



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 first newsletter of 2013. I hope that you found time over the summer to rest and reconnect with your families.

The beginning of a new year can be very busy so I will take this opportunity to remind you that membership is due at the start of the calendar year. A membership form can be found in this newsletter. The form is also available on our website <http://act.cbca.org.au>.

The website is worth visiting often. Christian West, the webmaster, is regularly adding and updating information on our site. Christian has made accessing the most current announcements on the home page easy, all it takes is a click of the mouse.

Thank you to all the members who have taken the time to answer the events questionnaire. The questionnaire responses will guide the branch committee in providing our members with a variety of events to attend.

The CBCA ACT Branch is about to host one of our most popular events of our calendar, the Short List Showcase Night. The speakers are ready to reveal their top 5 books for their category. I am pleased to announce that Manuka Paperchain Bookstore will be offering a range of quality children's books for sale on the night. Please remember to notify me if you are planning on attending this event.

At this event we will also be holding a special general meeting. The purpose of this meeting is to allow members to review and ratify the revised constitution of the association. The constitution has been rewritten to reflect the new model rules as provided by the ACT Registrar's Office. Please see the notice and agenda for the meeting elsewhere in the newsletter.

For many years the CBCA ACT Branch has provided a service of booking Author/Illustrator Visits for schools during Book Week and Numeracy & Literacy week.

Your Committee

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From the President *continued*

Previously this service was coordinated by our Author/Illustrator Visits Coordinator. We have changed this position to provide schools with one person who will be their contact for all their CBCA enquires. Similarly there is one person for our authors and illustrators to contact. Chris Roffey will be our Schools Coordinator and I will be the Author & Illustrator Coordinator.

This year we are extending the Author/Illustrators program to offer schools the chance to host authors and illustrators at other times of the year. Our Schools Coordinator Chris Roffey will shortly send all schools a letter asking them to express their interest for Author and Illustrator Visits in 2013. If you are interested please send an email to act@cbca.org.au and an expression of interest book sheet will be sent to you.

After many years of the President organising the CBCA ACT Branch events we now have two committee

members sharing this role. Sue Short will be the coordinator of our social events and Jaclyn Green will be the coordinator of our education and professional development events. Members will have a chance to meet our three new coordinators; Chris Roffey, Sue Short and Jaclyn Green at the Short List Showcase Night, as they will each be presenting their top 5 books for their award category.

Margaret Carmody our Immediate Past President hosted our Summer Picnic at Weston Park in January. You can read more about this event elsewhere in the newsletter.

I look forward to seeing you at one of our events during the year.

Kind Regards,

Leanne Barrett
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Recent Events: Summer Picnic

The CBCA Awards Foundation

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memoriam)
Sue Williams



The Summer Picnic was an informal occasion for CBCA ACT Members and their families to enjoy a casual picnic at the start of the New Year. It was held on Sunday 20 January 2013 at 12.00 for 12.30pm at Lake Burley Griffin, Weston Park.

This was the second Summer Picnic: the first was held in 2012. Members brought all their own food and drinks and shared cakes and nibbles.

It was a warm sunny day and the location by Lake Burley Griffin was very pleasant. The preschool children who attended enjoyed playing on the grass, under the shady trees.

It was a wonderful opportunity for Members and their guests to meet each other and to chat about children's literature and upcoming CBCA ACT events.

This was a no cost, very friendly, relaxed occasion that Members enjoyed.

This event will continue as it is an opportunity for Members to get to know each other with their families.

