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NSW CELEBRATES GRANDPARENTS

The NSW Liberals & Nationals Government is delivering on another election commitment with grandparents in NSW to be honoured with their own special day.

NSW Premier Barry O'Farrell and Minister for Ageing Andrew Constance today announced NSW Grandparents Day will be held annually on the last Sunday of October, with the inaugural day to be held on Sunday 30 October 2011.

"Grandparents are the unsung heroes in our community, and it's only appropriate they are recognised with a day in their honour," Mr O'Farrell said.

"The NSW Government is fulfilling this commitment to the people of NSW because we understand the invaluable role grandparents have in families, enriching the lives of their grandchildren and other children in the community by providing care, mentoring and stability."

The NSW Government has committed \$1 million over four years for the introduction of this important initiative.

"The role of grandparents are now more varied and diverse than ever before, with an increasing number providing informal care and formal out-of-home care," Mr Constance said.

"The NSW Government is committed to ensuring that the community views its older citizens in a positive light and recognises their capacity for independence.

"NSW Grandparents Day will be just one way in which we strive to achieve that aim."

Clubs NSW are willing partners and will facilitate some of the events and activities that will form part of the inaugural Grandparents Day, while the Government is also looking at appointing Grandparent Day Ambassadors.

The Premier and Minister made the announcement at an Ageing Roundtable at State Parliament, as the NSW Government works towards the development of a Whole of Government Ageing Strategy.