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

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From the President



The CBCA Awards Short List was announced in Canberra on Tuesday 9 April. Inside this edition of the newsletter you will find an article from the ACT Fiction Judge, Anna McCormack and an article about the Short List Announcement and dinner. For a complete list of the Notable and Short List book follow this link

<http://cbca.org.au/awards.htm> or the Short List in this newsletter.

One of our members was successful at the Short List Announcement. We would like to congratulate local author Emma Allen on her first book, *The Terrible Suitcase* being shortlisted in the CBCA Book of the Year: Early Childhood category. We wish Emma all the best with her nomination.

With Book Week quickly approaching our Award Coordinators, Rosemary Thomas and Julie Long with the support of our National Board Member, Justine Power and the branch committee

Welcome to our winter issue of the ACT Branch newsletter.

Canberra will be hosting the CBCA Book of the Year Awards for the next two years along with the 11th National Conference in May 2014. While it is an honour to host these events it also creates a lot of extra work for the branch and we appreciate the extra support our members have provided us so far.

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From the President *continued*

are now preparing for the CBCA Book of the Year Award Announcement that will be held at the National Library on Friday 16 August 2013. On the night of the announcement we will be holding a celebration dinner.

More information on both events will be added to the website and eNews as the details are finalised.

The other events around Book Week will be the Author/Illustrator School Visits, the Children's Seminar and the dinner that follows the seminar. More information about the school visits and the seminar are included in this newsletter.

Last month in the eNews I was pleased to announce that Paperchain Bookstore Manuka will

be our Gold Kindred Organisation. This means that Paperchain will be our major book seller and will now offer our members a 10% discount on purchases made on presentation of your membership card. Your membership card will need to have the year punched out to receive this discount. If you redeem your CBCA ACT Branch members' discount you will not, however, be able to add your purchase to Paperchain's loyalty program.

Kind Regards,

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For all the times you ordered and delivered the Book Week merchandise to us. We could not have delivered this service without your assistance.

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CBCA Book of the Year Short List Announcement and Celebration Dinner



Tania McCartney, Boori Monty Pryor and Tracey Hawkins. Photo supplied by Tania McCartney.

The CBCA Awards Short List was announced in Canberra on Tuesday 9 April at the Civic Branch of Libraries ACT. There were over 50 people in attendance including the Award Judges, local and interstate authors, librarians from Canberra and the wider region, booksellers, teacher librarians, and parents with their children.

Our guest speaker, Vanessa Little, Director of Libraries ACT spoke about the importance of reading and being read to with good quality Australian literature and the part that CBCA plays in this.

At 12 noon Vanessa Little and Belle Alderman AM opened the envelopes and announced the Short List for the Book of the Year categories; Early Childhood, Younger Reader, Older Reader, Picture Book of the Year, and the Eve Pownall Award.

Assisting our guest speakers were our child presenters, aged from toddlers to older teenagers, who earlier in the

proceedings showed the audience which books they thought should be on the Short List.

It was wonderful to see our local author and illustrators represented by Tracey Hawkins, Tania McCartney, David Murphy and Phil Kavanagh. Also in attendance were two visiting authors; May Gibbs Fellow, Bruce Mutard and one of the Australian Children's Laureates, Boori Monty Pryor.

In the evening we continued to celebrate the Short List Announcement with a dinner at the Courtyard Restaurant at Mercure Canberra with 15 people in attendance. The special guests of the night were Bruce Mutard and Boori Monty Pryor and our ACT Fiction Judge Anna McCormack.

Congratulation to all 12 judges, the award coordinators and the ACT Branch volunteers who made the two judges conferences, the announcement ceremony and the dinner a success.

Inside this newsletter you will also find an article by the ACT Fiction Judge, Anna McCormack.

Diary Dates

June 2013

Judges Talk

Join us to listen to ACT Fiction Judge, Anna McCormack and Eve Pownall Judge Lynne Babbage talk about this year's short list.

