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Weddell Ideas Competition

Chief Minister Paul Henderson today launched a new competition calling on Territorians to help design the new city of Weddell.

“We want Weddell to be tropical, sustainable and liveable and we want to hear from Territorians about what that means to them,” Mr Henderson said.

“This competition will give adults and children the chance to win individual and school prizes while also providing input into the design of the Territory’s newest city.

Weddell is part of the Territory Government’s plan to meet projected population growth over the next decade and will be home to about 50,000 Territorians once complete.

Competition entrants will be required to provide ideas in 500 words or less or create an image accompanied by 100 words or less. Entries submitted in the competition will be assessed on composition of work, creativity and originality and adherence to the following themes:

- Future City “How might technology be integrated into Weddell? What standard should we set for the future growth of other parts of the Territory? How do we plan transport options that are sustainable?”
- Sustainable City “How do we design a city that minimises our impact on the environment? How do we use our community spaces, gardens and parklands? What energy-efficient and appropriate housing styles could we use?”
- People City “How can we create a city that people will love to live in? How can we make Weddell a healthy, positive, interactive community? What affordable housing options can we include?”
River City “How can we capitalise on Weddell’s waterside location on the edge of the Elizabeth River? Should we be thinking about car free zones and using water transport?”

Mr Henderson launched the competition at Darwin Middle School where year 9 students have recently completed models on sustainable architecture.

“Weddell will be a city of the future and that’s why we want Territorians, young and old, to put forward their ideas through this competition,” he said.

“Winners and schools will receive cash prizes. Individuals will also be invited to share their ideas at the Weddell conference and design forum at the Darwin Convention Centre on 27 September 2010, with the top 10 entries in each category displayed at the conference.

“This conference will provide designers, architects and the public with the opportunity to provide further input into the new city.”

Territorians can go to http://www.growingnt.nt.gov.au/ to enter the Weddell Ideas Competition and all schools will be sent information packs on how to enter.

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