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# CBCA Tasmania Newsletter

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### **From the Desk: Steve Martin, President Tasmanian Branch**

A new year of wonder and excitement, people and places and of mystery and intrigue is upon us, all whilst DREAMING WITH EYES OPEN..... Welcome to 2022.

With the recent release of the CBCA NOTABLES LIST highlighting the top 100+ Australian Children's books, and with the soon to be released SHORT LIST (Tuesday March 29), it reminds us of our talented creators along with the inspiration and imagination they provide to their readers - our children. It also prompts the question of where did our creators acquire and hone their talents - experience, reading books, having conversations or exposure to mentors that ignited their own creativity? It is the latter that helps foster the passion of literacy, reaching out to touch and enthuse our future creators.

Courtesy of a Federal Government & Tasmanian Education Department Grant, being an institutional member of the Tasmanian Branch of the Children's Book

Council of Australia enables you to access a FREE Creator Workshop in your school. Visit our webpage to see some of the Creators available for Workshops [www.cbcatas.org/creators/](http://www.cbcatas.org/creators/). Complete the Membership process (form and payment) [www.cbcatas.org/membership/](http://www.cbcatas.org/membership/) and one of our Workshop program Coordinators will email you to commence the booking process. Note that the grant will expire November this year, so don't miss this opportunity to learn from our creators - book early!

**Individual Membership .... \$40**

**Concession Membership ... \$20 for student, pensioner or unemployed**

**Institutional Membership . \$80**

Membership is for a calendar year Jan 1 - Dec 31

Steve Martin

President

CBCA Tasmania



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## Creators in Schools Workshops

The CBCA Tasmania and the Tasmanian Government partnered *Creators in Schools Workshops* program enters its final year this year. The initial grant, allocated in 2019, is to be fully expended by November 30 2022.

Participating schools reported that the students were enthused by their involvement in the workshops. The opportunity to meet the creators in person and develop a greater understanding of the creative process increased students' engagement with literacy; as both consumers and producers. Some schools added to the experience by engaging the creator for additional workshops at their own expense.

If you are an educator in non-government and government schools in Tasmania, you are able to access this program via an institutional membership (<http://www.cbcatas.org/membership/>) The cost of a creator workshop is covered by the cost of your membership.

If you are a Creator resident anywhere in Tasmania, you can let CBCA Tasmania know of your availability to provide workshops. Australian Society of Authors (ASA) rates are paid and CBCA Tasmania will advertise your availability on our

website and list you on our database for our schools. We connect the school to you!

## **2021 Feedback**

*“Exposure to Tasmanian creators have been invaluable. Being able to engage with a creator and then view/read their books is such a great experience.”*

*“Inspired...students to learn more about writing and illustrating.”*

*“Our students have benefited greatly from this opportunity. As...funding is quite limited in schools, it is often out of the reach of schools to pay for an author workshop. This program gives all schools an opportunity to participate. Our students have really enjoyed the workshops and have incorporated much of what they have learnt into their own writing. It is also wonderful for students to meet authors in person and be able to speak to them directly.”*

*“[The creator] was engaging and had easy, creative and achievable strategies for story writing. [They were] versatile and well-suited to any age level. Definitely an invaluable creative Tasmanian.”*

For further information about the Creators in Schools Workshop program please email [tas@cbca.org.au](mailto:tas@cbca.org.au) or visit our website [cbcatas.org](http://cbcatas.org). Check out our [Creators](#).

CBCA Tasmania Committee, led by President Steve Martin, will be advocating with state and federal governments to continue to support this programme beyond 2022.

Felicity Sly

CBCA Treasurer and North West Creators in Schools Workshops Co-ordinator



Fiona Levings at Westerway Primary School



Narelda Joy workshop at Yolla District School

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## Tassie Talent #1

### Alyssa Bermudez



Alyssa is a full-time illustrator, author and art teacher for students aged 5–75+, she strives to put the KA-POW into stories and learning. Her illustrations can be found on fabric and fashion, in magazines, many books or even on stage!

She has illustrated hits including [\*Lucia The Luchadora\*](#), which was awarded the School Library Journal – Picture Book Cover of the Year, and *Amelia Chamelia*. She has illustrated picture books, primary fiction, YA covers and graphic novels. [\*Big Apple Diaries\*](#) is her debut Graphic Novel!

Alyssa conducts workshops for primary aged children, and will workshop secondary students in 'behind the scenes' illustration and graphic novels.

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## Tassie Talent #2

### Christina Booth



Christina is the award-winning, internationally published author of eight books, and illustrator of over twenty books for children. She loves telling stories and is passionate about helping others find the storyteller inside them. Her earliest memories include going to the library in her pyjamas, and cuddling books in bed instead of a teddy bear.

Christina creates picture books: humorous titles for younger children; stories that focus on the environment and endangered species; and stories about relationships and community.

[Kip](#), [Welcome Home](#), [One Careless Night](#), and [Are These Hen's Eggs?](#) have appeared in CBCA awards and other award shortlists.

Christina conducts school workshops for students from K–12.

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## Tassie Talent #3

### Coral Tulloch



Coral is an author and illustrator of over 60 books for children.

Her picture book [\*Bouncing Back: An Eastern Barred Bandicoot Story\*](#) was shortlisted for the CBCA Eve Pownall Award (2019) and won the Environment Award for Children's Literature in 2019. [\*One Small Island\*](#), in collaboration with Alison Lester, about saving Macquarie Island from environmental destruction, was published in 2019.

Coral's Facebook page includes free interactive material for primary school children.

Coral conducts workshops in schools (suitable for grades 2 to 12) using both written and visual narratives, mixing fiction and nonfiction, inspiring and enabling students to create their own stories, cartoons and characters.



