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## MEDIA RELEASE

### **Down Syndrome Week is a celebration of life**

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Member for Tamworth Peter Draper is encouraging the community to get behind Down Syndrome Awareness Week by supporting an exhibition of photography, drawing and sculpture at Werris Creek.

The exhibition at the Old Signal Hotel Guest House is called 'Up-Down A Celebration of Life!' and is a Down Syndrome Awareness Week activity. The sale of artwork and entry fees (by donation) will be given to the Down Syndrome Association of NSW.

"Down Syndrome Awareness Week from October 9 to 16 is an opportunity for people with Down Syndrome and their families to celebrate their contribution to the community. For the wider community, the week is an opportunity to express their support and acceptance for people with the condition," Mr Draper said.

"People with Down Syndrome are becoming increasingly visible in our community with a greater level of acceptance than that of 30 years ago but ongoing education and how the community can include them in everyday life remains vital to their well being," he said.

"I would encourage anyone wanting to learn more about Down Syndrome to contact the organisation Down Syndrome NSW," he said.

Information brochures with details of the venue and opening times for 'Up Down - A Celebration of Life!' are available from Mr Draper's electorate office in Tamworth.

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