

CAPTURING THE WEST



Essays in honour of J.T. Diamond 2014

The 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 Research Centres of Auckland Libraries.

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

- a) All entries must express an aspect of West Auckland history.
- b) All entries must be original work and be previously unpublished.

ENTRY RULES

- a) All entries are to be accompanied by an official entry form.
- b) Entries may be written in English or Te Reo Maori.
- c) Recommended word count is between 800 and 3500 words.
- d) Entries must be on one side of A4 paper, typed using Arial font 12 point, with line spacing at 1.5 and with page numbers on each page.
- e) A bibliography and a list of any oral or other sources must be included.
- f) Accompanying photographs, illustrations, diagrams or maps and should all be referenced.
- g) Entrants must submit two hard copies unbound and not stapled, one with a name and one without, and an electronic copy if possible, no later than 20th September, 2014.
- h) All entrants are responsible for retaining a copy of their manuscripts – as entries will not be returned.
- i) All entries are to be posted to:

Essay Competition
West Auckland Historical Society
P O Box 21-416
Henderson
AUCKLAND

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- All entries will be added to West Auckland Research Centre, Auckland Libraries, Henderson.
- All entries may be used for inclusion in publications of the West Auckland Historical Society Inc.
- Closing date for entries 20 September 2014.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION & ENTRY FORMS CONTACT:

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or visit the Society at Mill Cottage, 35 Sel Peacock Drive, Henderson between
10 am-3pm Mondays and 11am-3pm Saturdays (except public holidays).