



CBCA ACT NEWS

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Hello Everyone,

Hello everyone, and welcome to the May issue of the ACT Branch newsletter! We've had a big start to the year, with great numbers at our events – so thank you everyone for coming along! We've got a report later in the newsletter of how our recent events – the Short List Showcase Night, the Short List Dinner and the Judge's Talk – went, so if you didn't make it, have a look!

The week 9-15 May is National Volunteers Week, and I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the CBCA ACT volunteers for all their hard work – our Branch is run entirely by volunteers, as is the CBCA as a whole – and without them we would simply not exist. Our volunteers make very valuable contributions every day, so thank you all very much, and we're very glad to have you!

The merchandise order form for 2011 has now been released – if you didn't get a copy via email, please see the form later in the newsletter. Gregory Rogers, who won the Picture Book of the Year Award last year, has done the 'One world, many stories' artwork, in spite of being quite unwell this year. Thank you Gregory!

Thank you everyone who renewed their membership already this year! Please make sure your membership is up to date for 2011. The password for the Members Only section of the website has changed and I will only be sending it out to current members. See page 8 of this newsletter if you need a membership form. Thanks!

I will be overseas from 15 May to 6 June, and during that time Rosemary Thomas will be checking the ACT Branch email. Thank you, Rosemary!

Happy reading everyone, and I'm looking forward to Book Week 2011!

Rebecca Kemble
President

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THE 2011 SHORT LIST

Book of the Year: Older Readers These books are for mature readers.		
Crowley, Cath	<i>Graffiti Moon</i>	Pan Macmillan Australia
Hartnett, Sonya	<i>The Midnight Zoo</i>	Viking Books, Penguin Group (Australia)
Horniman, Joanne	<i>About a Girl</i>	Allen & Unwin
MacLeod, Doug	<i>The Life of a Teenage Body-Snatcher</i>	Penguin Books, Penguin Group (Australia)
Marchetta, Melina	<i>The Piper's Son</i>	Penguin Books, Penguin Group (Australia)
Wood, Fiona	<i>Six Impossible Things</i>	Pan Macmillan Australia
Book of the Year: Younger Readers Intended for independent younger readers.		
Bauer, Michael Gerard	<i>Just a Dog</i>	Omnibus Books, Scholastic Australia
Bongers, Christine	<i>Henry Hoey Hobson</i>	Woolshed Press, Random House Australia
Branford, Anna III. Sarah Davis	<i>Violet Mackerel's Brilliant Plot</i>	Walker Books Australia
Carmody, Isobelle	<i>The Red Wind</i>	Viking Books, Penguin Group (Australia)
McKinlay, Meg III. Leila Rudge	<i>Duck for a Day</i>	Walker Books Australia
Murphy, Sally III. Rhian Nest James	<i>Toppling</i>	Walker Books Australia
Book of the Year: Early Childhood Intended for children in the pre-reading to early reading stages.		
Champion, Tom Niland & Niland, Kilmeny III. Deborah Niland	<i>The Tall Man and the Twelve Babies</i>	Allen & Unwin
Dubosarsky, Ursula III. Mitch Vane	<i>The Deep End</i>	Puffin Books, Penguin Group (Australia)
Lester, Alison	<i>Noni the Pony</i>	Allen & Unwin
Niland, Deborah	<i>It's Bedtime, William!</i>	Viking Books, Penguin Group (Australia)
Norrington, Leonie III. Dee Huxley	<i>Look See, Look at Me!</i>	Allen & Unwin
Ormerod, Jan III. Freya Blackwood	<i>Maudie and Bear</i>	Little Hare Books

THE 2011 SHORT LIST cont.

