

Karen Phillips

Karen Phillips is a wife and mother with a daughter and son both of whom are in London doing their OE. She is an administrator at a school in the Far North also teaching piano and, occasionally, the guitar.

Karen says she enjoys reading and writing but, until now, has always been too busy to complete a creative writing course.

Currently in a creative writing course run by the New Zealand Institute of Business Studies Ltd, The Visit started as an exercise in assignment 3 which asked for 'a story with a beginning, a middle and an end; a limit of 4 characters and 400 - 500 words'. It was her tutor, Joan Rosier Jones' suggestion that if the story was extended, it might be suitable to enter into the BNZ Katherine Mansfield Awards.



'I feel just so lucky to have had the opportunity to enter the Awards and so grateful and amazed that this story was chosen, says Karen Phillips.'

She lives with her husband on almost half an acre overlooking Ahipara Bay at the end of 90 Mile Beach.