

# CAPTURING THE WEST



## Essays in honour of J.T. Diamond 2014

**T**he West Auckland Historical Society invites you to explore the local history of West Auckland by entering our 'Capturing the West' essay competition which honours the work of local historian J.T. (Jack) Diamond who spent a life-time recording information about the Western districts and who published its first regional history – *Once the Wilderness*. This competition is for student non-fiction writers, amateur adult writers and this year for the first time, semi and fully professional writers. Prizes are awarded for the winning essays with a selection published in the West Auckland Historical Society's journal *West of Eden*.

### ESSAY CATEGORIES

There are two essay categories:

1. **Memories** – an essay based on your own experience or upon another person's recollections
2. **Research** – an essay based on research which includes the use of archival material such as oral histories, photographs, diaries and letters. Library assistance is available through the Learning Centres.

### ENTRANT CATEGORIES

There are four entrant categories:

1. **Student** - either under 18 or not yet concluded school year 13.
2. **Adult** – over 18 and whose work has never been published publicly
3. **Semi-professional** – over 18 and who may have had work self-published, contributed to magazines or books or other media with some recompense or who are paid for writing in other genre or subject matter than culture, heritage and history.
4. **Professional** – over 18 and who earn their primary living writing on culture, heritage and history.

### ENTRY CRITERIA

Closing date for entries: 20 September. For further information and entry forms contact:

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EMAIL [essay@westaucklandhistory.org.nz](mailto:essay@westaucklandhistory.org.nz), PH (09) 836 5917,  
or visit the Society at Mill Cottage, 35 Sel Peacock Drive, Henderson between  
10 am-3pm Mondays and 11am-3pm Saturdays (except public holidays).