



# CBCA Tasmania Newsletter

## September 2024

### BOOK WEEK EDITION

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#### Book Week Event at Government House

Over 70 members and friends of CBCA Tasmania and *Read Aloud to Your Child Every Day* supporters gathered at Government House on Friday, July 16. We were warmly welcomed by Government House staff and Her Excellency, the Honourable Barbara Baker AC and Emeritus Professor Don Chalmers. Tony Flowers, short-listed illustrator, spoke about the illustration process, sharing original artworks from his current book in progress. Calvin Christian School students, supported by Marc Mumford, shared insights from their experience as Shadow Judges of the Picture Book of the Year category. Many shared reflections on Timeless, which was the 2024 Winner, though not the Shadow Judges choice!



The Honourable Barbara Baker, AC



Authors: Tony Flowers and Christina Booth



Calvin Christian School  
Shadow Judges with Marc  
Mumford



# Book Week Celebrations: Hutchins School

## Book-in-a-Bag

This year, The Hutchins School launched a new initiative for Book Week, Book-in-a-Bag, which replaced the traditional Book Week Dress Up Day. The intended purpose was to re-orient the Book Week focus on books and support our continuing efforts towards building a positive culture of reading across the school. Students were invited to celebrate a favourite book by decorating a paper bag and filling it with items that represent that story. Teachers were provided with lesson plans and guidelines to begin this project at school, whilst parents were provided with clear instructions for students to select items from home and/or make items to include in the bag. During Book Week, students shared their Book-in-a-Bag with their classmates and buddies. We have been inundated with positive feedback and in a recent survey, 58% of families said that they would like Book-in-a-Bag or something similar to replace the Book Week Dress Up Day moving forwards and 24% saying they would like to alternate the Dress Up Day with a Book-in-a-Bag style experience. With the 2025 theme of Book an Adventure, maybe Book-in-a-Suitcase will be our focus?! (Editor: Or Book-in-a-Backpack...)





## Book Week Celebrations: Around the State



Jo from Rose Bay High was The Worst Witch.

Check out the cat on her broomstick.

Claremont College received the free Little Street Library, and had it in operation for Book Week

