



**The Friends of the Hocken Collections Inc.**

**ANNOUNCING**

**THE FRIENDS OF THE HOCKEN COLLECTIONS AWARD 2023**

**Background**

To mark the occasion of its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2016, the Friends of the Hocken Collections (FOHC) offered an award of NZ\$10,000 to support a research project on some aspect of the historical development of culture and society in New Zealand, primarily using the resources of the Hocken Collections.

Joint winners of the anniversary Award were Laurence Fearnley and Paul Hersey (for work undertaken in 2017), and their book, *To the Mountains: A Collection of NZ Alpine Writing*, was the very pleasing result.

In addition, as the Award competition had attracted a wide range of applications – for many eminently fundable projects in which the Hocken Collections’ resources were of vital or key importance – the Friends’ executive committee resolved to continue to offer The Friends of the Hocken Collections Award as funding permits. The winner of the second Award (for tenure in 2020) was Dr Jonathan West for field work and research towards his proposed book *Mirrors on the Land: Histories of New Zealand’s Lakes*.

**The FOHC Award 2023**

The Award’s value continues as \$10,000.

Its intended outcomes in 2023 are – as in previous rounds – creatively open for project applicants themselves to develop and propose.

Salient aspects such as the project’s medium, genre, scope, and purpose are prescription-free.

Both collaborative and singular applications are welcome.

**Timelines**

Detailed Application Information will be available on the Friends of the Hocken Collections Inc. website <https://hockenfriends.org.nz/> from **1 July 2022**.

The Closing Date for the Award to be held in the calendar year 2023 is **15 October 2022**.

Applicants will be advised of the competition result by **30 November 2022**.

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