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## MEDIA RELEASE

### **Seniors grants open for projects that promote lifestyle, learning and community involvement**

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Funding for activities that promote a healthy, active lifestyle for senior citizens is now available through the 2005 Seniors Week Grants Program, Member for Tamworth Peter Draper said today.

The program administered by the Department of Ageing, Disability and Home Care (DADHC) is an integral part of celebrations for NSW Seniors Week, March 13 to 20, 2005.

The aim of the program, which is open to non-for-profit, volunteer and community groups and local government, aims to help the development and organisation of Seniors Week projects and activities in the region.

In previous years successful applicants have sought funding for tea dances, yoga and tai chi workshops, creative writing workshops, storytelling and technology training, video and art workshops, bush and nature walks and community concerts.

"The Department will consider any project or activity that promotes a healthy active lifestyle, opportunities for learning or community involvement," Mr Draper said.

"I would encourage the community to make use of this funding to ensure Seniors Week provides a range of opportunities for people to get together, enjoy a new activity and discover a new interest or passion," he said.

In 2005 there will be two funding categories available in the Seniors Week Grant program including an amount up to \$500; and a set amount up to \$1000 which has to be matched in cash or in-kind.

Applications which are available from Mr Draper's office and DADHC close on September 24, 2004 with all applicants informed of a decision early in December 2004.

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