

The Wilderness Revisited

J. T. Diamond Essay Competition

In 1953, Glen Eden resident Jack Diamond published his personal research on the history of West Auckland in *Once the Wilderness*. Waitakere Library & Information Services and the West Auckland Historical Society would like to invite you to explore the local history of West Auckland & record your findings in the J.T. Diamond Essay Competition.

Categories

- 1. Memories:** Personal recollections of West Auckland. Either your own recollections or an essay based upon another person's recollections and memories.
- 2. Historical Research:** Original research exploring an aspect of West Auckland history.

Entry Criteria

- The competition is open to all adults (excluding professional writers) and students aged 10-18 years.
- Entries may be in English or Maori.
- Joint entries will be accepted.
- The competition is open to all members of the West Auckland Historical Society and Waitakere City Council except for the J. T. Diamond Essay Competition committee and judges.

- Accompanying photographs, illustrations, diagrams or maps may be included with references.
- Recommended word count is between 800-3000 words.
- Number each page, but do not include your name on pages.
- Entries must be on one side of A4 paper. Entries should be typed using Arial font, 12 point, with line spacing at one and a half. Please see a Waitakere Library Learning Centre co-ordinator to help you put your essay into electronic format.
- A bibliography and a list of any oral or other sources **must be included**. Please see the website link to 'How to reference your essay' on page 3 of the *2009 Researching Local History Guide*.
- All entries must relate to an aspect of West Auckland history, be original research, and be accompanied by an official entry form.
- Please retain a copy of your original research.
- **Only entries meeting the above criteria will be accepted.**
- The competition closes **5pm Friday 21st August 2009**.

Further information, plus a full list of accepted topics and entry forms are available from all Waitakere Library branches, www.waitakerelibs.govt.nz, Mill Cottage in Alderman Dr or phone 839-2260.



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