

New Zealand Poet Laureate Award Call for Nominations

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The Chief Executive/National Librarian of the National Library of New Zealand invites you to make a nomination for the 2009-2011 New Zealand Poet Laureate Award.

Poetry is an essential part of New Zealand art and culture and through the New Zealand Poet Laureate Award the government acknowledges the value of poetry as a part of our national identity.

After considering all nominations, a recommendation for the New Zealand Poet Laureate, previously known as the Te Mata Estate New Zealand Poet Laureate Award, will be made by the New Zealand Poet Laureate Advisory Group. The Chief Executive/National Librarian will appoint the Laureate.

The New Zealand Poet Laureate's drafts, creative processes (i.e. interviews, pod casts, readings, web links and web pages) and published work will be preserved in the National Library's National Digital Heritage Archive and in the collections of the Alexander Turnbull Library.

Nominees will have made an outstanding contribution to New Zealand poetry and be an accomplished and highly regarded poet. They must also currently reside in New Zealand.

The term for the next New Zealand Poet Laureate will be from July 2009 to 30 June 2011.

For further information and a nomination form visit www.natlib.govt.nz or email poet-laureate@natlib.govt.nz

Nominations can be emailed to poet-laureate@natlib.govt.nz

or sent to:

Chief Executive/National Librarian
National Library of New Zealand
Attention New Zealand Poet Laureate Award
PO Box 1467
Wellington 6140

Nominations close on 12:00 Friday 26 June 2009. The Minister Responsible for the National Library will announce the New Zealand Poet Laureate in July.

Noho ora mai



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