By Margaret Carmody

Diary Dates

February 2013:

Shortlist Showcase Night

Date: Wednesday 27 February 2013

Time: 6pm

Location: Scouts Arts Centre,
Kett Street Kambah

Map Wesbite: <http://goo.gl/maps/Rwsfg>

RSVP: Monday 25 February 2013
act@cbca.org.au

March 2013

ACT Playgroups – Able to Play

Date: Wednesday 20 March 2013

Time: 10am - 12 noon

Location: Cook Community Hub, 41
Templeton Street, Cook

Contact: Leanne Barrett if you can volunteer
to help with this event act@cbca.org.au

April 2013

Short List Dinner

Date: Tuesday 9 April 2013

Location: Mercure Canberra

Time: TBA

June 2013

Judges Talk

Date: Thursday 20 June 2013

Time & Location: TBA

August 2013

Author/Illustrators Dinner

Date: Wednesday 21 August 2013

Time & Location: TBA

September 2013

AGM and Annual Dinner

Date: Wednesday 25 September

Time & Location: ACT Rugby Club

Michele Huet: CBCA Children's Book of the Year Awards ACT Judge 2014-2015

I began my teaching career as a classroom teacher. After gaining a Graduate Diploma in Teacher Librarianship from the Riverina College of Advanced Education (now Charles Sturt University) I spent sixteen years as a teacher librarian in Catholic Primary Schools in Canberra.

My last position before retiring was as an Education Officer (Learning Technologies) with the Catholic Education Office of Canberra and Goulburn.

I was the ACT judge for the Book of the Year Awards in 1990-1991 and an Eve Pownall judge for the 2000 awards. These experiences certainly sharpened my critical skills and gave me an insight into the world of publishing for children.

I am still employed as a casual teacher which helps me to keep up with developments in teaching and school libraries.

My husband and I are semi-retired and enjoy travelling, walking (we have just completed the Camino de Santiago de Compostela in Spain), 4WD holidays exploring the outback, going to the Melbourne Cup and taking advantage of all the cultural opportunities available to us in Canberra.



I am a long time member of a local book club and take delight in sharing my knowledge of children's literature with my friends.

I am very excited at the prospect of being on the judging panel for the 2014-2015 Book of the Year Awards. I look forward to the opportunity to read and discuss the best of Australian children's literature with my fellow judges.

Diary Dates *continued*

October 2013

Showcase: Second Annual Festival of Australian Children's Literature

Date: 1 October – 15 November

Further Details:

<http://www.canberra.edu.au/100/calendar/showcase>

November 2013

Showcase: Second Annual Festival of Australian Children's Literature

Date: 1 October – 15 November

Further Details:

<http://www.canberra.edu.au/100/calendar/showcase>

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



Recent Events: Get Real Canberra

In late January Professor Belle Alderman AM and I attended the launch of Get Real Canberra a local children's picture book competition. Since 1999 the CBCA ACT Branch has been a sponsor thirteen times.

Previously this award was only open to University of Canberra creative writing and graphic design students and UC Lake Ginninderra students but in 2013 the competition will be open to the public. Entries will be accepted in September 2013.

The highlight of this launch was listening to Dr Stephanie Owen Reeder read her delightful and funny short story *The Parliamentary Cat*. Max the cat, lives in a big white house, which looks like a wedding cake. Max encounters many interesting men. Currently Stephanie's short story can be found in the book *House at work: ordinary people in an extraordinary building* (Parliamentary Education Office 2001)

For more information about Get Real Canberra see <http://www.canberra.edu.au/100/calendar/get-real-canberra> .

Leanne Barrett
CBCA ACT Branch – President



Stephanie Owen Reeder and Jane Cassidy



The Children's Book Council of Australia ACT Branch Inc.

Short List Showcase Night

Wednesday the 27th of February 2013
at 6pm
Scouts Arts Centre,
Kett Street, Kambah

Discover our selection of the best Australian children's books for 2012

Members No Cost

Non-Members \$10.00

Light supper included

RSVP: Monday 25 February 2013

Leanne Barrett act@cbca.org.au or 02 62350082

Manuka Paperchain Bookstore
will be offering a range of quality of children's books for sale.

A certificate of attendance will be given to those who will use this event as a
Professional Development activity.