Date: Thursday 20 June 2013

Time: 6pm

Location: St John the Apostle Primary School Library, Pawsey Cct, Florey

Cost: \$15 members \$25 non-members

(Places will only be reserved

on receipt of payment)

RSVP: Jaclyn Green Jaclyn@apex.net.au

by Friday 14 June

August 2013

CBCA Children's Book of the Year Awards

Announcements

Date: Friday 16 August 2013

Time: 11.30am – 12.30pm

Location: National Library of Australia

CBCA ACT Branch Children's Book of the

Year Awards Announcements

Celebration Dinner

Date: Friday 16 August 2013

Time: 6pm

Location: The Lotus Room, The Canberra

Southern Cross Yacht Club

Cost & tickets: TBA

Children's Seminar

Date: Wednesday 21 August 2013

Time: 4.30 to 6pm

Location: Brindabella Christian College,

136 Brigalow Street, Lyneham

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

Book Week Author and Illustrator Visits

The CBCA ACT Branch is please to coordinate author and illustrator visits to ACT schools during Children's Book Week in 2013. A number of talented and exciting authors and illustrators are available for school visits during the period 19 – 23 August and 26-30 August.

Tamsin Ainslie, from Murwillumbah, is the illustrator of over 15 books including *Ruby Learns to Swim* and the Princes Betony series. Her book *Can We Lick the Spoon Now?* was listed in 2012 as a Notable book in Early Childhood category of the CBCA Book of the Year Awards.

Katrina Nannestad is a talented author from Victoria. Her book *Red Dirt Diary 2: Blue about Love* is one of this year's CBCA Notable Books in the category of Younger Readers. Her next book will be released in June 2013, *The Girl Who Bought Mischief*.

Our newest Canberra based author, Emma Allen, released her first book *The Terrible Suitcase* in 2012. Her

first book was illustrated by the talented Freya Blackwood and it has already received fantastic success, being shortlisted in this year's CBCA Book of the Year in the Early Childhood category.

We will be once again draw on our talented local authors and illustrators including Pauline Deeves, Tracey Hawkins, Anthony Hill, Tania McCartney, David Murphy and Katie J Taylor and storyteller Mollie B for sessions during this time. Many of our local talent have just released or will be releasing new books this year.

School Booking Sheets and Author and Illustrator Biographies were circulated in the fourth week of Term 2. They can also be found on the CBCA ACT Branch Website.

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<http://www.paperchainbookstore.com.au>

Virtues, Vices and Victories

Diary Dates *continued*

October-November

Showcase: Second Annual Festival of Australian Children's Literature

Date: 1 October – 15 November

Further Details:

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

Trip to Pinerolo in Blackheath NSW

Date: Postponed until late spring 2013

Expressions of interest to act@cbca.org.au

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



For the third year in a row the Lu Rees Archives and CIT collaborated to create a wonderful new exhibition Virtues, Vices and Victories: illustrations by Pixie O'Harris. Six students from the CIT Museum Studies were charged with curating an exhibition in which they had to select an artist's work, an exhibit theme and design the display. The students successfully developed an exhibit on Friendship,

using 23 original works by Pixie O'Harris from the book *The Wind in the*. The students also organised a fantastic opening ceremony which a number of CBCA ACT Branch committee members, Lu Rees Archive board members and volunteers attended. We look forward to seeing what the CIT Museum Studies students' exhibit in 2014.



The Honorable Deputy Chief Justice John Faulks (Lu Rees Archives Board Chairman) and Justine Power



Leanne Barrett, Margaret Carmody, Belle Alderman AM, Justine Power



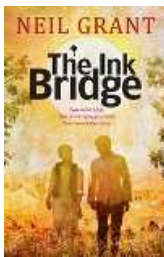
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2013 SHORT LIST

Book of the Year: Older Readers

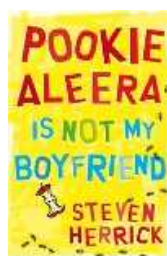
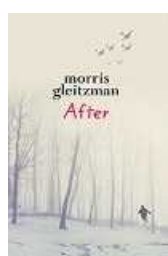
These books are for mature readers

