IN Bob Dylan’s hit song ‘The Times are a Changing’, he urges “writers and critics who prophesie with their pens to keep their eyes wide as the chance won’t come again.” February 28 is the last day to enter the Northern Territory Literary Awards, which recognises the best short stories, essays, performance scripts, poetry, and creative pieces by young writers. The best academic exploration of a topic relating to the NT will attract a $1000 cash prize, as well as an NT Writers’ Centre membership and master class.

The winner of the Charles Darwin University Travel Short Story Award will win a $500 cash prize and the chance to gain public recognition.

This is an initiative of the Northern Territory Library and supported by Charles Darwin University, who sponsors the CDU Travel Short Story Award and the CDU Essay Award.

The awards are a platform for emerging authors, journalists, playwrights, poets and essayists to gain public recognition and access to development opportunities.

Winners will be announced at a ceremony at the Northern Territory Library, Parliament House on May 29, 2014. For more information call 1800 019 155 or visit www.ntl.nt.gov.au. Keep your eyes wide writers.