Picture Book of the Year		
Intended for an audience ranging from birth to 18 years. (Some books may be for mature readers)		
Baker, Jeannie	<i>Mirror</i>	Walker Books
Bancroft, Bronwyn	<i>Why I Love Australia</i>	Little Hare Books
Greenberg, Nicki	<i>Hamlet</i>	Allen & Unwin
McKimmie, Chris	<i>Two Peas in a Pod</i>	Allen & Unwin
Masciullo, Lucia Written by Kane, Kim	<i>Family Forest</i>	Hardie Grant Egmont
Riddle, Toby	<i>My Uncle's Donkey</i>	Viking Books, Penguin Group (Australia)
Eve Pownall Award for Information Books		
Intended for an audience ranging from birth to 18 years. (Some books may be for mature readers)		
Brasch, Nicolas	<i>Theme Parks, Playgrounds and Toys</i>	Macmillan Education Australia
Brooks, Ron	<i>Drawn from the Heart: A Memoir</i>	Allen & Unwin
Davidson, Leon	<i>Zero Hour: The Anzacs on the Western Front</i>	The Text Publishing Company
Dubosarsky, Ursula Illustrated by Toby Riddle	<i>The Return of the Word Spy</i>	Viking, Penguin Group (Australia)
Lloyd, Alison Illustrated by Terry Denton	<i>Wicked Warriors & Evil Emperors: The True Story of the Fight for Ancient China</i>	Puffin Books, Penguin Group (Australia)
One Arm Point Remote Community School	<i>Our World: Bardi Jaawi: Life at Ardiyooloon</i>	Magabala Books

2011 DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

19 August: Children's Book of the Year Award Announcement

20-26 August: Children's Book Week. Slogan: One world, many stories

September/October: AGM – TBC

November: Christmas Shopping Night – TBC

JUDGE'S REPORT MAY 2011
ROSEMARY THOMAS, ACT JUDGE 2010-2011

By the time this goes to press I will be well into my Judge's Talks and our new judge, Anna Beth McCormack, will have received her first box of books to begin reading for next year's awards. This year I travelled to Largs Bay in Adelaide for the six day Judges' conference. The new location was quite different in weather and landscape to Brisbane last year. The bay is a beautiful spot right on the coast and provided me with early morning and late evening walks from pier to pier, about 6 kms return trip. The physical exercise was needed to clear the brain for and after the day's stimulating debates and discussions. The locals were very friendly and greeted you every time they passed.



Judges deliberate in Adelaide



The Short List is announced

On the Tuesday before we flew out of Adelaide we attended the Short List announcement at the Adelaide Town Hall. This historic building was also hosting a display of artwork by many well known illustrators. I was proud to be the announcer for the Older Readers category at this reception. It is a tradition that outgoing judges read out one section of the Short List. This year the new judges held up the books as they were announced. Each night we were taken out to a restaurant for a meal in different areas of West Adelaide.

The 2011 Judges read 403 books covering four categories and the Eve Pownall Award for Information Books Judges read 59 books. The Older Readers and Picture Book categories caused much angst this year due to the exceptional quality of notable entries. I am looking forward to my talks with community groups, staff and students over the coming months.

SHORT LIST DINNER

We had a dinner to celebrate the release of the 2011 Book of the Year Awards Short List on 13 April at Lemon Grass Thai Restaurant in Woden. We had 17 people come along and enjoy a three course Thai banquet. We held it the day after the Short List Announcement so that our Judge Rosemary Thomas could attend and talk to us about the books and the judges' conference in Adelaide. We were lucky enough to get a show and tell – Rosemary brought along some photos of the conference and the Announcement in Adelaide, as well as her own copies of the shortlisted titles. Overall, a lovely evening of food, books and conversation!



BOOK WEEK AUTHOR AND ILLUSTRATOR VISITS

The CBCA ACT Branch is pleased to coordinate author and illustrator visits to ACT schools during Children's Book Week in 2011. A number of talented and exciting authors and illustrators are available for school visits during the period 22–26 August and 29 August – 2 September.

