

# Newsletter of the Children's Book Council of Australia

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### From the President ...

#### **Exploring and enjoying the CBCA Short Listed/Notables Books with the North West Library Network**

On Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March, fifteen people from school libraries across the North West, Devonport LINC and various CBCA (Tasmanian Branch) Executive and Committee members, met at Don College, Devonport. We enjoyed perusing both the Notable Books and the Short Listed Books especially those we hadn't read previously. Various people shared their innovative ideas and insights for encouraging children to engage with the books in the classroom and in the community library. Student responses to the activities that had been implemented in both primary and secondary schools represented at the meeting were shared. We appraised and justified the appropriate age and type of audience each of the short listed books would appeal to. Different themes were identified and plots and characterisations analysed and evaluated. Overall we enjoyed an afternoon of immersion in the Notables and the Short Listed Books enhanced by a great afternoon tea.

Leanne Rands

President CBCA (Tasmanian Branch)



**Felicity Sly & Lucy**



**Steve Martin & Pennii Purton**



**Back: Krista Gluyas, Bev Clarke, Alison Willoughby, Pam Broomhall,, Tania Cooper, Leanne Rands, Jennie Bales, Felicity Sly, Tammy Milne**  
**Front: Anne Guest, Tanya Boon**



## Short Listed Books Event at Kingston LINC - 28<sup>th</sup> March 2017

About a dozen CBCA members from the Hobart region joined with authors, booksellers, librarians and booklovers at Kingston LINC on 28th March to celebrate the announcement of the CBCA shortlist. Many thanks to Janet Thorp and the team of librarians at Kingston LINC, who sourced about 80 books from the Notables list and built a gorgeous display. Julie Hunt, winner of the 2013 CBCA Picture Book of the Year, said a few words about the importance of the awards to authors and illustrators, and attendees were set loose on the books. It was wonderful to see so many of the Notables at once and the display really highlighted the diversity, originality and quality of Australian children's literature. Thanks also to Robin Clark and Pan Macmillan for donating three children's books for lucky door prizes. (Photos by Adrian Loone.)

Dr Gay McKinnon

Secretary CBCA (Tasmanian Branch)





Julie Hunt



Gay McKinnon & Julie Hunt



## CBCA Book of the Year – Talks by our Tasmanian Judges, Karen Macpherson and Helen Rothwell, June 2017



### Launceston – Petrarch's Bookshop

On Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> June those of us in the north and northwest of the state had the opportunity to listen to the knowledge, reflections and experiences of our judges Karen Macpherson and Helen Rothwell. The judges' talks were held at Petrarch's Bookshop in Brisbane St, Launceston. I would like to thank our friendly host Marcus Durkin and his staff for kindly providing such a relaxed and welcoming environment, it was lovely to be surrounded by tall walls of books and enjoy a pleasant Sunday afternoon. We had a pleasing number to people in the audience with a wide range of ages, literary backgrounds and interests. The talks were informative and engaging as our judges shared the richness and depth of their understanding and appreciation of the qualities and unique characteristics of each of the short listed books in their designated categories.

Leanne Rands  
President  
CBCA Tasmanian Branch



## Hobart – Fahan School

Our Tasmanian CBCA judges' talks in Hobart on Tuesday, June 13 were also well attended and greatly enjoyed by the audience. Helen Rothwell, judge of the Eve Pownall award for information books, gave an overview of the judging process and described the painstaking, lengthy and at times passionate debates undertaken by the judging panels to select the shortlists and the Book of the Year for each category.

Karen Macpherson, Picture Book judge, spoke of the importance of picture books in a child's life and also noted that the target age range for this book category was up to 18 years. Karen discussed the major features of picture books: they are an introduction to literacy, but also extend literacy and encourage children to be writers; they express complex concepts in simple language; and they are an introduction to art. More than an object, a picture book is an experience which may be shared. Karen spoke of the need for illustrations to extend the text, the use of expressive fonts, and the importance of good production values including attention to details such as the endpapers. She described how these attributes were demonstrated by the six shortlisted books, which were passed around the admiring audience.

