

The 2018 NSW Seniors Festival begins Wednesday 4 April and will run until Sunday 15 April. For further information about events visit www.seniorsfestival.nsw.gov.au in the coming weeks.

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