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COMPETITION FOR YOUNG TASMANIANS TO SHAPE OUR FUTURE

Young Tasmanians are being asked to apply their creativity in a new Tasmania *Together* competition.

The Tasmania *Together* Youth Challenge is asking school-aged Tasmanians to think about the sort of future they want for Tasmania.

Tasmania *Together* Progress Board member, Kirsty Dunphey said entrants could choose from a range of creative and artistic styles to share their vision for the State.

“The competition is designed to encourage young Tasmanians to voice their opinions about the State’s future.

“There is obviously a wide range of styles to select from, but could include photography, a drawing or a painting, a story or a poem, a play, song or dance or a multimedia presentation,” she said.

“It is very important that we hear from as many young people as possible to help build Tasmania together.

“We believe the Tasmania *Together* Youth Challenge is the best way to achieve this outcome.”

Ms Dunphey said through the youth challenge, Tasmania *Together* wanted young Tasmanians to connect with the community’s vision for the State.

“This is best summarised by the Tasmania *Together* vision – *Tasmania is an island community, unique for its natural and cultural environment, where people enjoy a prosperous lifestyle based on quality, creativity and opportunity,*” she said.

“Our vision is a good starting point for young Tasmanians to think about their own vision for the State and how they may be able to make a difference.”

“There are also plenty of issues to look at in our 12 goals and 143 benchmarks.”

The Tasmania *Together* Youth Challenge has two competition levels – high school / college and primary school.

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A winner and two commended awards will be presented in three class sections within each competition level – grades seven/eight, nine/10 and 11/12 in the high school / college competition and kindergarten/grade two, grades three/four and grades five /six in the primary school competition.

Other prizes on offer include cash (a first prize of \$700 in each of the three high school / college levels), iPods, sport and / or art equipment for the student's school, MP3 players and book vouchers.

Entries close 27 June 2008 and will be judged on quality and creativity.

Entries can be submitted by individuals or groups, including an entire class.

Tasmania *Together* is a 20-year plan for Tasmania's future that sets targets for the community to achieve.

These targets are expressed as 12 broad goals and 143 measurable benchmarks.

"Tasmania *Together* is the community's vision for 2020. We want to hear more from young Tasmanians about their vision for 2020," said Ms Dunphey.

"I would encourage everyone from kinder to college to get involved."

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