Helen Rothwell then discussed the rising number of information books which contain narrative or partly fictional elements. She noted that the age range for this category is also up to 18 years, and described what she looked for as a judge: age-appropriate works, original research, dynamic presentation, high-quality information, relevance and the ability to draw children in. She spoke enthusiastically about the merits of all the shortlisted books, and we were delighted to have shortlisted Tasmanian author-illustrator Jennifer Cossins present in the audience to hear her book praised. Helen also spoke about some of the Notables in her category, and three books that were in both categories.

Notable and shortlisted books can be found on the national CBCA website at <http://www.cbca.org.au/notables-2017> and <https://cbca.org.au/shortlist-2017>. The Book of the Year winners will be announced in Hobart at Government House on Friday, 18<sup>th</sup> August at 12 noon

Dr Gay McKinnon  
Secretary  
CBCA Tasmanian Branch



## Reflections on the experience of being a judge for the Eve Pownall Award

The lull between my round of public talks for the current Awards concluding and the arrival of my first package for the 2018 Awards is akin to waiting with baited breath before the deep plunge. It's a time of

reflection on the process to date. The communication between the Eve Pownall judges has been open, productive and enlightening. We have been true to our judging base line of ensuring that the Notable books document factual information. I feel that I finally understand the judging process and I'm happy that it is a two-year process to which I can now bring a modicum of experience.

I encourage CBCA members to seriously consider applying to be a judge and discussing with the judges, affiliated with your Branch, any queries or concerns about the workload. I have met authors and illustrators whom I would never have met if I had not put in my submission to be a judge. Being a part of the CBCA Book Awards has and will continue to open doors to new experiences and I heartily recommend it to anyone who is passionate about children's literature.

Helen Rothwell  
2017 Judge for Eve Pownall Award

## **CBCA Tasmania - Readers' Cup (Southern)**



### **Readers' Cup - Secondary Competition**

On Wednesday, 28 June, CBCA Tasmania held the 2017 Readers' Cup Secondary competition. This event was kindly hosted by Mount Carmel and saw 6 schools competing. They were:

Mt Carmel College  
Ogilvie High School  
Fahan School  
The Friends' School  
Mackillop Catholic College  
Tarramah Steiner School

The books chosen for the Secondary competition were:

One Small Island - Alison Lester & Coral Tulloch



Suri's Wall - Lucy Estella & Matt Ottley  
Circle - Jeannie Baker  
When the Lyrebird Calls - Kim Kane  
Paper Planes - Steve Worland  
Lizzie and Margaret Rose - Pamela Rushby

The day was a huge success with all teams capably demonstrating their knowledge of the texts. The responses to the Quiz section were answered with accuracy and the creative presentations showcased the students' understanding of the authors' and illustrators' themes and style. Many thanks once again to our judges, Jeannie-Marie Leroi and novice Judge, Mayor Steve Martin. Thanks also to Patsy Jones who ensured results were tallied in a timely manner. Thanks also to Melinda Levy, from Mount Carmel, who kindly helped with marking on the day. Special thanks to our Readers' Cup Secondary Coordinator, Ms Cheree Harcourt, for taking on the role of MC at the competition and on her excellent organizational skills. Finally, thank you to our teachers, librarians, library aides and our experienced team of readers and question writers, without whose help, these events could not take place.

Our question writers were:

Jackie Crane  
Patsy Jones  
Jeannie-Marie Leroi  
Jessie Mahjouri  
Sally Murdoch  
Nella Pickup  
Robbi Poynter

### **Readers' Cup – Primary Competition**

'Lansdowne had a superb time, and we just love being involved in such a valuable program!  
Please keep us on the list for next year!'

On Thursday 29 June, CBCA Tasmania held the 2017 Readers' Cup Primary. This event was hosted by the Friends' School and saw 6 schools competing. They included:

The Friends' School  
Fahan School  
Lansdowne Crescent Primary School  
Lenah Valley Primary School  
Glenora Primary School and  
Tarremah Steiner School

Two schools, Glenora Primary School and Lenah Valley Primary School, entered teams for the first time. There was great excitement and the fun was easily measured from the huge smiles on the students' faces.

The books selected for the Primary competition included:

Kicking Goals - Adam Goodes  
Toad Delight - Morris Gleitzman  
Fish in a Tree - Lynda Mulally Hunt  
The Fabulous Friend Machine - Nick Bland  
Gary - Leila Rudge  
Desert Lake - Pamela Freeman

The Friends' Year 6 student, Zara Fenton, gave a beautiful introduction, detailing the history of the Readers' Cup in Tasmania. A quick straw poll of the Readers' Cup books revealed that 'Fish in a Tree' by



Lynda Mullaley Hunt was the clear favourite. The central character in this book is Ally, who is able to overcome academic and friendship issues in the story.