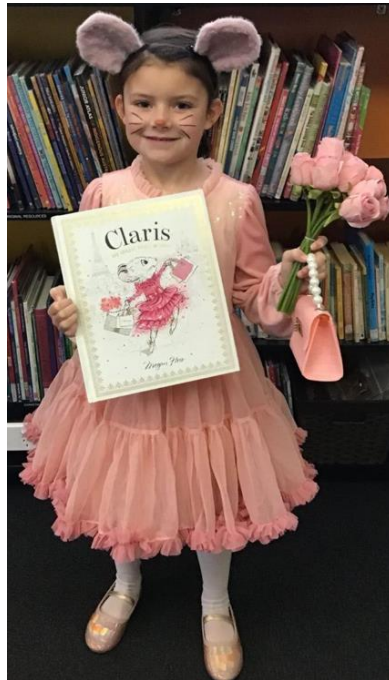


Dawn at Exeter Primary





## Book Week Celebrations: St Thomas More





## Book Week Celebrations: Launceston College

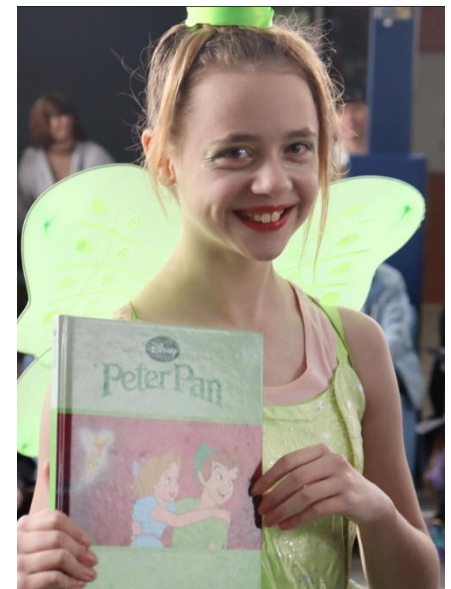


Lyndon Riggall with staff and students





## Book Week Celebrations: St Therese's School

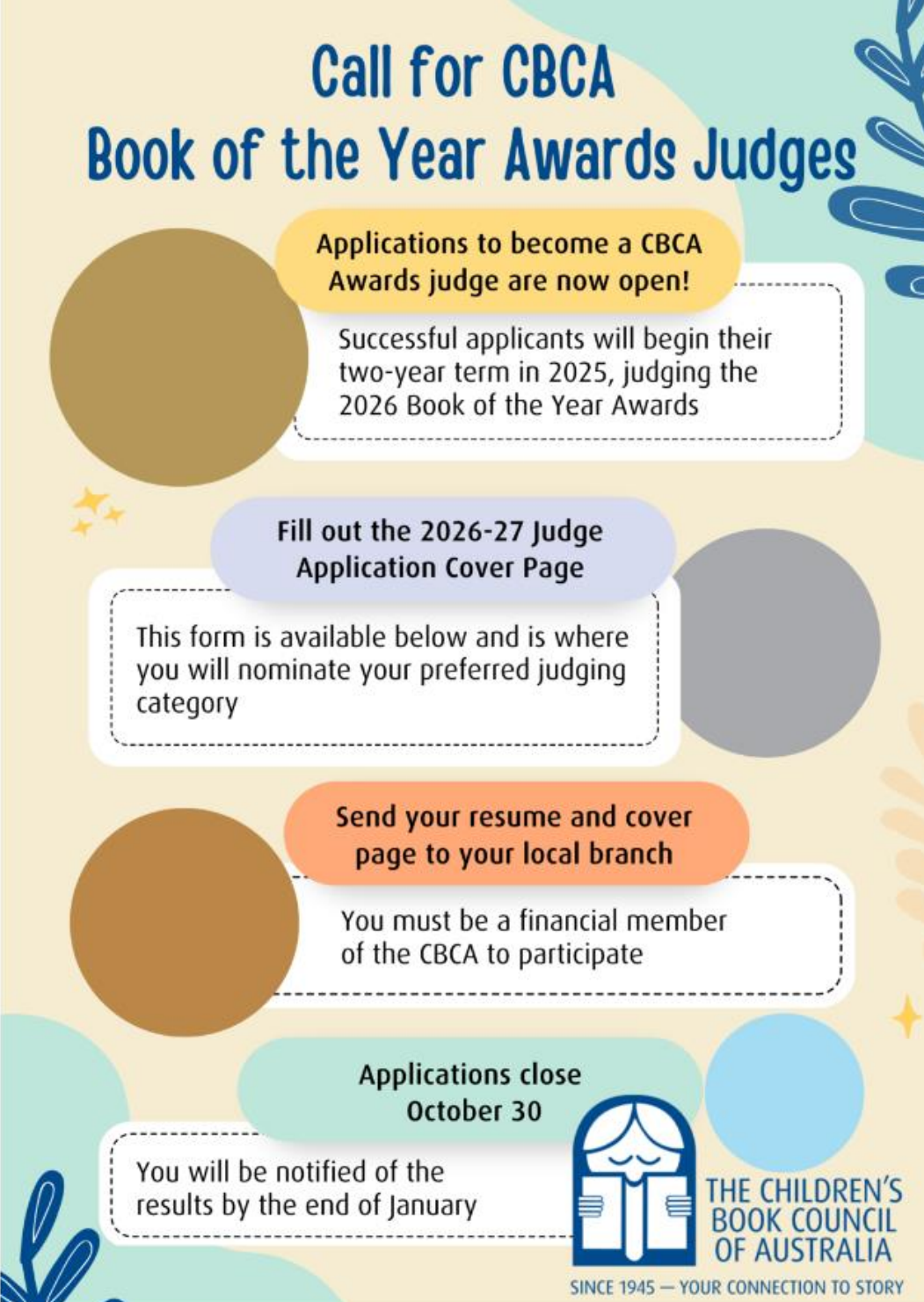




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## Book Week Judges for 2026-2027

Applications close Oct 30: Start receiving books in 2025



**Call for CBCA  
Book of the Year Awards Judges**

Applications to become a CBCA Awards judge are now open!

Successful applicants will begin their two-year term in 2025, judging the 2026 Book of the Year Awards

**Fill out the 2026-27 Judge Application Cover Page**


This form is available below and is where you will nominate your preferred judging category

**Send your resume and cover page to your local branch**

You must be a financial member of the CBCA to participate

Applications close October 30

You will be notified of the results by the end of January

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<https://cbca.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2024/09/2026-27-BOYA-Judge-Cover-Page.docx>

email application to [tas@cbca.org.au](mailto:tas@cbca.org.au)

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## Raffle Winners



**1st Prize: Bob Graham framed print - Belinda from Launceston**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Prize: Alison Lester unframed print - Mark from Hobart**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Prize: Julie Vivas signed poster - Vanessa from Launceston**

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## Membership Offer



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receive the remainder of  
2024 and all of 2025  
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## Primary Readers' Cup South

We finally have a person willing to host a Primary Readers' Cup in Southern Tasmania, after many years of being in recess. Thank you Maria from St Therese's Catholic School, Moonah.

