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### Artwork and stories rolling in for Indigo 2030 project

Entries are rolling in for the art and story competitions that are part of the Indigo Shire's *Indigo 2030* project.

Indigo Mayor Cr Ali Pockley said it was heartening to see the positive response to the project, which is capturing people's high level ideas and hopes for what the shire might look like in 2030.

"Entries in the art and story competitions close on 28 October and there is always a last minute rush with these things, but I am delighted with the response so far," she said. "There are three categories – primary school, secondary school and adult."

"We also have more than 70 'conversation champions' out there right across the Shire talking to groups and individuals and getting people to help us gather views and ideas. We are getting a lot of input from school students, which is just fabulous because it is their future we are looking at. One girl said 'you know everybody in the shops and you can talk to people and there is a sense of community' and another student wanted to see our natural bush and wildlife looked after," she said.

"Other ideas coming forward include developing a sense of cohesion between our towns, being a shire that meets the climate change challenge really well, and ensuring we keep that great community spirit that we have."

Cr Pockley said there were still opportunities for people to put their views forward.

"This week and next, residents will be getting the *Indigo Informer* newsletter in their letterboxes with a 2030 postcard inside. This is another way you can let us know of your ideas and hopes for Indigo in 2030. Just fill it in and send it Reply Paid back to Council. And people can provide their ideas via email to [2030@indigoshire.vic.gov.au](mailto:2030@indigoshire.vic.gov.au)"

Cr Pockley said some of the stories and art works in the competitions will be on exhibition later in the year at Yackandandah and Rutherglen.

"Work is also underway with our talented young people in our shire to develop a song and there will be a film at the end of the whole project that will be used in the coming years to keep the vision alive for us all."

Cr Pockley said the project would provide a long-term pointer from which more specific planning can be developed. "The *Indigo 2030* vision will sit above the Council Plan, which guides the work Council does during a four-year cycle. The *Indigo 2030* vision is the destination, if you like, and the Council Plan is the road map."

All details are on Council's website, including entry forms in the art and story competitions.

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