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**Start writing, painting, sewing, sculpting - capture your 2030 vision**

The Indigo 2030 project is starting to get residents thinking big about what the shire could be like in the year 2030.

And there's a particular excitement among school students as they consider what story they will write or artwork they will do to enter the competitions in the project.

Indigo Mayor Cr Ali Pockley said the 2030 project is important for everyone in the shire, and especially younger people because "they will be living the vision 20 years from now".

"The short story competition has three sections, grades 3-6, age 12-18 and 18 years and over. Stories must be set in the year 2030 and start with one of the opening lines on the application," Cr Pockley said.

"I can imagine people having a lot of fun with these opening lines. There's 'The best summer of my whole life...', and 'Grass grew over the bicycle as it rusted in the rack...' and 'The school reunion held quite a surprise...' and 'The old woman looked familiar, as she turned to me and smiled...'

"There is no limit to people's imaginations. I can't wait to see what our residents come up with."

Cr Pockley said the visual art competition also consisted of different categories – primary school, high school and over 18, with a People's Choice in each category.

"The artistic talents in Indigo have been on show time after time and we are asking people to illustrate their ideas visually - a drawing, painting, photograph, sculpture or stitched piece of art, any medium," she said.

Entries close for both competitions on 28 October and creative work will be on exhibition in Yackandandah and Rutherglen later in the year.

"We are also having a series of conversations which community members are helping to organise and run over the coming weeks. We have already had a great response from people as the 'bush telegraph' helps to spread the word about this project," Cr Pockley said.

Conversations people can join:

- Thursday 1 September, 6pm - 8pm, at the Rutherglen Memorial Hall.
- Friday 2 September, 10am-12 noon, Beechworth Neighbourhood Centre
- Saturday 3 September, 2pm - 4pm, at "The Shed", behind Yackandandah Shire Offices.
- Monday September 5, 4.30pm - 5.30pm, Chiltern Senior Citizens Centre.
- Tuesday 6 September, 6pm - 7pm Environment Group, "The Shed" behind Yackandandah Shire Offices.
- Wednesday 7 September, 6.15pm - 7.30pm, Coulston Park, Tangambalanga.

Please email for more information: [2030@indigoshire.vic.gov.au](mailto:2030@indigoshire.vic.gov.au), or check Council's website [www.indigoshire.vic.gov.au](http://www.indigoshire.vic.gov.au)

**Caption: Yackandandah Primary School student Adam Bullivant is already putting some thoughts on paper about what he would like to see in Indigo Shire in the year 2030.**

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