Author	Title	Publisher	ISBN
Grant, Neil	<i>The Ink Bridge</i>	Allen & Unwin	9781742376691
Lanagan, Margo	<i>Sea Hearts</i>	Allen & Unwin	9781742375052
MacLeod, Doug	<i>The Shiny Guys</i>	Penguin Group	9780143565307
Touchell, Dianne	<i>Creepy & Maud</i>	Fremantle Press	9781921888953
Wakefield, Vikki	<i>Friday Brown</i>	Text Publishing	9781921922701
Zail, Suzy	<i>The Wrong Boy</i>	Black Dog Books, Walker Books Australia	9781742031651



Book of the Year: Younger Readers

Author	Title	Publisher	ISBN
French, Jackie	<i>Pennies for Hitler</i>	Angus & Robertson, HarperCollins	9780732292096
French, Simon	<i>Other Brother</i>	Walker Books Australia	9781921720833
Gleitzman, Morris	<i>After</i>	Viking Books, Penguin Group (Australia)	9780670075447
Hartnett, Sonya	<i>Children of the King</i>	Viking Books, Penguin Group (Australia)	9780670076130
Herrick, Steven	<i>Pookie Aleera is Not my Boyfriend</i>	University of Queensland Press	9780702249280
Millard, Glenda Ill. Stephen Michael King	<i>The Tender Moments of Saffron Silk</i>	HarperCollins	9780733329838



Book of the Year: Early Childhood

Author	Title	Publisher	ISBN
Allen, Emma Ill. Freya Blackwood	<i>The Terrible Suitcase</i>	Omnibus Books Scholastic Australia	9781862919402
Cox, Tania Ill. Karen Blair	<i>With Nan</i>	Windy Hollow Books	9781921136122
DeGennaro, Sue	<i>The Pros & Cons of Being a Frog</i>	Scholastic Press, Scholastic Australia	9781742830636
Dubosarsky, Ursula Ill. Andrew Joyner	<i>Too Many Elephants in This House</i>	Viking Books, Penguin Group (Australia)	9780670075461
Harris, Christine Ill. Ann James	<i>It's a Miroocool!</i>	Little Hare Books, Hardie Grant Egmont	9781921541018
Walker, Anna	<i>Peggy</i>	Scholastic Press, Scholastic Australia	9781742832708



Book of the Year: Picture Book

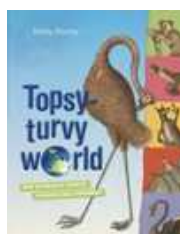
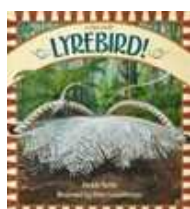
Some of these books may be for mature readers (Arranged by illustrator)

Author	Title	Publisher	ISBN
Brooks, Ron Text. Julie Hunt	<i>The Coat</i>	Allen & Unwin	9781741146059
Goodman, Vivienne Text. Margaret Wild	<i>Tanglewood</i>	Omnibus Books Scholastic Australia	9781862915701
Gordon, Gus	<i>Herman and Rosie</i>	Viking Books, Penguin Group (Australia)	9780670076031
Lester, Alison	<i>Sophie Scott Goes South</i>	Viking Books, Penguin Group (Australia)	9780670880683
Mullins, Patricia Text. Glenda Millard	<i>Lightning Jack</i>	Scholastic Press, Scholastic Australia	9781741693911
Wilson, Mark Text. Jackie French	<i>A Day to Remember</i>	Angus & Robertson, Harper Collins	9780732293604



Book of the Year: Eve Pownall Award for Information Books
 These books are intended an audience birth to 18 years.

