

# Poetry Published

By Antonia Carter

Morrinsville College student Nurul Shamsul has been selected to have her poetry published in the online quarterly newspaper Blackmail Press. The Auckland-based newspaper aims to promote emerging New Zealand poets, providing an environment in which they can share their works with the rest of the world. Shamsul submitted six poems under the theme of Identity and Relationships. "Poetry is very personal to me. I write to express

my feelings. I see myself as a confessional poet, similar to Sylvia Plath. Although I don't have her destiny in mind!" The poems are to be published in the latest issue of Blackmail Press, which will be released online next month. "The editor emailed me and told me that my work was well written, well structured. I'm really excited," said Shamsul. The year 13 student started writing poetry and prose last year, winning the College's Senior Poetry award for 2014. "My winning poem was a piece called The Bittersweet Incident, which is one of the several I submitted to Blackmail Press. It's amazing to be published after only a short time writing," said Shamsul. The next step for the poet, who wishes to become a paediatrician after finishing high-school, is to have an anthology of her poems published in a book. "I write a lot of poetry...I'm working on it. It's a great hobby. I enjoy writing about life, the teenage identity."



Big break  
for college  
student

Nurul Shamsul at Morrinsville College

# History Lesson:

## Our Post Office and its history

Provided by the Morrinsville  
Heritage Centre.

On 1 March 1876 the first Post Office was opened in the Jolly Cripple Hotel and Mowbray was appointed Postmaster a month later. The Post Office was originally called Waitoa but changed to Morrinsville on 1 August 1878. Successions of storekeepers were appointed Postmaster until 1 April 1883 when Mr. J. Clifford was the last storekeeper to be appointed in the original Post Office building.



On 1 September 1884, the Post Office was transferred to the Railway Station and the Stationmaster also became the Postmaster. Locals wanted a new Post Office in the centre of Morrinsville. Twenty years later on 19 July 1909, a

new wooden Post Office opened for business on Thames Street. The Post Office was built by Mr R.C. Humphrey's building firm. Cost of the building was £1270 / 16 / - This building was enlarged by

main building. Fifty three years later on 10 October 1962, the next Post Office was built west along Thames Street on the corner of Lorne Street. This corner is now occupied by the Wallace Art Gallery. It was built by D.C. Street Construction Co. Ltd at a cost of £153,000/0/0 excluding the cost of equipment. With the cost of the equipment the price rose to £350,000/0/0. A feature of the building was an exposed internal that could be viewed through a glass window from the main banking area. In April 1997 as the State Enterprise Organization, the New Zealand Post Ltd, moved from this location westward to 141 Thames Street (where the Tool Shed now is). Since then the Post Office agency has been franchised and moved to its current location at Paper Plus.

## Changes to vehicle licensing fees in 2015.

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