

## TheSenior News

# Time to celebrate our grandparents



APPLICATIONS for Grandparents Day 2015 grants are now open, with amounts up to \$750 available to local community, sporting or social groups.

Council on the Ageing NSW has a limited number of grants on offer and encourages groups to hold events that welcome people from every generation to recognise and celebrate the role grandparents play in families and communities.

Last year's winners used their grants to throw creative and celebratory events. One public school did a ukulele performance at local retirement homes, while charity group SHINE for Kids used its grant to host a gala day for grandparents caring for children who had a mother or

**A CALL TO CELEBRATE – COTA chief executive Ian Day.**

father within the criminal justice system.

COTA NSW chief executive Ian Day said the day was about recognising the vital contribution older citizens make – from providing childcare, to teaching family members to cook or read, to volunteering in community organisations.

“Importantly, Grandparents Day is a chance to create greater intergenerational understanding,” he said.

Grant applications close on August 23.

■ [www.grandparentsday.org.au](http://www.grandparentsday.org.au)