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Celebrating the written word – winners of the 2015 NT Literary Awards

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Seven talented local writers have been named category winners of the 2015 NT Literary Awards.

In their 31st year, the Awards have again produced a range of interesting, provocative and well-written works from poetry and essays to travel writing and theatre scripts.

“I understand the competition was fierce this year and it’s proof that yet again local writers produce quality material,” Arts and Museums Minister Gary Higgins said.

“The Northern Territory Government is proud to be supporting the Awards again this year and I encourage Territorians to get behind the works and seek them out for a good read.

“Congratulations to all the entrants this year and the winners.”

Among the highlights of the winners include the inaugural winner of the Southern Cross Television Flash Fiction category, Fernanda Dahlstrom with her 500 word piece *Chapel* about attending Chapel at school and realising the power of authority.

Another winner was 18 year-old Ka Wai’s (Micki) Teng with her work powerful performance poem *Yellow* about the difference between resignation and giving in, which took out the Kath Manzie Youth Award.

Three of the winners were from the Red Centre – Luke Scholes (Browns Mart Theatre Award), Penny Drysdale (NT Writers Centre Poetry Award) and Jo Dutton (Zip Print Short Story).

“This highlights the strength of the Alice Springs writing community and their dedication to their craft,” Mr Higgins said.

All winners receive cash prizes as well as NT Writers Centre and master class attendance.

As part of his prize, Luke Scholes will get to see how it might be possible to take his work from page to stage by working with Brown’s Mart.

The winners were announced at a ceremony at the Northern Territory Library, Parliament House tonight.

ATTACHED: Categories and winners

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