

# The Wilderness Revisited

## J. T. Diamond Essay Competition

In 1953, local historian J. T. (Jack) Diamond published the first popular history of West Auckland - *Once the Wilderness*. To acknowledge Jack's writing and research contribution the Waitakere Library & Information Services and the West Auckland Historical Society invite you to record West Auckland's history through the *J.T. Diamond Essay Competition – The Wilderness Revisited*.

### Categories

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

### Entry Criteria

- All entries must relate to an aspect of West Auckland history, be original research, and be accompanied by a signed official entry form.
- The competition is open to all **amateur writers** both students (10-18 years) and adults.
- The competition **is not open** to professional writers; those paid for their writing, or who have had their work published by a commercial publisher or sold commercially.
- Entries may be in English or Te Reo Maori.
- 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 must be typed using Arial typeface, 12 point font, 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 all sources used including oral histories and images **must be included**. Please ask Library Staff if you require assistance.
- Please retain a copy of your original research for your records.
- Winning essays will be published by the West Auckland Historical Society (WAHS) and or Waitakere Library & Information Services (WLIS). All entries will be added to the Library's local history collection
- Entrants wishing to publish their essays following the competition must request so in writing to the WAHS and to the WLIS - Local History Services.
- **Only entries meeting the above criteria will be accepted.**
- The competition closes **5pm 6th August 2010**.

WLIS and WAHS members on the J T Diamond Essay Competition Organising Committee, elected officers of the WAHS, essay judges, WLIS staff and their immediate family are ineligible to enter the competition.

Further information and entry forms are available from all Waitakere Library branches, [www.waitakerelibs.govt.nz](http://www.waitakerelibs.govt.nz), And the West Auckland Historical Society's Mill Cottage, Alderman Drive, Henderson, Waitakere City.