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## **MEDIA RELEASE: YOUNG SONGWRITERS COMPETITION OPEN FOR ENTRIES!**

It's that time of year – time to pick up your instrument, get your creativity flowing and pen a song for the annual Lismore Young Songwriters Competition. The 8th Lismore Young Songwriters Competition helps regional young songwriters to showcase their song writing and performance talents with a Finalists performance and awards night held during Youth Week in April.

This year's Competition is set to be huge with a stack of awesome prizes including RØDE Microphones, paid live gigs and professional recording time.

Entry is open to all Northern Rives residents aged 12-25 years and this year's categories are:

- Jazz / Soul / Funk
- Punk / Metal
- Urban / Electronic / Hip Hop
- Folk / Country / Blues
- Pop / Rock / Indie

You can enter as many songs as you like. But you'd better get writing! Entries close at 5pm on 26 March 2018.

Three finalists will be chosen per category to perform at the Awards night in front of the judging panel and a live audience. The judges will award a best male and a best female songwriter of the year and also winners for each category. There will also be a People's Choice Award. This year, our finalists will battle it out at Southern Cross University's flagship performance and production facility – Studio One29 on Friday 13 April.

"We are consistently amazed at the quality of the entries we receive and it is a great privilege to help support new and exciting young songwriters in our region" says Event Coordinator, Amanda Shoebridge.

"If you know a young person with a knack for song writing, encourage them to give it a go. It's a fantastic opportunity to meet other young songwriters and to connect with mentors in the industry. There are also fabulous professional development opportunities available and



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prizes up for grabs which can help kickstart a career in the music industry. And on top of that – it's just great fun," says Amanda.

To enter the competition, submit your entry in MP3 format with lyrics attached as a Word document, include an artist photo and bio and email to [lismoresongcomp@gmail.com](mailto:lismoresongcomp@gmail.com)

The Lismore Young Songwriters Competition is proudly supported by Social Futures, **headspace** Lismore, Southern Cross University, The Northern Rivers Conservatorium, The Clubhouse and The NCIEA Dolphin Awards with thanks to sponsors RØDE Microphones, Crankfest, NORPA and Lismore City Council.

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To keep up to date with all the news on the Competition like us on Facebook at Lismore Young Songwriters or go to [socialfutures.org.au/young-songwriters](http://socialfutures.org.au/young-songwriters)

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