Stephanie Owen Reeder is a Canberra author and illustrator who has written about children's books for nearly 30 years as a reviewer, critic and academic and as editor of *Reading Time*. Stephanie's recent publications include *Colour my World!*, *Lost! A True Tale from the Bush* (shortlisted for the CBCA Eve Pownall Award for Information Books 2010) and *I've Got a Feeling!* (included on the IBBY Outstanding Books for Young People with Disabilities booklist in 2011).

Steve Isham lives in Tasmania, writing and illustrating with his wife Marion. They have a weekly stall at Hobart's Salamanca Market and regularly visit schools. Recent publications include *Penguin, Tiger Tale*, *Tasmanian Traveller*, *Origami Aussie Animals* and *Draw More Aussie Animals*.

Judy Horacek is a cartoonist, artist and children's book maker. Her first book for children, *Where is the Green Sheep?* with Mem Fox won the CBCA Early Childhood Book of the Year. She has since created four books of her own including *The Story of Grawl* and *Yellow is my Favourite Colour*.

Katie J Taylor is a Canberra author who was first published at the age of 17. She has written for both children and adults and has judged writing competitions. Recent publications include *The Dark Griffin*, *The Griffin's Flight* and *The Griffin's War*.

Popular published writers Tracey Hawkins, Tania McCartney and Pauline Deeves, all from the ACT, will be doing author visits again for us. Local storyteller Mollie Bee and our outgoing CBCA ACT judge Rosemary Thomas will also be available for sessions during this time.

School Booking Sheets and Author and Illustrator Biographies were circulated in the first week of Term 2.

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SHORT LIST SHOWCASE NIGHT

This is the event formerly known as the Clayton's Night. It was held on 17 March at the Centre for Teaching and Learning. We had a very well attended session this year with 27 people coming along. We also had four new presenters who all did a great job – including one presentation given by sock puppets! Jacaranda Bookstore was there and brought along the presenter's 'shortlisted' titles so people could look and buy. Thank you to all our presenters and to everyone who came along and participated.

INTRODUCING OUR NEW JUDGE

I'm delighted and privileged to be the new ACT judge for the 2012 and 2013 CBCA Awards. My career has been varied, including freelance book editor, librarian and student of children's literature, also writer and reviewer—and four children. I have an MA in children's literature and have begun a research MA. Last year I became involved with the Lu Rees Archives, and am the new editor of the LRA annual journal. I look forward to reading this year's offering of children's and young adult books, then sharing them with you; indeed, the first box of books has already arrived. Let's hope I do as well as Rosemary.

Anna Beth McCormack



Rosemary Thomas with 2012-13 ACT Judge Anna Beth McCormack

ACT BRANCH COMMITTEE MEMBERS NEEDED

This year we are looking for people to take up some new and existing positions in the ACT Branch. If you can help out, please let us know! You can send an email to act@cbca.org.au to express your interest or get more information.

Our current Author Visits Coordinator, Rachael Hind, has indicated that this will be her last year in the position. We would like to appoint a replacement Author Visit Coordinator this year, so that the new person can do a handover with Rachael and see how the process works. In the past this position has been shared by two people, so there is the option to do that as well. Ongoing support will also be provided by the other committee members. Duties include:

- Liaising with authors and illustrators to visit Canberra schools during Book Week
- Organising accommodation for interstate authors/illustrators
- Scheduling visits and lifts with schools
- Organising the Book Week thank you dinner for authors/illustrators

At the Branch AGM last year, we created a new position: the Branch Event Coordinator(s). This person or persons (the option to job share is there if desired) would be in charge of organising our Branch events. These are duties currently carried out by myself (with support from committee members), so it is not too onerous. Support and help is available from other committee members, and a handover from me. Duties include:

- Organising our 5 annual events (Short List Showcase Night, Short List Dinner, Judge's Talk, Awards Announcement and the Christmas Shopping Night)
- Booking venues
- Organising food
- Liaising with stakeholders (presenters, venues etc.)
- Promoting the events

