



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **Burnie Youth Council wins gold at Crime Stoppers Challenge**

Burnie Youth Council today claimed gold at the 2009 Crime Stoppers Youth Challenge Tasmania awards in Hobart.

This year's challenge focused on youth violence and saw Burnie blitz the field against schools from across the State.

Burnie City Council Youth Development Officer Mel Taylor said all those involved were still shocked by the good news.

Mrs Taylor and representatives from the Youth Council attended the awards ceremony with the \$600 prize being accepted by Hayley White, of Parklands High School, and Jacqui Fishwick, of Marist Regional College.

"What a fantastic surprise for everyone involved, we still can't believe it," Mrs Taylor said.

"About 30 Youth Council members have worked hard on this project for months and to see their efforts rewarded is the icing on the cake.

"This year's topic, Youth Violence, enabled the students to really look at the different forms of violence, which can be both physical and psychological.

"Cyber bullying is a form of violence that can quite often go unaddressed, so this was a great opportunity for the younger generation to delve into."

More than 300 people attended the awards ceremony, which was held at Wrest Point Casino.

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