



# CBCA Tasmania Newsletter

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**Welcome to our second newsletter for 2018.**

## *From the President*

To date this year has been very busy for our members with a Judges' Talk at Fullers Bookshop in Hobart and a combined Short List discussion and sharing session at Ulverstone Primary. Once again the Southern Readers' Cup held on June 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> 2018 under the capable leadership of Meg Denman and Sheree Harcourt was a highly successful event. Many thanks to all those members and volunteers who helped to make the Southern Readers' Cup a successful competition for the participating students and staff from primary and secondary schools (see Meg Denman's report for further details).



Your CBCA Branch presidents at the recent CBCA AGM in Canberra.

**Back row:** Gail Erskine (NSW), Jan Nicholls (WA), Jane Moore (SA), Julie LONG (ACT)

**Front row:** Pat Moore (NT), Trish Buckley (QLD), Christine Oughtred (VIC), Leanne Rands (TAS)

## National CBCA AGM 2018

On 22<sup>nd</sup> May Cam Jones, our National Board Representative, and I attended the National AGM in Canberra. After the AGM the Branch Presidents and their representatives met. It was a wonderful opportunity to share our individual branch achievements and challenges and learn from each other.

### Judges Talks - Fuller's Bookshop, Hobart

On Monday 7<sup>th</sup> May our judges Helen Rothwell (Eve Pownall Award) and Karen MacPherson (Picture Book) delivered their talks at Fuller's Bookshop in their Afterword Café in Hobart. Forty-five people attended this event including CBCA members and many others interested in children's books.

The judges discussed the rubrics used for assessing the quality of the books and the importance of collaboration between authors, illustrators and publishers. They talked about the increasing number of 'hybrid' stories with QR codes for readers to access online facts and an increased number of self-published books.

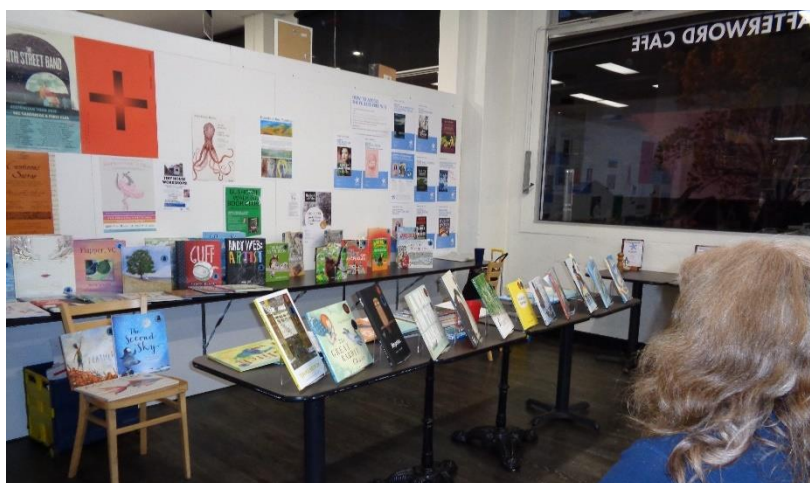
Thanks to Helen Rothwell and Karen Macpherson for presenting the Short List books in their categories, sharing the qualities of each book and the judging process. [They also encouraged branch members to submit applications for future judging positions.](#)

Nicole Gill, author of *Animal Eco-warriors* was in the audience. When describing her book Helen said that the book was very popular and a lot of her students at school had their own copy.

The CBCA magazine Reading Time has a review on the book <http://readingtime.com.au/animal-eco-warriors/>.

At the end the judges gave the audience an opportunity to ask questions.

Special thanks to Karen McPherson, who works at Fullers Bookshop, for organizing the event and to all those CBCA members who provided a sumptuous afternoon tea.





## **Short List /Notables Sharing Session - 17<sup>th</sup> May 2018 North West Library Network**

A very lively group of North West Library Network members and CBCA Tasmanian members met in the Ulverstone Primary Library to discuss the 2018 Short Listed Books in each category and some favourite Notable Books. The session was capably hosted by the Library Technician, Tania Cooper, in the recently refurbished library facility.

We all enjoyed sharing our insights and reflections about the various qualities of the books selected by the judges as part of the 2018 Short List. Library staff also shared their experiences of using the books with primary and secondary students in schools.

The discussion was very informative as we collaboratively enhanced our knowledge and appreciation of the books. We also shared ideas to encourage students to explore for themselves and find the treasure hidden within each book. A delightful afternoon tea complemented the discussion.