Teams quickly got down to part one of the Readers' Cup: answering the questions set by our experienced CBCA judges. Devonport Mayor, Steve Martin, capably filled the role of Quizmaster and students demonstrated their detailed knowledge of the books' characters, plot and themes. One of our judges, Jessie Mahjouri, commented on the excellent teamwork and communication evident during this part of the competition. Judge, Robbi Poynter, also noted their careful handwriting!

After a quick break, teams were invited to share their creative presentations. The effort and preparation students had made was evident. Their deep understanding of the texts, the connection between texts and their interpretation of the texts was clearly displayed. Simple costumes, relevant props and projected backdrops added to the diverse presentations. During each of the rounds, CBCA Life member, Patsy Jones diligently entered the results, keeping a cumulative score during the day.

The Friends' School were delightful hosts ensuring that tea and coffee were on hand for visitors and organising lunch for the CBCA team. There was even a homemade slice – delicious! After lunch, students completed the final round of the quiz and it was time for the winner to be announced.

MC, Meg Denman requested that each team reflect on the process and identify some of the strengths they had noted in the texts that were similar to their own, in preparing for the Readers' Cup. These included: teamwork, perseverance, kindness, communication, individuality, respect, patience, creativity and humour.

Comments from the students included:

'It was nice meeting other students from other schools'. Amber

'I liked performing and seeing around The Friends' School'. Poppy

'It was a great experience. I enjoyed being with the other students who also like to read'. Hannah

'I enjoyed watching the other presentations and performing ours too!' Nat

'I liked working together with my teammates.' Anabelle

'I had fun watching the other teams' presentations.' Grace

'We enjoyed working as a team.'

'We enjoyed collaborating.'

'We liked gaining access to amazing new texts.'

'We liked working on the creative challenge together.'

Feedback for future Readers' Cup competitions included:

- A warm up game where all the teams have to be mixed up and get to know each other
- A central spot to eat lunch to encourage students to chat together
- Requesting photo permissions when schools register
- Clearer guidelines as to what role the teacher plays in preparing the team for the quiz and creative challenge beyond that which is currently outlined in the information notes

Congratulations to everyone who participated in the 2017 CBCA Readers' Cup. Congratulations also to the winning teams Tarremah Primary and The Friends' Secondary team whose presentations were innovative and most entertaining.

Winning teams and their teachers have been invited to the to attend the prestigious CBCA Book of the Year awards ceremony to be held at Government House, where the winners and honour books for the 2017 Book of the Year will be announced.

Please consider volunteering your time, skills or school for the 2018 Readers' Cup. It is certainly a worthwhile and enjoyable experience.

Meg Denman  
Coordinator Readers' Cup 2017  
CBCA Committee member

### *Readers Cup Adventure*

#### *Reflection from the Lenah Valley Primary School Team*

We all really enjoyed competing in the Reader's cup challenge. Some of our favourite bits were:

- Having the opportunity to read some fantastic books that we otherwise might not pick up.
- Learning how to work together over a long period of time was a challenge to get our play together
- Taking on individual responsibilities to ensure that everything was organised for the day.
- Listening to everyone's ideas and working together to produce our creative challenge.
- Watching the other team's performances and participating in the quiz section of the day.

We're proud of what we have achieved and as the first team to represent Lenah Valley at this event, we would like to encourage future students to be involved. It's such a great event to be part of.

Kerry Glavin

Lenah Valley Primary School



## CONGRATULATIONS!



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### THE 2017 BOOK OF THE YEAR SHORT LIST

#### Book of the Year: Older Readers

(NB: These books are for mature readers)

Author	Title	Publisher	ISBN
CADDY, Meg	<i>Waer</i>	Text Publishing	9781922182210
CROWLEY, Cath	<i>Words in Deep Blue</i>	Pan Macmillan Australia	9781742612386
FRAILLON, Zana	<i>The Bone Sparrow</i>	Hachette Australia	9780734417138
JACOBSON, Megan	<i>Yellow</i>	Penguin Random House	9780143573333
PLOZZA, Shivaun	<i>Frankie</i>	Penguin Random House	9780143573166
ZORN, Claire	<i>One Would Think the Deep</i>	University of Queensland Press	9780702253942

