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MID-NORTH COAST DESIGNER WINS YOUTH WEEK COMPETITION

Minister for Citizenship and Communities Victor Dominello and Member for Oxley Andrew Stoner have congratulated Upper Lansdowne resident Merinda Ramage as the winner of the Youth Week 2014 Design Competition.

Mr Dominello said Youth Week, 4-13 April 2014, would celebrate young people’s achievements, aspirations and ability to be leaders in our community, with hundreds of local events planned across NSW.

“The Design Competition encourages young artists to challenge themselves by devising artwork which captures the essence of Youth Week.

“Merinda was chosen as the winner by the Youth Week Young People’s Advisory Committee for her thought-provoking artwork featuring a multicultural display of hands, a megaphone and words including create, unite, passion and inspire,” Mr Dominello said.

Member for Oxley, Andrew Stoner congratulated Merinda, a graphic design student at Port Macquarie TAFE on her achievement and hard work in developing the winning design.

“I am excited that this talented young artist now has the opportunity to have her artwork seen by hundreds of thousands of young people.

“I hope Merinda’s success will inspire more young people across the Mid-North Coast to get involved in Youth Week activities and use their talents to make a difference in their communities,” Mr Stoner said.

Ms Ramage, a 20-year-old graphic design student from Upper Lansdowne, will receive $1000 in prize money and said she was very excited to have won.

“I am absolutely delighted to have won the Youth Week NSW Design Competition, it was certainly unexpected.

“My design seeks to show the strength and diversity of youth in NSW and features a collection of hands reaching out together; they represent a positive collaboration of cultures, beliefs and attitudes amongst Australia’s Youth,” she said.

For more information about Youth Week 2014 (4-13 April) visit the website www.youthweek.nsw.gov.au, Facebook www.facebook.com/youthweeknsw or follow @youthweeknsw on Twitter.

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