Author	Title	Publisher	ISBN
Cheng, Christopher & Jackson, Mark	<i>Python</i>	Walker Books, Australia	9781921529603
Kerin, Jackie Ill. Gouldthorpe, Peter	<i>Lyrebird! A True Story</i>	Museum Victoria	9781921833045
Murray, Kirsty	<i>Topsy-turvy World: How Australian Animals Puzzled Early Explorers</i>	National Library of Australia	9780642277497
Queensland Art Gallery	<i>Portrait of Spain for Kids</i>	Queensland Art Gallery / Gallery of Modern Art	9781921503467
Weidenbach, Kristin Ill. Ide, Timothy	<i>Tom the Outback Mailman</i>	Lothian Children's Books, Hachette Australia	9780734412249



ACT Playgroups Event

On Wednesday we held a stall at the ACT Playgroups – Able to Play event. We had 74 families visit our stall in two hours. At the stall we shared information about books suitable for children under 6 year olds, references for parents, and where to find great books in Canberra. There was a display of books for playgroup aged children highlighting Canberra authors and illustrators. Children also enjoyed our colouring in activity centre. I'd like to thank the volunteers who helped me with the stall; Belle Alderman AM, Julie Long OAM, Lynette Thomas and Rosemary Thomas.

Leanne Barrett



Congratulations to Kristy from Queanbeyan who won the lucky door prize worth over \$100

Short List Showcase Night

Forty people braved the rainy conditions to attend the Short List Showcase Night, making our full house event a huge success.

Our speakers Sue Short, Elizabeth Whitecross, Jaclyn Green, Christian West, Chris Roffey and Margaret Bromley excited us with their choices and the stories that they shared about how they made their choices in their arduous job of selecting their top five or six books.

We welcomed Maxeme Tall from Manuka Paperchain Bookstore beginning a new relationship with CBCA ACT Branch by selling the books that our speakers recommended.

At this meeting we also held a Special General Meeting that passed the following motions:

1. 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.

2. The association acknowledges that the current committee will remain as voted on at the last AGM held in October 2012 until the next AGM held.
3. 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.



CBCA Awards Fiction Judges Conference, 4–8 April 2013 by Anna McCormack, ACT Judge



Back from L: Julie Long, Angela Bevan, Beverley Jacobson, Mia Maccrossan, Anna McCormack, Angela Briant
Front from L: Kaye Harcourt, Jill Bruce, Lyndon Riggall, Michele Prawer, Rosemary Thomas

This year the fiction judges' conference was held at the Rex Hotel, Canberra. Volunteer drivers collected interstate judges from the airport on the Thursday afternoon, and in the evening we all met at dinner. The coordinators had prepared an attractive box of goodies as a surprise gift for each, and a Canberra 100th Anniversary 'showbag'. So it was a friendly, feeling-welcome group that met at 8:15 am on the Friday to begin the hard work.

National President Angela Briant chaired and facilitated the conference and ably interpreted the CBCA manual at stressful moments. Rosemary Thomas and Julie Long – who had coordinated, emailed, collated, encouraged and otherwise managed the judging process through the year – had the hard work of juggling the 15 or so large boxes of books and of keeping track of each one, to produce on demand. That they managed this efficiently and with good humour is a great credit to them. Julie's place was taken for part of the conference by Justine Power (CBCA Board member for the ACT) or Leanne Barrett (ACT Branch President).

A different category of books was considered each day. It was stimulating to hear the input from other judges face-to-face, to hear fresh points of view, to be able to ask questions, discuss and argue. There was no room for holding rigidly to one's own first opinions, as the eight judges had diverse experiences of children's literature – teaching, library, writing, art, publishing, studying, selling, parenting – so collectively represented all stakeholders in the CBCA. As in 2012, I was impressed by the way everyone got fair opportunity to present their thoughts on a book, and by the way each book received fair attention.

Finally, a Short List of six was voted from the Notables, and then a Winner and two Honour books from the Short List. Exciting moments, to find which books had achieved best consensus as Top!

The day's work ended with judges singly or in pairs reviewing and editing the annotations for the Notable and Short Listed books.

