

PRESS RELEASE

**Announcing the winner of the 2022 New England Writers' Centre Fellowship**

In partnership with Varuna, The National Writers' House, the New England Writers' Centre is delighted to announce Anne Greenwood as the winner of the 2022 Varuna-New England Writers' Centre Fellowship.

The Fellowship, to be taken up in 2023, will give Anne a week's inspirational writing residency in the beautiful surroundings of Varuna, in the Blue Mountains. It includes full board and accommodation at Varuna, funds towards travel, a one-on-one consultation with a Varuna expert and more.

This is the fourth year of the Fellowship. The inaugural year, in 2019, was supported by a generous grant from the Copyright Agency.

Chosen by Varuna judges from a shortlist of four previously selected by judges from the New England Writers' Centre, Anne's winning submission included an extract from her manuscript *Torment's Mirror*, which she will be working on during her residency. *Torment's Mirror* is a murder-mystery, and was praised by the judges as "Captivating! Well set up, with diverse characters and effortlessly readable."

Varuna Creative Director, Amy Sambrooke, said: "While all of the finalists were very strong, we could not go past Anne Greenwood's novel, *Torment's Mirror*. The characters are so realised, the voice so authentic, the use of language so muscular. Congratulations to Anne, we look forward to seeing you for your residency in 2023."

"We congratulate Anne on this fantastic achievement," said Sophie Masson, chair of the New England Writers' Centre. "We are delighted that she has won the 2022 Fellowship, to work on what sounds like a wonderful new project."

Reacting to news of her win, Anne said, "I'm so grateful and feeling very lucky! The Varuna-NEWC Fellowship means so much to writers in the region. It's a chance to be read and a chance to one day be published. Those sorts of chances are hard to come by. Thank you so much to Varuna and the New England Writers' Centre. It is an amazing opportunity and I will use this residency to the best of my ability."

Varuna and the New England Writers' Centre warmly congratulate Anne Greenwood for winning the 2022 Varuna-New England Writers' Centre Fellowship and wish her a wonderful week at Varuna in 2023.

We also congratulate shortlisted finalists Angela Earth, Catherine Emerson, and Jodie Herden, on their excellent achievement and wish them all the best with their projects.