

Terms & Conditions

MKWC - Varuna Residency Exchange 12 October – 2 November 2026

Terms and Conditions for the Residency

In accepting the residency, the selected writer agrees to the following terms and conditions:

- The decision of the selection panel will be final and no correspondence will be entered into.
- The Residency will pay for economy return airfares to Sydney. The selected writer will be required to liaise with MKWC regarding their travel booking arrangements and MKWC will make the booking on behalf of the writer. The writer is responsible for transport costs to the NZ city from which their international flight to Australia departs, for all necessary visas, and travel/medical insurance. The writer is also responsible for their transport costs from Sydney (or any other port of arrival in Australia) to Varuna Writers House in Katoomba. (Approximately A\$35 from Sydney airport to Katoomba).
- The writer will receive accommodation and all meals at Varuna, Australia from **Monday 12 October to Sunday 1 November 2026 (checking out Monday 2 November)**.
*NB. These dates are fixed – applicants must be able to hold the residency on these dates.
- Varuna will provide an opportunity for the NZ writer whilst in residence, to present their work at the Blue Mountains Writers' Festival in Katoomba, (30 October - 1 November). The writer agrees to take part in this festival.
- The writer accepts that the residency may be promoted by MKWC, Varuna and their funding agencies in publications and media activities.
- Within four weeks of the completion of the residency, the writer agrees to provide a written evaluation of the residency to the Michael King Writers Centre and Varuna.
- The writer will be required to acknowledge the Michael King Writers Centre, the Tūpuna Maunga Authority and Varuna, The National Writers' House in any work published, produced or created as a result of the residency.
- The writer agrees to provide the MKWC with a signed copy of any book or publication that results directly from the work produced during the residency.

This programme is a partnership between the Michael King Writers Centre, Varuna, The National Writers' House of Australia and the Blue Mountains Writers' Festival, Katoomba.