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Gary Higgins
Minister for Arts and Museums

Let’s take it all literally

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The 2016 Northern Territory Literary Awards are now open for entries.

With a prize pool of more than $5000, the Awards celebrate the achievements of emerging Northern Territory writers.

“The Territory has a wonderful community of local writers and what better way to celebrate their work through these long running Awards,” Arts and Museums Minister Gary Higgins said.

“Last year’s winners included: Luke Scholes (Brown’s Mart Theatre Award), Ka Wai Teng (Kath Manzie Youth Award) and Jo Dutton (Zip Print Short Story Award).

“The Awards always ‘discover’ some absolute gems in writing and I’m looking forward again to seeing what come out of this year’s crop of writers.”

Entries for the Awards close at midnight on Friday 6 May.

Any writer based in the Northern Territory is encouraged to enter in the following categories:

- **ZipPrint Short Story Award** - $1000
  An original work of short fiction up to 3000 words

- **NT Writers’ Centre Poetry Award** - $1000
  A single poem - up to 300 lines and three entries per person

- **Charles Darwin University Travel Short Story Award** - $500
  A short story about travel or travelling up to 3000 words

- **Charles Darwin University Essay Award** - $1000
  A referenced academic essay up to 3000 words

- **Kath Manzie Youth Award** - $600
  An original work of short fiction or a single poem by a person aged 12 to 18 years. Up to three poetry entries per person with a 300 line limit or a story up to 3000 words
- **Browns Mart Theatre Award** - $1000
  A playscript - no word limit

- **Southern Cross Television Flash Fiction Award** - $500
  A blog post, fan fiction, short story, fictional diary entry or fictional letter up to 500 words and three entries per person.

The Awards have been running since 1984 with the Northern Territory Library conducting them since 2002. Winners will be announced in conjunction with the Northern Territory Writers’ Centre’s Territory Read Book Awards in July.


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