#### Book of the Year: Younger Readers

Author	Title	Publisher	ISBN
BALLA, Trace	<i>Rockhopping</i>	Allen & Unwin	9781760112349
BAVATI, Robyn	<i>Within These Walls</i>	Scholastic Australia	9781760152857
FOXLEE, Karen	<i>A Most Magical Girl</i>	Allen & Unwin	9781848125742
ORR, Wendy	<i>Dragonfly Song</i>	Allen & Unwin	9781760290023
PASCOE, Bruce	<i>Mrs Whitlam</i>	Magabala Books	9781925360240
TEMPLE, Kate & Jol (illus by John Foye)	<i>Captain Jimmy Cook Discovers Third Grade</i>	Allen & Unwin	9781760291938

#### Book of the Year: Early Childhood

Author/Illustrator	Title	Publisher	ISBN
BELL, Johanna (illus by Dion Beasley)	<i>Go Home, Cheeky Animals!</i>	Allen & Unwin	9781760291655
BROOKE, Cori (illus by Megan Forward)	<i>All I Want For Christmas is Rain</i>	New Frontier Publishing	9781925059717
CHAMBERS, Susannah (illus by Mark Jackson)	<i>The Snow Wombat</i>	Allen & Unwin	9781760113810
DUNSTAN, Kylie	<i>Nannie Loves</i>	Working Title Press	9781921504839
HOWARTH, Kylie	<i>Chip</i>	The Five Mile Press	9781760400736
RUDGE, Leila	<i>Gary</i>	Walker Books Australia	9781925081695



## Picture Book of the Year

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

Illustrator/Author	Title	Publisher	ISBN
ANELLI, Liz (text by Ross Watkins)	<i>One Photo</i>	Penguin Random House Australia	9780670077977
BALCHIN, Lance	<i>Mechanica</i>	The Five Mile Press	9781760401085
GRAHAM, Bob	<i>Home in the Rain</i>	Walker Books	9781406368239
HUXLEY, Dee, Oliver & Tiffany	<i>My Brother</i>	Working Title Press	9781921504853
RUDD, Van T (text by Maxine Beneba Clarke)	<i>The Patchwork Bike</i>	Hachette Australia	9780734416681
SWAN, Owen (text by Angela May George)	<i>Out</i>	Scholastic Press	9781743629000

## Eve Pownall Award for Information Books

Author/Illustrator	Title	Publisher	ISBN
COOTE, Maree	<i>Spellbound: Making Pictures with the A-B-C</i>	Melbournestyle Books	9780992491727
COSSINS, Jennifer	<i>A – Z of Endangered Animals</i>	Red Parka Press	9780987594662
HENDRY, Lorna	<i>The Gigantic Book of Genes</i>	Wild Dog Books	9781742034102
McMULLIN, Neridah (illus by Andrew McLean)	<i>Fabish, The Horse that Braved a Bushfire</i>	Allen & Unwin	9781925266863
NEWTON, Gina M	<i>Amazing Animals of Australia's National Parks</i>	NLA Publishing	9780642278883
SEDUNARY, Michael (illus by Bern Emmerichs)	<i>William Bligh: a stormy story of tempestuous times</i>	Berbay Publishing	9780994289537

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The 71<sup>th</sup> CBCA Awards will be presented in Hobart on 18 August.

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# New Zealand Storylines Notable Books List 2017

The New Zealand Storylines Notable Books List 2017, for books published in 2016, has been announced. The award-winning titles are:

