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Entries for the 2013 Tasmanian Literary Prizes open this Wednesday, 1 August.

The Tasmanian Literary Prizes (formerly the Tasmania Book Prizes) are the Tasmanian State Government's biennial literary awards, which have existed in various forms since 2001. The prizes celebrate the richness of the Tasmanian literary sector and acknowledge the particular influence that Tasmania has on written work.

While the prizes recognise established writers, with past winners including Richard Flanagan, Robert Dessaix and Nicholas Shakespeare, they have been reimagined for 2013 to ensure that emerging writers are also celebrated and that literary content in its many different forms is valued.

The prizes are delivered by Arts Tasmania in partnership with the University of Tasmania.

THE PRIZES

Tasmania Book Prize

Best book with Tasmanian content in any genre - \$25 000.

This award recognises the influence Tasmania has had on content or perspective.

Writers or publishers based anywhere in Australia or the world can nominate a book for this prize if Tasmania has had some influence on its content.

Margaret Scott Prize

Best book by a Tasmanian writer - \$5 000.
Supported by the University of Tasmania.

A Tasmanian writer is defined as one who is ordinarily resident in Tasmania. Writers and publishers are invited to enter books for this prize.

Books published for the first time between 1 July 2010 and 31 July 2012 are eligible for the Tasmania Book Prize and the Margaret Scott Prize.

University of Tasmania Prize

Best new unpublished literary work by an emerging Tasmanian writer - \$5 000.
Supported by the University of Tasmania.

Formerly a prize awarded for excellence in publishing in Tasmania, the University of Tasmania Prize has been reimagined for 2013 as a manuscript prize to highlight the skill, talent and creativity of emerging Tasmanian writers. Writers of theatrical works, literary fiction and non-fiction for adults or children, poetry and graphic novels who have had a limited number of works published are encouraged to enter (see conditions of entry for eligibility criteria).

Entry forms and full terms and conditions for the 2013 Tasmanian Literary Prizes can be downloaded from the Arts Tasmania website

www.arts.tas.gov.au/tlp

from Wednesday 1 August 2012.

Entries close on 12 September 2012.

Winners will be announced at an event during Ten Days on the Island in March 2013.

