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## **Media Release: This Year's Young Songwriters Hotter Than Ever!**

Organisers of this year's Young Songwriter of the Year Award say this year's event is looking better than ever with some fabulous partners coming on board to support the event.

A partnership between Northern Rivers Social Development Council and Headspace, and with thanks to grant funding from Lismore City Council, the Young Songwriters Awards is an opportunity for regional young songwriters to showcase their song writing and performance talents with a Finalists performance and awards night being held during Youth Week in April.

This year's Annual Showcase will be held at **The Deck at Southern Cross University** on **14<sup>th</sup> April**.

Contestants will be in the running for some awesome prizes this year, including paid gigs at The Deck and two paid performance slots at this year's Crankfest.

Photographer, videographer and entrepreneur, David Andreas, who specialises in live music film and photography, will create a film clip for one lucky winner. And the Best Male and Best Female Singer Songwriters of the year will win recording studio time with SAE.

"We're getting really excited now with all the fabulous support we've been receiving for this year's event," says organiser Sarah-Jane Loxton. "The calibre of performers at this event never fails to impress and we know we're going to see some fantastic local talent emerge this year."

Entries are now open for the annual Lismore Young Songwriter of the Year competition – they close on **20th March 2016**.

Entries are submitted under the categories of Pop, Folk, Urban/Electronic, Punk/Metal and Rock/Indie with three finalists chosen per category to perform at the Awards night in front of the judging panel and a live audience. The judges award a best male and a best female songwriter of the year and also winners and runners up for each category.

Entry is open to all Northern Rivers residents aged 12 – 25 years. To enter the competition, submit your entry in MP3 format with lyrics attached as a Word document, artist photo and bio to [lismoresongcomp@gmail.com](mailto:lismoresongcomp@gmail.com)

For more information phone Deb Hall on P. (02) 6620 1800 or like us on Facebook at Lismore Young Songwriters or go to <http://nrsc.org.au/lismore-young-songwriters-awards/>



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