As a start-up, the number of teams is being limited to 6 (one of which will be the host school). There is no registration fee to be involved. If your school has a Grade 5/6 team able to participate on Friday, November 22 at 9.30am, then please email [tas@cbca.org.au](mailto:tas@cbca.org.au).

For those not familiar with Readers' Cup, students read the assigned texts, and then compete in a quiz about the texts and present a prepared creative challenge on one of the texts they have read. We are still locking in details as to whether, given the time allocated, to use 4 or 6 texts. Prizes are allocated to the winning team of the quiz, the winning team of the creative challenge and the overall Readers' Cup winner.



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## eStore Merchandise

There are some bargains up for grabs in the e-store <https://store.cbca.org.au>







INTERNATIONAL BOARD ON BOOKS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE



IBBY Australia has a unique role, promoting Australian authors and illustrators and their books at an international level; and also working towards international understanding through quality literature for young readers. Activities include celebrating International Children's Book Day; nominating authors and illustrators for the Hans Christian Andersen Awards and for Honour Books; supporting the Children in Crisis Appeal; nominating books for the IBBY Disabilities List and the Lampedusa Silent Books List, and awarding IBBY Australia's biennial Ena Noël Award to encourage emerging authors and illustrators. Members receive a quarterly electronic newsletter.

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The ACLF's vision is to enrich the lives of young Australians through the power of story.

**The ACLF's mission is:**

- to promote the value and importance of reading
  - to raise the profile of books in the lives of Australian children and young adults
  - to respond to identified needs and issues in the children's & youth literature national landscape
  - to champion the cause of young Australians' reading in a consultative, collegial and inclusive way within a cultural framework that showcases the best of Australian Literature for young people, and
  - to undertake selected national projects that will promote these objects nationally.
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2025 ARTIST

JESS McGEACHIN

## ASLA Mini-conference

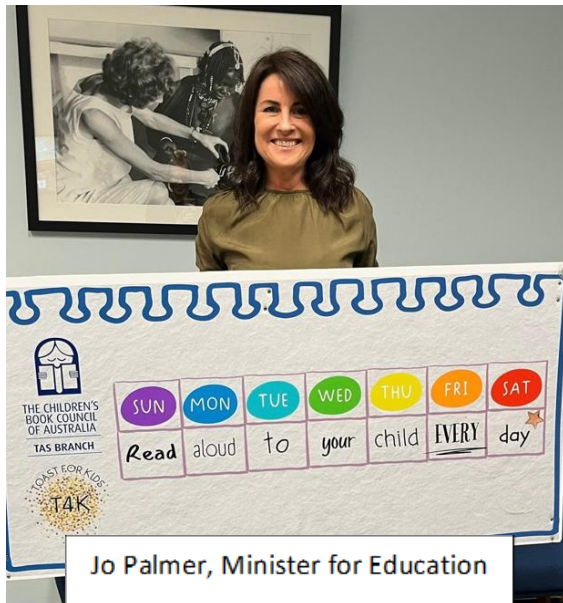
CBCA Tas President Steve Martin was one of the guest presenters at the Sept 7 ASLA Mini-conference in Launceston. One of the topics he covered was the *Read Aloud to Your Child Every Day* campaign, launched in October last year. Attendees at the conference embraced the campaign, and had a mass photo with the banner. Liz Sly, who came up with the concept design for the slogan, is pictured in the back row, near the left corner of the bridge photo.



