



# CBCA ACT NEWS

The newsletter of the Children's Book Council of Australia: ACT Branch

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## From the President

Welcome to the final newsletter of 2012. Firstly, I would like to thank those that have offered congratulations and kind words of support as I move from the position of Author/Illustrator Visits Coordinator to President.

Thank you to Margaret Carmody for being the president over the last 12 months. Margaret's organisation of monthly events allowed for many opportunities for CBCA ACT Branch members to come together and to get to know one another and celebrate children's literature. It was a busy year that saw members attending a variety of events; picnics, author talks, dinners and book launches to name just a few. Over the year Margaret has encouraged the committee members with her kind words and smile. May Margaret's enthusiasm continue to encourage others to support our branch into the future as she takes up her new role as Immediate Past President.

Congratulations to Dr Belle Alderman AM, the CBCA ACT Branch members who created the library exhibits and all the team that worked on Boundless: The Festival of Australian Children's Literature. During the festival we had wonderful dinners with both Gabrielle Lord and Andy Griffiths. The final Boundless event was Meet Andy Griffiths at the National Library of Australia. The numbers on the day were astounding (over 300 people) and it was heartening to see so many children who love reading. We all look forward to the next festival Showcase, in late 2013.

In November the new branch committee met to plan our pathway for 2013. One of the realisations that we came to during the meeting was that the events that we hold and participate in are one of the best ways for our branch to achieve our aims and objectives. With this in mind if any members have suggestions and comments to make



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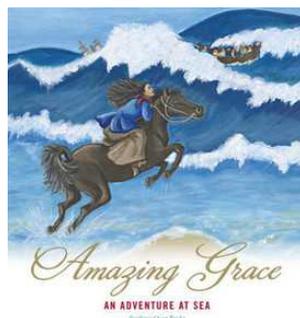
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## From the President *continued*

about our events please contact me as the committee begins to review and plan our events for 2013.

Advocacy and the promotion of meaningful children's literature has been one of our areas of focus since the AGM. The branch committee decided that one way to achieve this aim would be to staff an information stall at PlayFEST and The West Belconnen Parenting Expo. These events gave us the opportunity to speak to parents of children aged 0-15 years about the importance of quality literature and reading.

CBCA ACT Branch would like to offer our CONGRATULATIONS to Stephanie Owen Reeder on winning the Young People's History Prize in the New South Wales Premier's History Awards 2012 for her book *Amazing Grace: An Adventure at Sea* (National Library of Australia Publishing).



The other books that were also in contention for the award was *The Little Refugee* by Anh and Suzanne Do and Bruce Whatley and *Playground* by Nadia Wheatley and Ken Searle.

Finally I would like to acknowledge the formation of the new National CBCA Board as they move from their first AGM into the new structure of our national body. The new body is represented with a delegate from each state; ACT: Justine Power, NSW: Toni Brisland, NT: John Chisholm, QLD: Tina Cavanough, SA: Robyn Cations, TAS: Angela Briant, VIC: Jo Goodman and WA: Caro Kay. The board also includes a representative from the Awards Foundation: Margaret Hamilton AM, Lu Rees Archives: Dr Belle Alderman AM and Reading Time: Rev'd Dr John Cohen OJ. Our representative Justine Power will keep us informed of the new executive's progress in upcoming newsletters.

May everyone have a Merry Christmas and a safe holiday season.

Kind Regards,  
Leanne Barrett  
President  
CBCA ACT Branch  
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## Your Committee

**President:** Leanne Barrett

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**Vice President:** Dr Belle Alderman AM

**Secretary - Minutes:** Rosemary Thomas

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## The CBCA Awards Foundation

Proudly funding prizes for the  
Children's Book of the Year Awards

### Benefactors

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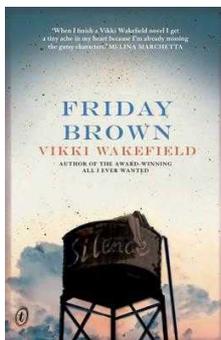
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Andy Griffiths at the National Library of Australia. Picture: Tania McCartney

## Book Review by Christian West



**Friday Brown by Vikki Wakefield**  
**The Text Publishing Company 2012**  
**ISBN: 9781921922701**  
**\$19.99**

The second novel from Adelaide author Vikki Wakefield, *Friday Brown* follows the story of a 17 year old girl who runs away from her grandfather's house after her mother dies. She makes friends with Silence, a mute boy who introduces her to his family - a group of runaways who share an abandoned

house. The rules of the house are simple, everyone contributes \$200 to the family budget and dinner is served daily at 6pm. How you get the money is your own business and no one outside the family needs to know.