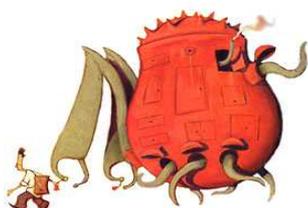
Rebecca Kemble

JUDGE'S TALK

We held our Judge's Talk on 4 May at the new Harrison School Library. Twenty eight people came along to hear our Judge Rosemary Thomas talk about the shortlisted titles. Rosemary discussed the literary merits of each title, and of some of the Notable Books. A very informative evening, which can count towards professional development! Jacaranda Bookstore was in attendance and brought along the shortlisted titles for purchase. A big thank you to Rosemary, and also to Jane Black and Harrison School for organising and hosting this event.



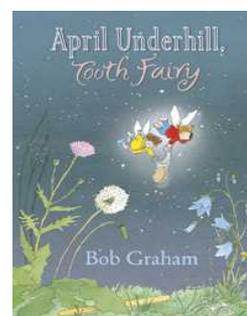
RECENT AWARD WINNERS AND NOMINEES



Shaun Tan's *The Lost Thing* won Best Short Film (Animated) in the 2011 Academy Awards (Oscars). Congratulations to Shaun and everyone involved in the film production!

Shaun Tan was also awarded this year's prestigious Astrid Lindgren Memorial Award, the biggest international children's and young adult literature award in the world. <http://www.alma.se/en/>

Bob Graham's book *April Underhill, Tooth Fairy* has been shortlisted for the 2011 CILIP Kate Greenaway Medal for 2011. http://www.carnegiegreenaway.org.uk/2011awards/greenaway_shortlist.php



Bob Graham and Christobel Mattingley have been nominated as the Australian candidates in the 2012 Hans Christian Andersen Awards. Winners will be announced at the Bologna Children's Book Fair next March. [Press release.](#)

Winners have been announced for the 2010 Aurealis Awards which recognise the achievements of Australian science fiction, fantasy and horror writers. <http://www.aurealisawards.com/winners2010.pdf>



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- Free copies of the annual *Notable Australian Children's Books* (which lists and describes the best children's books published in Australia) and issues of the journal of the Lu Rees Archives
- Discounted rates on the purchase of Book Week merchandise such as bookmarks, badges, book bags, posters and Short List information
- Special members' rates for CBCA activities such as author and illustrator visits, the biennial national CBCA conference and local CBCA events. (Attendance at CBCA events can be attributed towards professional development obligations.)
- The opportunity to meet and network with other people committed to the same objectives, including some of Australia's leading authors and illustrators
- Substantial discounts on purchases at our annual Christmas shopping night
- A regular newsletter and email updates

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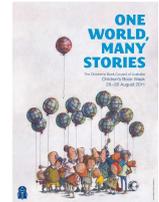
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2011 Book Week Merchandise Order Form



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Book Week Merchandise Items	QTY	Non members' price including GST	Members' discount price including GST	Amount
Book Week Poster - folded		\$7.50	\$6.50	
Short List Poster - folded		\$7.50	\$6.50	
Short List Information Book 2010		\$14.50	\$12.50	
Notable Australian Children's Books 2010		\$14.50	\$12.50	
Bookmarks colour only pk/10		\$8.50	\$7.50	
Badges – pk/3 - large 55mm		\$4.50	\$4.00	
Balloons pk/10		\$7.50	\$6.50	
Stickers (35 stickers/sheet)		\$3.50	\$3.00	
Library bag		\$8.50	\$7.50	
Book Plates pk/10		\$9.50	\$8.50	
Award stickers set (5 winner, 10 honour, 33 shortlist, 24 notable)		\$10.50	\$9.00	
BANNER - Indoor/ Outdoor. 2m x 1m		\$200.00	\$180.00	
Lapel Pin – pewter with CBCA Logo		\$10.50	\$9.00	
Key Ring - pewter with CBCA Logo		\$12.50	\$11.00	
Postage/Handling		\$3.00	\$3.00	3.00

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