

Taumarunui Writers' Group

THE WILLIAM TAYLOR HEARTLAND MEMORIAL SHORT STORY COMPETITION 2018

FIRST PRIZE \$300, SECOND PRIZE \$75, THIRD PRIZE \$50

Up to 1,000 words in any fiction genre on any theme. The competition is nationwide.

CLOSING DATE, SEPTEMBER 30 2018.

The Heartland 1000 competition has been renamed in memory of William Taylor, who gave freely of his time and advice to help establish Taumarunui Writers' Group and this competition.

Entry requirements and conditions:

1. The writer's name must NOT appear on the story itself. The story title only to appear on each page of the manuscript.
2. One entry form is required for each entrant regardless of the number of stories being submitted.
3. Multiple entries are welcome; there is an entry fee of \$10 per story.
4. Cheques in New Zealand currency only, payable to Taumarunui Writers' Group or direct credit Taumarunui Writers' Group at KiwiBank 38-9019-0685813-00 Taumarunui with the entrant's name and competition in reference boxes. Please indicate how payment was made with your entry.
6. Overseas money orders will not be accepted.
7. Stories should be 1,000 words or fewer. Manuscripts must be typed in normal 12-point font, such as Times New Roman or Arial, or similar, 1.5 or double-spaced and on one side of A4 paper, unless special effects are needed for the purpose of the story. Hand written entries will not be accepted.
8. All stories must be original and written by the person submitting the story.
9. No entry may have been previously published in printed or electronic form or broadcast.
10. Once an entry is submitted, the manuscript is final. The entry cannot be withdrawn and no alterations will be allowed.
11. No responsibility will be taken for entries.
12. Acknowledgement of receipt of entry will be made by email. For those without email, a stamped self-addressed envelope will be required.

13. Manuscripts will not be returned to entrants. The manuscripts will be appropriately disposed of to safeguard contents and privacy.
14. The competition will be judged by a panel which will include an independent judge. The judge's decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into. The judge's decision will be made by the end of December.
15. The winner will be notified by telephone (mail or email only if telephone is not an option).
16. Results will be advertised through the New Zealand Society of Authors, Freelance.
17. Winners of the 2017 competitions are not eligible for a prize.
18. The closing date is **September 30**. Entries to be postmarked no later than that date.
19. As it should be, copyright remains with the author but a condition of entry is that stories may be published on our website.

It should also be noted that the Taumarunui Writers' Group **will publish the winning entries on its website** www.taumarunuiwriters.nz

20. Address for entries:

Email helenbarryx@xtra.co.nz

Post

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(Please make cheques payable to Taumarunui Writers' Group)