This teen novel follows Friday's perspective on life as she becomes homeless in the city, joins a commune of outsiders and moves with them to a rural Australian town. The writing is emotive and you really get a sense of what Friday is feeling throughout the book. The stand out though is Silence; although he is a secondary character, his story is deeply touching and, as Friday finds out more about his background, pulls the reader into deeply emotional character development.

## Booklists and Reading: PlayFEST and the West Belconnen Parenting Expo



Justine Power sharing *I Went Walking* by Sue Machin and Julie Vivas at PlayFEST

This year we were thrilled to hold an information stall at both PlayFEST and The West Belconnen Parenting Expo. The primary aim of the stall was to promote meaningful children's literature to families.

To achieve this CBCA ACT Branch:

- provided booklists to parents
- read stories to the children, and
- displayed a variety of Australian children's literature.

These events gave us the opportunity to speak to parents of children aged 0-15 years and even some first time pregnant mothers about the importance of quality literature and reading. During the two 3-hour sessions we talked to over 160 families. For those that like statistics that is one family every 2 ½ minutes.

At PlayFEST we saw over 87 families from all over the Canberra region. The parents were extremely keen to take brochures of recommended book lists to read to their 0-6 year old children and information for parents about reading. Our stall volunteers read to children from babies in prams to pre-schoolers. Some of the books shared with the children were *I've Got a Feeling* by Stephanie Owen Reeder, *Where is the Green Sheep* by Mem Fox and Judy Horacek, *Whose Nose* by Jeanette Rowe and *I Went Walking* by Sue Machin and Julie Vivas.

While at The West Belconnen Parenting Expo we spoke to over 74 families, mostly from the Belconnen area. At this event we spoke to parents of 0-15 year old children and some parents awaiting their first bundle of joy. Again the parents,

grandparents and older children were interested in taking book lists home.

The book lists that were provided at the events came mostly from CBCA Victoria and CBCA WA website resource pages.

At both events families entered our lucky stall prize for visiting our stall on the day. I'd like to thank the following people for their generous donations of books for the prizes; Tania McCartney, Anna McCormack and Stephanie Owen Reeder.



Plus a huge thank you to the volunteers who helped me at the stalls on the day. It would not have been possible without the help of Rachael Bahl, Julie Long OAM, Justine Power, Stephanie Owen Reeder and Lynette Thomas.

Leanne Barrett  
President  
CBCA ACT Branch

## Diary Dates

January 2013:

### Summer Picnic

Venue: Weston Pk Rd, Yarralumla:  
Lake Burley Griffin. (Turn right after the  
Nursery and before Prescott Lane)

Date: Sun 20Jan13

Time: 12.00 for 12.30pm

Contact: Margaret Carmody  
act@cbca.org.au

Bring your family and your own picnic and  
catch up with other CBCA Members

May 2014:

### CBCA Conference: Discovering National Treasures

16-18 May 2014

Rex Hotel

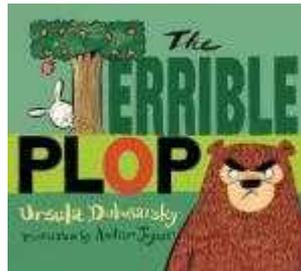
Northbourne Ave, Canberra

The conference emblem is the ACT's floral  
emblem the *Wahlenbergia gloriosa*  
or Royal Bluebell



## COOL Award Winners Announced

Congratulations to all the winners of this year's COOL Awards (Canberra's Own Outstanding List) announced on 16 November. The COOL Awards are the annual children's choice book awards made by young readers in the ACT, choosing from amongst the Australian books they have enjoyed reading during the year.



### Picture Storybooks

*The Terrible Plop*

By Ursula Dubosarsky

Illustrated by Andrew Joyner

Published by Penguin

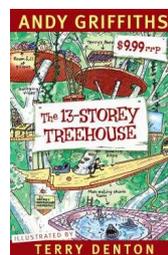
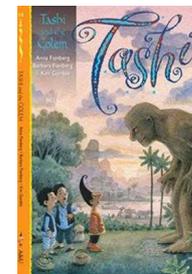
### Fiction for Younger Readers

*Tashi and the Golem*

By Anna and Barbara Fienberg

Illustrated by Kim Gamble

Published by A&U



### Fiction for Older Readers

*13-Storey Treehouse*

By Andy Griffiths

Illustrated by Terry Denton

Published by Pan McMillan

### Fiction for Years 7-9

*The Phoenix Files- Arrival*

By Chris Morphew

Published by Hardie Grant



## **CBCA ACT Branch CBCA Book of the Year Awards 2014 -2015**

Expressions of interest for the role of Judge: Interstate Panel is now open to CBCA ACT Individual Members.

