



## THE ERICA BELL FOUNDATION

REWARDING EXCELLENCE IN TASMANIAN LITERATURE AND MEDICAL RESEARCH

**The Erica Bell Foundation** was established in 2014 to celebrate excellence in literature and medical research in Tasmania, by awarding annual cash prizes to an emerging novelist and a first-time author of a medical research publication.

The two prizes represent the highest annual awards of their kind in Tasmania, with each winner receiving \$10,000. In each prize category, the runner-up will also receive \$1,000 and the second runner-up will receive \$500.

**The Erica Bell Foundation** celebrates and honours the extraordinary life and work of Dr Erica Bell. Erica published over 100 academic research papers and five books during her 10 years at the University of Tasmania, as well as publishing two historical novels. Her first novel, *The Voyage of the Shuckenoor*, was launched at the 2008 Melbourne Writers Festival, while her second novel *Enzam and the Just Prince* was published just one week before her sudden passing in July 2014. Her third novel *The Weather Tellers* remains unfinished.

Erica is remembered by her family, friends and colleagues as a warrior of creative thought through her positive attitude, her all-encompassing love of life and her outstanding achievements.

**The Erica Bell Foundation** is governed by a Board comprising of five members, including Dr Bastian Seidel, Ms Nell Kulenburg, Ms Sarah Bell, Ms Lauren Daniels and Mr John Bell.

The Foundation is supported in-kind by The University of Tasmania (Faculty of Health) and the Tasmanian Writers Centre.

Applications for the two prizes open on Wednesday, 1 October and will close on Friday, 31 October 2014. The prizes will be awarded at a ceremony at the Hobart Function and Conference Centre on Friday, 5 December 2014.

**The Erica Bell Foundation Alumni** will be created following the inaugural prize presentation, with the aim of fostering and mentoring academic and creative thinking in literature and medical research.

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