

Speech Competition 2023

The topic for this year's **Speech Competition** has been confirmed: "Things our mothers taught us, things we'll teach our children."

The final of this year's Speech Competition will take place during the **National Conference** in Christchurch in November. There are two prizes to be won: the first is the **Tarrant Bell** which is awarded for the best speech; the second is the **Tutaenui Bell** which is awarded to the best first time entrant.

Writing Competitions 2023

Entries are now open for the Marlborough Short Story Competition and the Olive Burdekin Prize for Advanced Writers 2023. The title and theme for this year's competitions is "A Journey". Entrants may include a subtitle.

Marlborough Short Story Competition

This competition is open to all amateur writers who are Rural Women New Zealand Members and who have not won this competition in the previous two years or had their writing published - apart from contributions to newspapers or in the RWNZ Express magazine.

Word length: 600 – 1000 words

Olive Burdekin Prize for Advanced Writers

This section is for Rural Women New Zealand Members who are not eligible to enter the Marlborough Short Story Competition. They are either previous first place winners in the past two years or have had articles or books published.

Word length: 1000 – 1500 words

The general entry criteria for both competitions are:

- The number of words must be written in the top left corner of the first page.
- The entrant must state which competition the entry is for on the first page.
- If the number of words in the entry is not printed on the first page or the category entered is not specified, the entry will be disqualified.
- Stories must be written or typed on one side of the paper only
- Envelopes or emails must clearly state which competition the entry is for.
- Please do not put your name on the entry itself.

The closing date for entries for both competitions is Thursday, 31 August 2023. Entries should be posted to Mrs Jennifer Wiese, 25 Tirimoana Terrace, RD1, Picton 7281 or sent by email to: jen.wiese@icloud.com

To find out more about these competitions, including how to enter and the rules, visit the RWNZ website.