The appointment of a Judge: Interstate Panel is for a term of 2 years, with duties spanning approximately 2½ years from May 2013 to August 2015. A Judge will need to be able to read 200- 300 books a year.

### **Selection of Judges is based on the following criteria:**

- Recognised standing and qualifications in the field of children's literature.
- Wide and recent knowledge of children's literature, especially Australian children's literature.
- Awareness of illustration techniques, design, editing, printing and production processes.
- Awareness of and commitment to the time required for reading, writing annotations and attendance of Branch commitments.
- Awareness of genres and literary terms referring to formats of books.

### **Responsibilities:**

The Judges will need to follow the guidelines set out in the Awards handbook.

The Judges will receive parcels of books containing approximately 20+ books per box from the National Office, sent at three weekly intervals. Within three weeks of receipt of each parcel of books, each Judge will send to the Awards Coordinator a corresponding set of reports on each book by email.

Judges will attend a four-day Judges' Conference in Canberra in 2014, and Perth in 2015. Travel fares, accommodation (includes morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea) and a subsidy towards the evening meal will be supplied by CBCA National Board.

The ACT Judge will need to be available to speak at CBCA ACT Branch events and to a variety of community groups including school students.

Detailed information of a Judge's Role and Responsibility can be found at the following link:

<http://cbca.org.au/userfiles/file/Downloads/Nat%20Site/2011/judges.pdf>

### **To Apply:**

Send an expression of interest addressing the selection criteria for the position in writing, accompanied by a CV and one written review of a 2012 CBCA Notable Book to [act@cbca.org.au](mailto:act@cbca.org.au) or PO Box 5548 HUGHES ACT 2605.

The review will be from one of the following categories Old Readers, Younger Readers, Early Childhood or Picture Book.

### **CLOSE OF APPLICATIONS: Friday 25 January 2013**

Eligible applicants will speak to their application in front of the Committee on Saturday 2 February 2013.

At this meeting applicants will address why they would like to be an Awards Judge and give a review for one 2012 Notable Book. This review will be no longer than 5 minutes, it will be a different book and category from the one sent with your expression of interest application.

The ACT Judge will be selected by committee members present at this meeting. The candidate receiving a majority of votes at this meeting will be appointed as the ACT Judge.

## Website Report

The website has gone from strength to strength this year. We've begun collecting granular statistics on usage and this is allowing us to work out popular areas of our site. These statistics have seen us promote the Book Week page to the front area of our website, but even before this it was the most popular page this year. We have had visitors from places as diverse as Koper in Slovenia, Gurgaon in India and San Francisco in the United States of America, showing that interest in our activities is not limited to just the ACT.

Christian West  
Webmaster

## Lu Rees Archives News

November 2012

by Belle Alderman, Director

### **New directions for the Archives**

The Archives is now an incorporated body and an independent legal entity, with a Board plus two sub-committees, the Management Sub-Committee and the Foundation Sub-Committee. Incorporation will enable the Archives to more easily apply for grants, negotiate with other organisations and set up a Trust Fund for future developments. The Archives has developed a Commercial Development Plan 2012-2017. Its first Board meeting will take place in February 2013.

### **Wrap up of *Boundless: Festival of Australian Children's Literature Boundless***

(<http://www.canberra.edu.au/festival-childrens-literature/home>) has been truly awesome! The Archives would like to offer our grateful thanks to the many volunteers and others involved. Over six weeks from 3 Oct -17 Nov 2012, we offered events throughout Canberra. Twelve volunteers produced mini-exhibitions of 88 original artworks, manuscripts, and other material from the Archives. These featured in six ACT public libraries - Belconnen, Civic, Dickson, Erindale, Tuggeranong and Woden.

The Archives was the project leader with our collaborative partners Libraries ACT, the ACT Writers Centre, the National Library of Australia and our ACT Branch. The six exhibitions featured Emily Rodda's *Deltora Quest*; *Fiona the Pig* by Leigh Hobbs; *A Bus Called Heaven* by Bob Graham; *Nim's*

*Island* by Wendy Orr (feature film version); *Going Home* by Margaret Wild & Wayne Harris, and Peter Gouldthorpe's *Hist!* and *First Light*. Our Festival events featured two authors, Gabrielle Lord and Andy Griffiths. Both visited the Archives.