Many thanks to all those enthusiastic people who contributed their wisdom, knowledge and professional experience and made the session so enjoyable and memorable.



Leanne Rands (President), Felicity Sly (Treasurer), Pam Broomhall, Richard Pickup, Alison Willoughby, Tania Cooper, Nella Pickup, Annette Riley, Tanya Boon, Lisa Willett, Bev Clarke , Karen Groenewold  
Not in the photo: Senator Steve Martin, Pennii Purton (Secretary)

## Social Media – The Blog

Many thanks to Chris Donnelly for taking on the responsibility of maintaining the quality and diversity of the weekly blog while Jennie Bales has been on holiday. The blog posts have continued to be interesting, informative and engaging. Well done Chris!

## Committee Members for 2018

Due to Steve Martin' recent appointment to the Senate he has had to resign from the Management Committee but will maintain his interest in the Tasmanian Branch. Patsy Jones has kindly accepted to take his position on committee, many thanks, Patsy.

## Book Week Celebrations

To celebrate Book Week there will be a function in Hobart and another in Devonport

- On Friday 17<sup>th</sup> August, the day of the Book of the Year announcements there will be a wine and cheese evening at Fullers Bookshop in Hobart featuring a local author **Lian Tanner** as a guest speaker. **Members register [here](#). General admission register [here](#). Or visit the [CBCA Tas. webpage](#)**
- On Monday 20<sup>th</sup> August there will be a dinner at Exposures Restaurant Don College, Devonport. Our guest speaker will be Christina Booth a local author/illustrator. **Members register [here](#). General admission register [here](#). Or visit the [CBCA Tas. webpage](#).**
- Both functions are open to CBCA members and anyone interested in children's literature.

Leanne Rands

President CBCA Tasmania

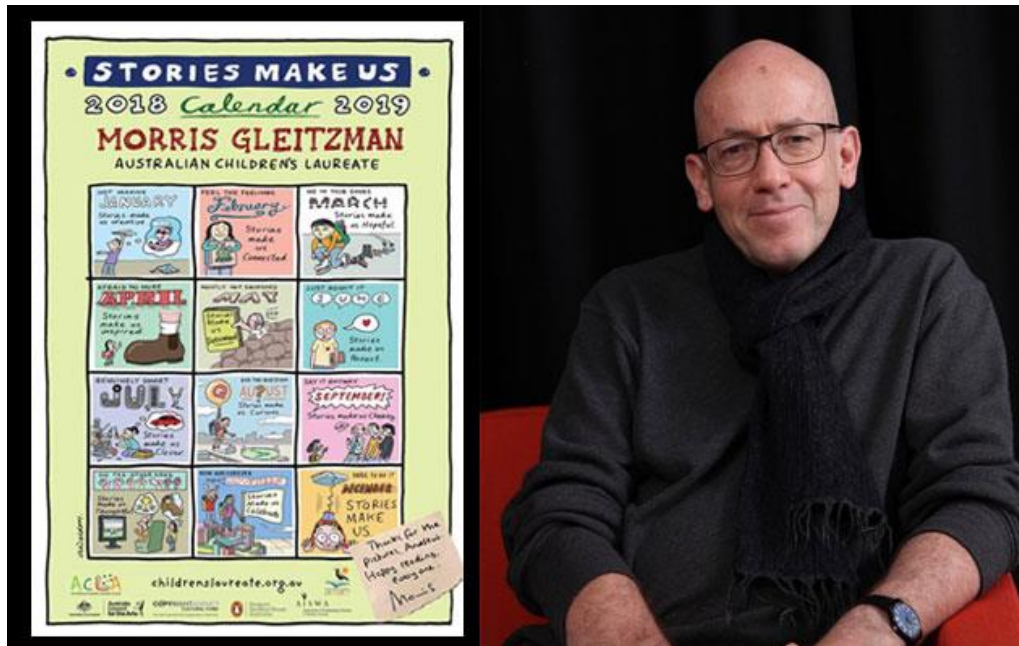
## *CBCA Awards Update*

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR 2018 AWARDS**

Book of the Year Awards Announcement 17th August at 12noon  
CBCA Book Week 17th-24th August



## Children's book community news



If you haven't received a poster of the Laureate's year, you can download one from [here](#). The monthly newsletters and blog posts are very entertaining and full of great ideas for reading – here is a link to [‘Just Admit it June’](#) - here you can subscribe to past issues if you have missed them and then read [Genuinely Smart July](#)...