Google Map: <http://goo.gl/maps/Rwsfg>

Working with Vulnerable People

At the end of 2012 the ACT Government introduced a new act (WWVP Act). People who have contact with vulnerable people (children and vulnerable adults) while engaging in certain regulated activities and services are required to be registered with the Office of Regulatory Services (ORS).

This means that any of the CBCA ACT Branch volunteers or presenters will need to be WWVP registered when we have activities where children and vulnerable adults are present. The CBCA Branch Committee and our local authors and illustrators have already been asked to register to WWVP.

We are now asking our members to register for WWVP if you plan to volunteer or be a presenter at any of our activities that include children or vulnerable adults (example: PlayFEST, Parenting Expo, CBCA Awards Announcement and Children's Seminar). There is no cost to register as a volunteer. Once you have registered could you please email act@cbca.org.au with your registration number and expiry date.

Registration Link:

http://www.ors.act.gov.au/community/working_with_vulnerable_people

Leanne Barrett
CBCA ACT Branch – President

Lu Rees Archives News

February 2013

by Belle Alderman, Director

We're new!

The Lu Rees Archives became an incorporated body in the ACT in mid-November 2012. This will enable us to apply for grants more easily, raise funds and undertake projects which will enable the Archives to continue growing. Our first formal Board meeting occurred on 13 February, and all went well – plenty of energy and excitement. We have two sub-committees to support the Board: the Foundation for fund raising and profile building, and the existing Management Committee which oversees and manages our activities.

Showcase: The Second Annual Festival of Australian Children's Literature

Write these dates in your diary - 1 Oct - 15 November: there will be plenty of celebrations of 100 years of Canberra's writers, illustrators and publishers. Our opening event is a panel with Garth Nix and Morris Gleitzman and two young readers/fans on 1 Oct in the evening. Hope to see you there - where? The Ann Harding Conference Centre, University of Canberra.

Also in the planning: Jackie French and Nina Rycroft talking about how they created their latest picture book together - *Dinosaurs love cheese*, which will be published 1 April. We will have the artwork exhibited and these two in conversation to tell us all about it.

Exciting new arrivals in the Archives

Sometime this year we will be receiving some original artwork by Stephen Michael King. Who doesn't love this artist's work? He's still deciding what he will send, and we'll keep you posted.

Pixie O'Harris' daughter, Halcyon Evans, visited recently and gave us her childhood collection of a favourite author - Ethel Turner. We already have a very large collection, and were so excited to add 31 more titles!

Colin Thiele's family has donated 90 of his books in overseas translations. We are still checking these, but think we will be able at last to finish our Thiele wish list on our website which was begun 12 years ago.

Framed artworks

We have a collection of 50 artists' framed works, including ones by Graeme Base, Ron Brooks, Bob Graham, Kerry Argent, Patricia Mullins, Kim Gamble and other much-loved creators. To properly protect these, we are building special storage holders for these and future framed artworks. These will cost us just over \$4,000. If you are able to help us towards these costs, we'd be very grateful. All donations over \$2 to the Archives are tax-deductible, and receipts and acknowledgements are provided. Email Belle on Belle.Alderman@canberra.edu.au for further information.

Children's Book Council of Australia ACT Branch



Special General Meeting

27th February 2013 6pm

Kambah Scout Hall

The purpose of this meeting is to allow members to review and ratify the revised constitution of the association. The constitution has been rewritten to reflect the new model rules as provided by the ACT Registrar's Office. As the current committee is not affected by the changes it is purposed that the voting for new committee take place at the next AGM and the current committee remains as it is.

Agenda

1. Welcome and Attendance
2. Constitution Review
 - a. Motion.

The association accepts the revised constitution as presented at this meeting and seeks that the public officer submits to the ACT Registrar General's office.
 - b. Motion.

The association acknowledges that the current committee will remain as voted on at last the AGM held in October 2012 until the next AGM held.
3. Financial Report
 - a. Motion.

The treasurer is to prepare an interim financial report for the period July 2012 to December 2012, to align the financial report period with the revised constitution.
4. Close and date of AGM

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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 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

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