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## **MEDIA RELEASE: UNLEASH YOUR MUSICAL TALENT WITH LISMORE'S YOUNG SONGWRITERS COMPETITION**

Are you a young songwriter who dreams of taking to the stage? Here is your big chance! The Lismore Young Songwriters Competition is now open for applications.

The Young Songwriters Awards is an opportunity for regional young songwriters from Tweed Heads to Grafton to showcase their song writing and performance talents with a Finalists performance and awards night being held during Youth Week in April.

If you are aged between 12 and 25 and love writing your own original songs, you can enter the Young Songwriter competition before 26<sup>th</sup> March 2017 to be in the running for some great prizes and opportunities. You could:

- Perform your songs in front of a live audience at the finals
- Have your songs heard by industry professionals
- Release your own professionally recorded single
- Get your hands on great prizes like professional quality microphones
- Win a paid gig at this year's CRANKFEST!

Entry is free and you can enter one song under each of the four genres. The genres are: Pop; Urban / Electronic; Indie/Rock; Punk/Metal.

"We want to give young people a chance to be able to express themselves, to unleash their creativity and to inspire them with what's possible" says co-organiser Deb Hall from Social Futures.

"Some of our past winners have gone on to have musical careers, so the exposure and the experience is fabulous for our talented youth."

"Not only can recording prizes help to launch their careers, but the Young Songwriters Comp also connects youth into a vibrant community of their peers who also love writing original songs. Entrants also meet key local music industry professionals who can be wonderful inspiration and great connections for up and coming artists", says Deb.

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 Summa Hicks on P. 6625 0200 like us on Facebook at Lismore Young Songwriters or go to <http://nrsc.org.au/lismore-young-songwriters-awards>



The Lismore Young Songwriters Competition is a partnership between Social Futures and **headspace** and with thanks to grant funding from Lismore City Council, and partners The Northern Rivers Conservatorium, SCU, Crankfest and Amnesty.

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**Social Futures** is a community-based not-for-profit organisation that promotes fairness and social inclusion in the Northern Rivers region of NSW.

**headspace** is the National Youth Mental Health Foundation providing early intervention mental health services to 12-25 year olds, along with assistance in promoting young peoples' wellbeing. This covers four core areas: mental health, physical health, work and study support and alcohol and other drug services.

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