Gary Higgins
Minister assisting the Minister for Arts and Museums

2015 NT Literary Awards Open

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Writers of the Northern Territory – it’s time to show us your wares.

The 2015 NT Literary Awards will be opened for entry from 23 March to 8 May with an award pool of more than $5500 available.

Arts and Museums Minister Gary Higgins said the awards celebrate excellence and acknowledge written work of outstanding literary merit and reward the achievements of Northern Territory writers.

“The Awards are open to a range of writing styles from essays to short stories and performance writing,” Minister Higgins said.

“They have been running for more than two decades and have produced some wonderful local works. I encourage writers at all stages of their career to get their entry ready.”

The Awards Ceremony will be held on 30 July at the Northern Territory Library and this year’s Award categories are:

**ZipPrint Short Story Award**
An original work of short fiction (3000 word limit).

**NT Writers’ Centre Poetry Award**
A single poem (Maximum 3 entries per person, 300 line limit).

**Charles Darwin University Travel Short Story Award**
A short story about travel or travelling (3000 word limit).

**Charles Darwin University Essay Award**
A researched and referenced academic essay (3000 word limit).

**Kath Manzie Youth Award**
An original work of short fiction or a single poem by a person aged 12-18 as of 1 January 2015 (maximum 3 poetry entries per person, 300 line limit for poetry, 3000 word limit for short story).
Browns Mart Theatre Award
A play or other performance script.

Southern Cross Austereo Flash Fiction Award
A blog post, fan fiction, short story, fictional diary entry or fictional letter (maximum 3 entries per person, 500 word limit).

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