### Astrid Lindgren Memorial Award

[This year's award was won by American author Jacqueline Woodson:](#)

Jacqueline Woodson is an American author, born in 1963 and residing in Brooklyn, New York. She is the author of more than thirty books, including novels, poetry and picture books. She writes primarily for young teens, but also for children and adults. One of her most lauded books is the award winning autobiographical ***Brown Girl Dreaming*** (2014).





## Inky Awards



The Shortlist of 10 nominations for the Gold Inky for an Australian title and 10 nominations for an International title have been released, see the website for a [printable poster](#) showing all 20 titles and other helpful resources such as Library and classroom toolkits.

*In the Dark Spaces*, *Take Three Girls* and *Ballad for a Mad Girl* are also from the CBCA 2018 Older Readers list

### Gold Inky Contenders

- *Begin, End, Begin: A #LoveOzYA Anthology* edited by Danielle Binks
- *In the Dark Spaces* by Cally Black
- *Take Three Girls* by Cath Crowley, Simmone Howell & Fiona Wood
- *Beautiful Mess* by Claire Christian
- *Ida* by Alison Evans
- *Wreck* by Fleur Ferris
- *A Shadow's Breath* by Nicole Hayes
- *Remind Me How This Ends* by Gabrielle Tozer
- *Paper Cranes Don't Fly* by Peter Vu
- *Ballad for a Mad Girl* by Vikki Wakefield



# Paul Collins at the Tamar Valley Writers Festival



## 2018 TAMAR VALLEY WRITERS FESTIVAL

... where the magic of the written and spoken word comes alive. Recognised as one of Tasmania's premier arts festivals, the biennial three-day event celebrates, explores and critiques writing of all genres. Be intrigued and inspired, captivated and challenged alongside some of the nation's best writers, thinkers and speakers as we take the mystery out of writing.

This September is our third event and the Festival boasts a larger, fuller and more dynamic programme.

The Tamar Valley Writers Festival remains one of the largest Australian writers' festivals outside any Australian capital city.

Set within the magnificent Tamar Valley Wine route at the charming, Swiss-inspired village of [Grindelwald](#) (just 20 minutes' drive from Launceston) you'll find yourself immersed in a celebration of literature.

Remember what they say about the early bird . . . Get clicking and book yourself in. We look forward to seeing you September 14-16!

**Meet  
PAUL  
COLLINS**

Paul Collins, author of over 150 books, will be at the  
**Tamar Valley Writers'  
Festival Sept 14 — 16.**

Come and learn how to create fantasy worlds and  
plots, and how improve your fiction.

**BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL.**

Contact: [info@tamarvalleywritersfestival.com.au](mailto:info@tamarvalleywritersfestival.com.au)  
for more information.

Paul will also be available to visit  
your school from the 10th to the 13th September.

Paul gives both fantasy and general workshops  
to everyone from primary to secondary school  
students. For bookings or enquiries:  
[paul@creativenetspeakers.com](mailto:paul@creativenetspeakers.com)

ph(03) 9416 4062

Paul will only be in the Launceston area.

Books shown: *Harry Kneaze, Born to Lope*, *Burning Sky*, *Dragonside*, *Mentars*, *Hole Hunt*

## Meet an author

### Meet MORRIS GLEITZMAN - JUST RELEASED SHORT FILM

<https://mailchi.mp/storyboxlibrary/meet-laureate-morris-gleitzman-new-short-film-released?e=bce68317a8>



Not only is **Morris Gleitzman** one of Australia's bestselling, funniest and best-loved children's authors, he is now the new **Australian Children's Laureate!**

Morris wrote his first children's book over thirty years ago, and is now one of Australia's most successful authors, both internationally and at home. Some of his many titles include *Two Weeks With The Queen*, *Bumface*, *Toad Rage*, *Give Peas A Chance*, and the highly acclaimed *Once* series.

In this short film, we get up close and personal with this fascinating, talented and very funny author in his beloved home town of Brisbane. Watch and be inspired as Morris explains what being asked to be Laureate means to him, and the exciting plans he has for his new job. Find out how Morris creates his amazing characters, what his favourite word is (Here's a hint...it's probably not what you would expect!) and how his ambassador role at *Queensland's Gallery of Modern Art* (GOMA) influences his writing.

Morris also has some great advice for any kids who are thinking about becoming writers themselves, as well as some wonderful insights into reading and how it profoundly impacts us as human beings on a day to day basis, in every area of our lives.

The Story Box Library team had a lot of fun filming with Morris in some beautiful locations, including the amazing and inspiring GOMA, and we hope you love this small peak into the world of Morris Gleitzman!