Gabrielle Lord gave an opening address at the ACT Writers Centre, talked to the community at Civic Library and launched her latest novels for young adults, *Conspiracy 365*, at Paperchain Bookshop.

Andy Griffiths talked with 600 children gathered from four schools, spoke at the COOL Awards to a crowd of 85 children and adults, gave a writers workshop (booked out with a waiting list), read from his books and talked with over 300 children and adults at the National Library. A very special event was the opening for the exhibitions, featuring Bob Graham's award-winning *A Bus Called Heaven* which was beautifully curated with inspiring educational activities for children. Bob Graham came to Canberra for the event and signed many, many books for his fans. Bob featured on ABC Canberra TV news. Here is the film clip <http://www.abc.net.au/news/2012-10-10/story-book-archive-opened/4306222?section=act>

ACT Branch members were invited to dinners with both Gabrielle and Andy. While we don't have a tally of the numbers visiting the Lu Rees exhibitions in the public libraries, we have heard anecdotally that they

## Lu Rees Archives News *cont.*

were popular. A rough estimate of the numbers participating in *Boundless* is 1200 children and adults. We are formally evaluating *Boundless* to help us create an even more successful *Showcase Festival* for 2013.

### Another CIT exhibition of Lu Rees artwork

For the fourth year, we're working with CIT Museum Studies students. A group of four have selected Pixie O'Harris' *The Wind in the Willows* artwork for an exhibition in April 2013. We hold 107 original and preliminary artworks which were donated by Pixie's daughters. Students are required to select material, develop a concept document, create a theme and text panels, mount and design the exhibition ending with a formal opening, which will be held at the CIT Library and Learning Centre in Reid.

### Seniors Project

Our 2011 year-long project with two retirement communities, Calvary and Kangara Waters, successfully achieved our aim of increasing well being and social interaction through reminiscing about Australian children's books. We featured in the University's online news at

[http://www.canberra.edu.au/monitor/2012/sept/14\\_9\\_12\\_lu-rees](http://www.canberra.edu.au/monitor/2012/sept/14_9_12_lu-rees)

Our kit, which can be borrowed, featured the programs and resources and has created interest within Australia and overseas.

### Lu Rees Archives journal

Our latest journal, which goes to ACT Branch members, authors, illustrators, publishers, donors and others, came out in June. Our new feature was a news sheet about various projects which needed funding. We were very pleased with the responses, which included donations of books, money and commitments to a range of our projects.

### Cultural Gifts

This month, the Commonwealth Government approved the donations of Gillian Rubinstein and Pamela Lofts to the Archives. Both these donations are described in detail and available for downloading from our Special Collections page at [http://www.canberra.edu.au/lu-rees/searching/special\\_collections](http://www.canberra.edu.au/lu-rees/searching/special_collections).

We have now received 36 donations since 1992 under the Cultural Gifts Program. These donations are valued at over \$1.9 million and judged 'significant' by an external expert in 2011. Some of our specialist collections include writers such as Gillian Rubinstein, Emily Rodda, Margaret Wild and Isobelle Carmody, and artists such as Bob Graham and Andrew McLean. Many of these collections have featured in small exhibitions over the years.

### Grants received

We have been very fortunate this year to receive our fourth Community Heritage Grant. This one will enable us to digitise 86 audiotapes of Australian authors, illustrators and publishers speaking between 1975-1988. We also

received a grant to run *Showcase: The Second Annual Festival of Australian Children's Literature* for 2013. It will feature 100 years of Canberra's writers, illustrators and publishers. There is a small teaser about this festival at <http://www.canberra.edu.au/100/calendar/showcase>. We were pleased to receive some funding from the University of Canberra, which we'll use to bring two University alumni who are now successful writers for children. As *Showcase* develops, we will keep you informed.

### Update on Flood Disaster at the Archives

Our last report described the damage to artwork, papers and manuscripts on 17 April when a severe rainstorm hit Canberra, resulting in the Library roof flooding part of the Archives. Twenty-one framed artworks and approximately 5,000 individual papers (authors' manuscripts) were damaged. Fortunately, the University insures the Archives and while there was significant damage, almost all could be restored. We have worked with conservators, Art&Archival in Queanbeyan, over the past months and expect the material to be returned mid-December. The Library is providing a secure room to store our framed artworks, and we will have special racks built. We have no funds other than our Gift Fund to purchase these, but we must preserve our materials to the best of our ability and have agreed this is essential expenditure.

