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**Yeah the youth! Grants open for Queensland Youth Week 2020**

Applications are now open for young people, local councils, not-for-profits and Parents and Citizens Associations across Central Queensland to share in $50,000 worth of grants to celebrate Queensland Youth Week 2020.

The Member for Keppel and Assistant Education Minister Brittany Lauga said there are also a range of prizes on offer for young artists to design the artwork that represents Queensland Youth Week 2020.

Ms Lauga said Queensland Youth Week, to be held April 1-9, 2020, is all about celebrating friendship, strength and unity of our young people aged 12-25.

“Applications are now open for grants of up to $2000, so if you have a great idea for a project or event we want to hear from you,” she said.

Ms Lauga hosts an annual Hey Youth Summit for 100 senior CQ school students each year.

She said: “We especially want to hear from young people - to make sure you don’t have to do it all on your own, you need to partner with a not-for-profit to help you get your idea off the ground.”

Ms Lauga said the Queensland Youth Engagement Panel came up with theme for this year, ‘Yeah the youth!’ which is all about celebrating who our young people are and everything they offer to our great state.
“For our art competition, we’re looking for designs from young artists that represent the theme.

“There is more than $1000 worth of fantastic prizes up for grabs too.”

The winner will receive a $500 Mastercard gift card, a Wacom Intuos Pro Medium with Pro Pen 2 graphic design tablet valued at $399 and a DJI Osmo Mobile 3 Gimbal valued at $159.

Two runners-up will each receive a $100 JB Hi-Fi voucher.

Ms Lauga said the winning artwork would be used across Queensland Youth Week promotions and materials, with funded projects and events held during Queensland Youth Week, from 1 to 9 April 2020.

“The young Queenslanders of today are becoming the leaders of tomorrow – I’m always inspired listening to them tell me about the things that matter to them, their creative ideas, and their passion for making the world a better place,” she said.

Applications for grants and for the art competition both close midnight Sunday 15 December 2019. For more information visit: www.qld.gov.au/youthweek.

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