[Click here to watch Meet Morris Gleitzman](#)







## **PRIMARY ENGLISH TEACHING ASSOCIATION AUSTRALIA & THE CHILDREN'S BOOK COUNCIL OF AUSTRALIA ANNOUNCE NEW PARTNERSHIP**

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: 16 May 2018 – SYDNEY

Today, Primary English Teaching Association Australia (PETAA) is pleased to announce they will partner with the Children's Book Council of Australia (CBCA) for the benefit of teachers and educators across Australia.

CBCA and PETAA both embrace the importance of the continuing development of quality Australian children's literature and acknowledge the important role it plays in teaching children to read and write. To assist in that endeavour, PETAA and CBCA have identified several opportunities to support each other in their missions, and to help connect their respective members to a wider array of services, resources, and professional learning opportunities.

PETAA General Manager Wendy Rapee said, "The Children's Book Council of Australia, through their Book of the Year Awards and other initiatives, is a respected and vital voice in celebrating and recognising quality children's literature.

"PETAA is a long time champion of quality literature as the lynchpin for engaging children learning to read and write – and has always looked to the CBCA Book of the Year Awards to assist teachers identify exemplar texts. Each year our writers create units of work with these texts because we can do so with confidence knowing they have been judged as high quality. This partnership is a demonstration and progression of our commitment to bringing that quality into the classroom," said Rapee.

President of PETAA, Associate Professor Robyn Cox further commented, "This agreement formalises a long term strong relationship between the two associations which augers well for English literacy outcomes in primary schools."

CBCA National Chair, Professor Margot Hillel OAM said, "We are delighted to work with PETAA to ensure we continue to engage the community with literature for young Australians. Primary school educators play a critical role in developing children's literacy and fostering a love of literature in the early years of education."

"Through our much-loved CBCA Book Week and the CBCA Book of the Year Awards, the Children's Book Council of Australia has a long history of supporting children's literature by working with educators and the publishing community to acknowledge and celebrate the wonderful creativity of our authors and illustrators."

# SPOTLIGHT

## SPOTLIGHT & CBCA PARTNERSHIP.

### Get ready for CBCA Book Week: 19-26 August 2018

CBCA announces Spotlight as exclusive costume partner to help bring CBCA Book Week to life!

The Children's Book Council of Australia (CBCA) has announced Australia's craft and DIY superstore, Spotlight, as exclusive costume partner for CBCA Book Week (August 18-24, 2018). CBCA and Spotlight both embrace and promote creativity, and CBCA is excited to partner with Spotlight to assist us connect the community with literature for young Australians. As exclusive costume partner, Spotlight will help communities across Australia bring Australian children's literature and CBCA Book Week to life in fun and exciting ways.


Nick Casey, Communications Manager, Spotlight, believes that creativity is vital to the development of young people. *"CBCA Book Week has become an iconic part of Australian children's calendar. We're excited to be working with the CBCA to help bring our favourite stories and characters to life. We know that book parades and dressing up helps to foster a love of Australian literature, and as the exclusive costume partner, Spotlight is excited to be help bring the imagination of young people to life."*

CBCA National Chair, Professor Margot Hillel OAM, said the partnership with Spotlight will help CBCA continue to engage the community with literature for young people as the CBCA brings children and books together to celebrate CBCA Book Week. During this time, schools, libraries, booksellers, authors and children celebrate Australian children's literature through Australian book character parades and amazing displays. *"With this partnership, we are particularly pleased to be able to showcase the work of celebrated children's author/illustrator Anna Walker. Anna's interpretation of the Find Your Treasure theme was created with mixed media including gouache and collage and lends itself well to fun classroom projects such as diorama and poster making."*

To get inspired head to your nearest [Spotlight store](#) to see Anna Walker's illustrations and pick up your DIY or ready-to-wear CBCA Book Week costumes.



# National Conference



SAVE THE DATE!

AND NOW THEY'RE  
**LAUGHING!**

The Children's Book Council of Australia  
**13<sup>TH</sup> NATIONAL CONFERENCE**

31 May – 2 June 2019. QT, 1 London Circuit, Canberra

The 1st National Conference in 1992 was titled 'At Least They're Reading'. The rich and varied program of 'And Now They're Laughing!' will highlight the outstanding contribution made by writers of humour to Australian children's literature and to children's literacy — and much more.

Regular features include: Book Launches, Trade Display, Bookshop, Book Signings, networking.

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