## Picture Books

- *If I was a Banana* by Alexandra Tylee, illustrated by Kieran Rynhart (Gecko)
- *Gwendolyn!* by Juliette MacIver, illustrated by Terri Rose Baynton (HarperCollins)
- *Tuna and Hiriwa* by Ripeka Takotowai Goddard, illustrated by Kimberly Andrews (Huia)
- *Maui – Sun Catcher* by Tim Tipene, illustrated by Zak Waipara (Oratia)
- *Gladys Goes to War* by Glyn Harper, illustrated by Jenny Cooper (Penguin Random House NZ)
- *Fuzzy Doodle* by Melinda Szymanik, illustrated by Donovan Bixley (Scholastic NZ)
- *Gorillas in our Midst* by Richard Fairgray and Terry Jones (Scholastic NZ)
- *Henry Bob Bobbalich* by Juliette MacIver, illustrated by Link Choi (Scholastic NZ)
- *Witch's Cat Wanted Apply Within* written by Joy H Davidson, illustrated by Nikki Slade-Robinson (Scholastic NZ)
- *The Harmonica* by Dawn McMillan, illustrated by Andrew Burdan (Scholastic NZ)
- *Rasmas* by Elizabeth Pulford, illustrated by Jenny Cooper (Scholastic NZ)
- *The Best Dad in the World* by Pat Chapman, illustrated by Cat Chapman (Upstart)



## Junior Fiction

- *The Road to Ratenburg* by Joy Cowley, illustrated by Gavin Bishop (Gecko)
- *Annual* edited by Kate De Goldi and Susan Paris (Gecko)
- *The Diamond Horse* by Stacy Gregg (HarperCollins UK)
- *Rona* by Chris Szekely, illustrated by Josh Morgan (Huia)
- *Enemy Camp* by David Hill (Penguin Random House NZ)
- *The Impossible Boy* by Leonie Agnew (Penguin Random House NZ)
- *Grandad's Wheelies* by Jack Lasenby, illustrated by Bob Kerr (Penguin Random House NZ)
- *Barking Mad* by Tom E Moffatt (Scholastic NZ)
- *Sunken Forest* by Des Hunt (Scholastic NZ)

## Young Adult

*Lonesome When You Go* by Saradha Koirala (Makaro)

*Coming Home to Roost* by Mary-anne Scott (Penguin Random House NZ)

## Non-Fiction

- *See Play Do: A Kid's Handbook for Everyday Creative Fun* written and illustrated by Louise Cuckow (Beatnik)
- *Bruce Wants to Go Faster* by Dreydon Sobanja, illustrated by Murray Dewhurst (Inspired Kids)
- *Armistice Day: the New Zealand Story* by Philippa Werry (New Holland)
- *Speed King: Burt Munro, the World's Fastest Indian* by David Hill, illustrated by Phoebe Morris (Penguin Random House NZ)

- *Jack and Charlie: Boys of the Bush* by Jack Marcotte (Penguin Random House NZ)
- *The Beginner's Guide to Netball* by Maria Tutaia (Penguin Random House NZ)
- *Cricket with Kane Williamson* by Kane Williamson (Penguin Random House NZ)
- *The Cuckoo and the Warbler: A True New Zealand Story* by Kennedy Warne, illustrated by Heather Hunt (Potton and Burton)
- *ANZAC Heroes* by Maria Gill, illustrated by Marco Ivancic (Scholastic NZ)
- *Much ado about Shakespeare* written and illustrated by Donovan Bixley (Upstart)

<http://www.storylines.org.nz/Awards/Storylines+Notable+Books+Awards/Storylines+Notable+Books+List+2017.html>

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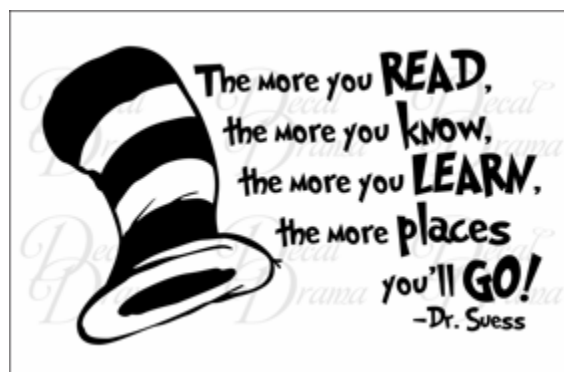
Patsy Jones

## From the CBCA Tasmania Blog ...

<http://cbcatast.blogspot.com.au/>

Have you been keeping up with the blog? There are some wonderful articles you can read by accessing the link above. Some recent posts of interest include:

- \* Steve Martin reports on his experience as a judge and quizmaster for the recent **Readers' Cup**.
- \* Felicity Sly shares some insights into **Little Free Libraries**.
- \* An article by Johanna Baker-Dowdell on Lian Tanner's workshop and tips for primary school writers involved in Northern Tasmania's **The Write Road** Project



~ Happy Reading ~