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Next Page Aotearoa Bulletin

Nau mai, pānuitia mai tēnei mātārere-tuhituhi o te Next Page Aotearoa

Kia ora e te whānau,

Welcome back to Next Page, our NZ Young Writers Newsletter. September had been a very busy month with lots of wonderful events, and I have some exciting things to share with you that are coming up.

What's Happened

The Young Writers Festival sponsored by Fringe was held in Dunedin. I was personally so encouraged to meet so many passionate young writers, and to listen to the incredible voices contributing to the growing NZ writing scene. I left inspired, excited and full of information. Thank you to everyone who came and those didn't get to make it – I hope to see you next year!

Upcoming Events

Dunedin Readers Festival – Oct 17-19

This multi-day festival will offer a wide array of events, including author readings, panel discussions, book signings, and engaging conversations spanning various genres and literary themes. Tickets are available now via their website.

What's Next?

We're currently working on some exciting new ways to connect:

- **'Write-Nite Ins'** – join us online to write together in real time. Bring your snacks, playlist and your WIPs.
 - **In-person meetups** – coming soon! If you're based in Auckland, let us know your favourite local libraries or community spots as location ideas.
 - **Zoom hangouts with published young writers** – let's hear from those making waves in the NZ publishing world, both traditionally and independently.
 - **Free Zoom workshop with Siobhan Harvey**, past NZSA president and currently the Senior Lecturer in Creative Writing at AUT, to discuss submissions for funding applications, programmes, prizes and courses for 2026! [Sign up here for the zoom on October 27th, 4pm.](#)
 - **Christmas Book Quiz!** NZSA Auckland branch Christmas meet-up – let's have a young writers table! Saturday 6 December from 4pm–6.30pm at Freeman's Bay School, 95 Wellington St. [Sign up here so we can register interest.](#)
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A promotional poster for a 'Free Youth Workshop'. The poster has a light beige background. In the center is a dark grey rectangular box with white text. To the left and right of this box are two identical portrait photos of Siobhan Harvey, a woman with long blonde hair, smiling. In the top right corner of the dark grey box, there is a white, scalloped-edge circular badge with the text 'REGISTER TODAY'. Below the main title, the date '27 OCTOBER, 2025' is written. The text describes Siobhan Harvey as the past NZSA president and current Senior Lecturer in Creative Writing at AUT, who will discuss submissions for funding applications, programmes, prizes, and courses for 2026. At the bottom of the dark grey box is a white arrow pointing right. Below the dark grey box, the website 'WWW.AUTHORS.ORG.NZ' is written in white capital letters on a light beige background.

Free Youth Workshop

27 OCTOBER, 2025

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Explore Our Storygraph

We've created a [Next Page Aotearoa Storygraph](#) account, spotlighting the brilliant, brave, and bold work coming out of our community.

We've even created a reading challenge for some NZ classics! [Join here!](#) Pop over, have a read, and maybe even see your work featured in the future. It's currently being updated, we'll be adding more books every month!

Let's build something together

Our hope is that these newsletters help build a genuine sense of community among young writers across Aotearoa. We want you to feel seen, supported, and inspired to keep going—whether you're 3K words deep in your novel or just scribbling lines on the backs of receipts.

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I don't know who needs to hear this, but writing is hard because you care about it and you want it to be good, not because you're bad at it.

We'd love to hear from you! Reply to this email with one (or more!) of the following:

- A comfort read that you return to over and over again
- The moment you knew you wanted to be a writer

And keep your eyes peeled—we'll be launching our Instagram page soon for updates, prompts, writer spotlights, and more.

With aroha and inspiration,
Jessica and Meghan (and Frankie)



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