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Media Release: Deadline Extended for Young Songsmiths

There's still time to get your entries in. The deadline for young songwriters to submit their entries to this year's Young Songwriters Awards has been stretched out a week until Sunday 27th March.

"There have been a number of enquiries from people wanting to submit their songs who weren't able to make the Sunday 20th deadline, so to be fair to all, we've extended the deadline until Sunday 27th March" says co-organiser Deb Hall.

Entries are already rolling in for this year's competition and organisers are expecting more entries than previous years.

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 **14th April**.

Contestants will be in the running for some awesome prizes this year, including paid gigs at The Deck and with two paid gigs at Crankfest for the Best Male and Best Female Singer Songwriters of the year. There is a day of studio time at SAE and one at Lovestreet Studios. Many more prizes of musical equipment, sound system, vouchers and more. Including photographer, videographer and entrepreneur, David Andreas, who specialises in live music film and photography, will create a film clip for one lucky winner.

"We're getting really excited now with all the fabulous support we've been receiving for this year's event," says co-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 **27th 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

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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