



Eastbourne an anthology

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Eastbourne is a fresh collection of writing that has sprung from Wellington's Eastern Bays. With work by acclaimed New Zealand authors and poets such as Denis Glover, Lloyd Jones, Steve Braunias, Kate De Goldi and Robin Hyde, the anthology also showcases young and emerging talent like Sarah Laing, Airini Beutrais and Avi Duckor-Jones.

Unlike many literary anthologies, over a third of the work is previously unpublished. Writers with a connection to the Bays have offered stories and poems, and some with no history of publication have worked with the editors to take their submissions to publication.

An extraordinary number of authors were behind the submissions and discoveries of poetry, fiction, memoir and essays the editors had to select from, with 96 authors and 120 separate works making the cut.

The youngest authors are seven-year-olds Lauren Excell and Tatum Collins, and one of the oldest, in her eighties, is former Eastbourne Mayor Elaine Jakobsson who writes as poet Helen Jacobs.

The anthology editors are Eastbourne writers and editors Mary McCallum, Anne Manchester and Maggie Rainey-Smith. They say the anthology is not a coffee table book but a collection of work that gets under the skin of life on the 'other' side of Wellington Harbour with 4700 people living where bush meets the sea on a road that ends with Pencarrow lighthouse.

Mary McCallum says Eastbourne locals are thrilled with the book which begins at Point Howard and goes all the way to the Pencarrow – every Bay with its quota of stories and poems. But she says the book has wider appeal too,

'Everyone with an interest in New Zealand literature will enjoy this collection of superb writing joined by a theme common to so many of our communities – living on the littoral, where land meets sea.'

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