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## Membership

CBCA Tasmania wishes to thank all its members for their support 2021. Without your membership CBCA Tasmania wouldn't exist.

With the start of 2022 memberships are now due. We encourage you to think about renewing your [Personal or Institutional Membership](#). These subscriptions are vital for our local branch to function efficiently and develop our events and programs that have such an impact in schools and communities around Tasmania. Please renew your membership for 2022 as soon as possible. Membership forms are available on the website.

These subscriptions not only support CBCA Tasmania Branch, but also help to keep you informed about what is happening in CBCA Tasmania and in Australia.

Institutional Membership incentives include access to the **Creators in Schools Workshop** programme and refund of the cost of the **Classroom Pack** and your merchandise **postage** (upon submission of a copy of the CBCA eStore invoice to [tas@cbca.org.au](mailto:tas@cbca.org.au))

Personal Members will receive a pen and bookmark.



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## Book Review

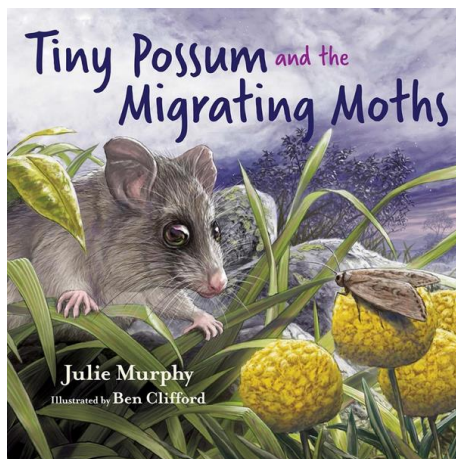
# Tiny Possum and the Migrating Moths

by Julie Murphy, illustrated by Ben Clifford

Realistic illustrations support this narrative of a pygmy possum and the dangers she faces surviving in a harsh mountain environment and through the loss of a food source - the bogong moth. This loss is not through the more common habitat degradation but because of the lure of the lights in the cities.

The story takes the reader through the three significant seasons of the possums life and life cycle - presented at the end of the book - through engaging and descriptive language that personalises the story to one particular pygmy possum. Ben Clifford's illustrations are stunning -rich in colour and detail to accurately present the flora, fauna and landscape of the Australian Alps.

There is further information available on the CSIRO website (<https://www.publish.csiro.au/book/8009/>) including teacher notes. Read a CBCA Tas blog post by Ben Clifford about his work. (<http://cbcatas.blogspot.com/2021/11/new-release-tiny-possum-and-migrating.html>)



<https://juliemurphybooks.com/>

<http://www.benclifford.com.au/p/books.html>

Dr Jennie Bales  
Adjunct lecturer  
Retired teacher librarian



## Calendar of Events

March 21-24	Bologna Children's Book Fair <a href="https://www.bolognachildrensbokfair.com/en/about/looking-forward-bcbf2022/9677.html">https://www.bolognachildrensbokfair.com/en/about/looking-forward-bcbf2022/9677.html</a>
March 22	ALMA Award announced <a href="https://alma.se/en/">https://alma.se/en/</a>
March 22 6:30 p.m.	Victorian Branch online event <b>2022 CLAYTON'S NIGHT</b>  <a href="https://vic.cbca.org.au/claytons-night">https://vic.cbca.org.au/claytons-night</a>  <b>Book for this online event using this link</b> <a href="https://www.trybooking.com/BXYAH">https://www.trybooking.com/BXYAH</a>  <b>COST \$10.00 for members, saving \$15.00 per ticket</b>  Four guest speakers. Practical ideas for using the Notable Books in primary & secondary classrooms or libraries. Opportunity for discussion.
March 29	CBCA 2022 Book of the Year shortlist announced <a href="https://cbca.org.au/">https://cbca.org.au/</a>
April 2	International Children's Book Day (ICBD) <a href="https://www.ibby.org/awards-activities/activities/international-childrens-book-day">https://www.ibby.org/awards-activities/activities/international-childrens-book-day</a>
April 2	Eno Noel Award 2022 winner announcement

If you have any dates that are suitable to be included then please send them to [tas@cbca.org.au](mailto:tas@cbca.org.au) included the supporting url.

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## Passionate about Children's Literature?



With educators in mind, the national CBCA have created and produced a **2022 Yearly Planner**.

Featuring double paged Weekly Planners, it is also filled with resources that will help you promote and support Australian children's literature in your classroom or library!

This digital product is available from [CBCA eStore](#) for only \$25.00.

Another new initiative is the **2022 CBCA Merchandise Catalogue**. Simply [click here to DOWNLOAD](#) and see what's new for this year! It's a treasure trove of ideas & inspiration. Please note that all 2022 Merchandise must be ordered from the eStore in 2022 (not from CBCATas Branch)



Reading Time is a great source of information and reviews <http://readingtime.com.au/>

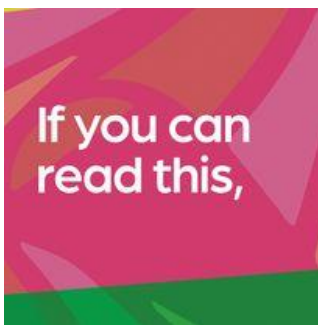


## CBCA BOOK OF THE YEAR NOTABLES - 2022

Congratulations to all CBCA Notables Authors, Illustrators and Publishers for 2022.

### [2022 Notables](#)

## Improving Literacy Rates



[How do you think Tasmania's literacy can be improved?](#)

The Literacy Advisory Panel is asking for ideas, feedback and comments about improving our literacy from Tasmanians.

[www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com)

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