# School holidays @ the Library

## Summer 2012-13

*Programs and activities to entertain the kids these school holidays*

<b>Giggle &amp; Wiggle</b> Songs and Rhymes for Babies (0-2 yrs)	<b>Belconnen</b>	Thur 6 Dec	10:30am – 11am
		Thur 17 Jan	10:30am – 11am
<b>Holiday Story Time</b> Stories and craft (3-5yrs)	<b>Belconnen</b>	Every Tues in Jan	10:30am – 11:30am
	<b>Tuggeranong</b>	Every Wed in Jan	10:30am – 11:30am
<b>Pirate Pete</b> Music show (4-8 yrs)	<b>Gungahlin</b>	Tues 8 Jan	10:30am – 11:00am
	<b>Tuggeranong</b>	Tues 8 Jan	2:30pm – 3:00pm
<b>Re-Badged</b> Badge making workshop (5-10 yrs)	<b>Kingston</b>	Tues 8 Jan	10:30am – 11:30am
<b>3 Little Pigs</b> Craft and Stories (3-7 yrs)	<b>Kippax</b>	Wed 9 Jan	10:30am – 11:15am
	<b>Kingston</b>	Tues 22 Jan	10:30am – 11:15am
<b>DIY Super Solar System</b> Make a planet mobile (7+ yrs)	<b>Belconnen</b>	Thur 10 Jan	10:30am – 12:00pm
	<b>Tuggeranong</b>	Thur 17 Jan	10:30am – 12:00pm
<b>Here Be Dragons!</b> Clay modelling workshop (8-14 yrs)	<b>Erindale</b>	Thur 10 Jan	10:30am – 11:30am
	<b>Civic</b>	Wed 16 Jan	10:30am – 11:30am
	<b>Gungahlin</b>	Thur 24 Jan	2:30pm – 3:30pm
<b>Night Owls</b> Craft and stories (3-7 yrs)	<b>Gungahlin</b>	Wed 16 Jan	6:30pm – 7:15pm
	<b>Kippax</b>	Thur 17 Jan	6:30pm – 7:15pm
	<b>Woden</b>	Fri 1 Feb	6:30pm – 7:15pm
<b>Potting Up</b> Gardening workshop (5-12 yrs)	<b>Dickson</b>	Tues 22 Jan	10:30am – 11:30am
	<b>Woden</b>	Wed 23 Jan	2:30pm – 3:30pm
<b>Food for Thought</b> comedy show with Geoff the Chef (3+ yrs)	<b>Belconnen</b>	Thur 24 Jan	10:30am – 11:00am
	<b>Erindale</b>	Thur 24 Jan	2pm – 2:30pm
	<b>Dickson</b>	Thur 31 Jan	10:30am – 11:00am
<b>Become a Backyard Naturalist</b> With Peter Macinnis (8-12yrs)	<b>Kippax</b>	Tues 29 Jan	2:30pm – 3:30pm
	<b>Erindale</b>	Wed 30 Jan	10:30am – 11:30am

**Places are limited and bookings are essential for ALL activities**

For more fun and games this summer visit [www.summerreadingclub.org.au](http://www.summerreadingclub.org.au)

**Bookings essential:**

[www.library.act.gov.au](http://www.library.act.gov.au)

Phone 6205 9000





# The Children's Book Council of Australia

ACT Branch Inc.  
PO Box 5548 HUGHES 2605

## MEMBERSHIP

Are you passionate about encouraging children to read? Do you care about quality children's literature? Do you want to see Australia's best books for children and teenagers recognised and their creators rewarded? Then why not join The Children's Book Council of Australia!

Individual \$50 (inc. GST)

Institution \$100 (inc. GST)

Student \$30 (inc. GST)

You will receive the following benefits:

- Free copies of the annual *Notable Australian Children's Books* (which lists and describes the best children's books published in Australia) and the Lu Rees Archives journal and annual report (hardcopy or electronic)
- Membership to the Lu Rees Archives Association
- 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

To join or renew, please complete the form below and mail it with a cheque or money order made payable to The Children's Book Council of Australia - ACT Branch or you may join/renew in person at any CBCA event.

**CBCA ACT Branch**  
**PO Box 5548 HUGHES 2605**  
**ABN 20 024 451 638**

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