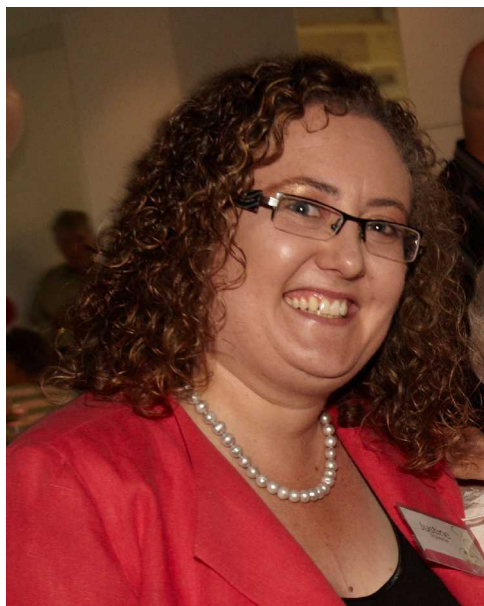
When done for the day, the judges were allowed to stagger off for a rest or to reread a book, before meeting again for dinner, while Justine, Rosemary, Julie and/or Leanne got on with doing the computer work necessary to get results and annotations ready for publicising and publishing. (None of us would have lasted the distance without the refreshments, lunch and assorted nibbles thoughtfully provided by the coordinators.)

On the Monday evening (judges' job done!), two of the four Eve Pownall judges (all from the ACT) came to show and talk about the EP Short List and Notables. Also on the Monday evening, Justine, assisted by Rosemary finalised the computer work, ready for the announcements next day.

On Tuesday 9 April, Notable lists were published on the CBCA website at 9 am. At 11:15 am we met in the Civic Library, where a small crowd was gathered to hear the Short List announcements at noon. That ceremony, hosted by Rosemary and Leanne, included the participation of several children from early childhood to mid teens, so provided a very appropriate, customer-focused end to the conference.

I'm glad and honoured to have had the opportunity to be the ACT judge for the CBCA Awards for two years. The experience has given me insight into the breadth of children's book publishing in Australia and drawn my attention to some very good books and creators I might have missed. It has also introduced me to an interesting crowd of same-but-different people from different parts of the country and, most importantly, enabled me to contribute in a practical way to the CBCA and to the advocacy, understanding and appreciation of children's literature in Australia.

National Matters



Systems are all a go with the National Board. We have had one face to face meeting since the AGM last year and several teleconferences. From the AGM several portfolios were established to review and work on the various aspects of CBCA nationally all these sub-committees have been working extremely hard, and have realised the enormous past work of National Executives. The Portfolios are: Governance; Constitution and Procedures; Marketing and Merchandise; Membership; National Conference; Reading Time, Book Reviews and Junior Judges; Book of the Year Awards; Lu Rees Archives and Awards Foundation.

An Executive Officer, Marilyn Penhall has been appointed to oversee the CBCA operations at English House in SA. Marilyn works on Tuesdays.

We are working on a new Strategic plan and reviews are in place for *Reading Time*, The Awards and processes for

conferences and other events. There are plans to redevelop the website and establish clear guidelines for all parts of CBCA including the relationship with Branches to ensure consistency across all states and to provide more support. We also have realised the need to establish a further portfolio for partnerships and advocacy, as many organisations rightly see us as the premier authority on Australian Children's Literature. As with any new system, there have been some teething problems – mainly enough time to do all the things we want to do.

If any member of the ACT Branch would like to discuss National Matters further please don't hesitate to contact me via act@cbca.org.au as I would be happy to pass your comments on to the relevant portfolio.

Justine Power
National Board



MEET AUSTRALIAN AUTHORS AND ILLUSTRATORS
IN BOOK WEEK 2013

The Children's Book Council of Australia, ACT Branch, aims to bring children and quality children's books together. We invite children to attend an afternoon where Australian authors and illustrators will speak and answer questions. The children are encouraged to bring with them any copies of books by the speakers, to have signed or to use as reference for discussion. Afternoon tea will be provided and the children who attend will be presented with a certificate.

Students from Year 4 to Year 10 are welcome to attend.

The event will be held from **4.30pm until 6.00pm on Wednesday 21 August** in the Library at Brindabella Christian College, 136 Brigalow Street Lyneham.

Guest speakers will be Tania McCartney (author), Pauline Deeves (author), David Murphy (author/illustrator), Tracey Hawkins (author), Katie Taylor (author), Stephanie Owen Reader (author/illustrator), Mollie B (storyteller), Tamsin Ainslie (illustrator), Emma Allen (author) and Katrina Nannestad (author).

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- 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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