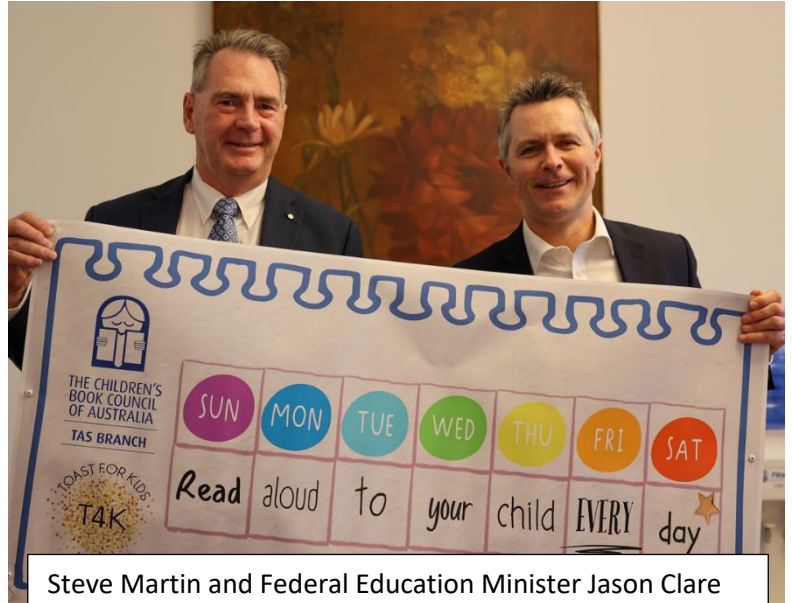
CBCA committee member Dawn and President Steve hold the banner in front of conference delegates.



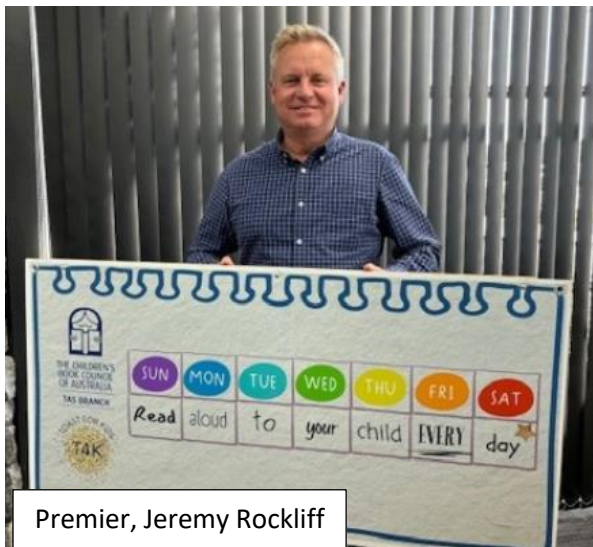
## Read Aloud to Your Child Every Day: Support



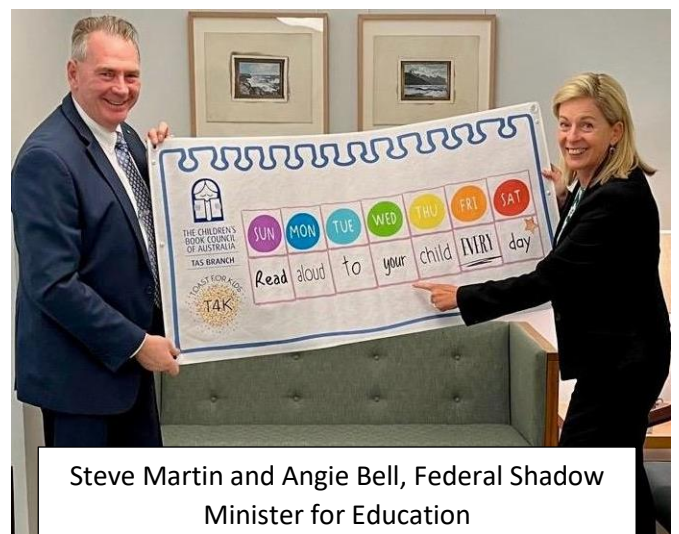
Jo Palmer, Minister for Education



Steve Martin and Federal Education Minister Jason Clare



Premier, Jeremy Rockliff



Steve Martin and Angie Bell, Federal Shadow Minister for Education



Northern Library Group



Authors Julie Hunt and Johanna Bell



## Calendar of Events

Oct 19	<b>CBCA Tas AGM</b> Level 3 Libraries Tasmania 91 Murray Street, Hobart 9:30 for 10:00 start
Oct 30	<b>Applications for 2026 Book Week Judges close</b> <a href="https://cbca.org.au/2026-27-judge-application/">https://cbca.org.au/2026-27-judge-application/</a>
Nov 6	<b>Devonport Readers' Cup</b>
Nov 22	<b>Primary Readers' Cup South</b>
Feb 14 2025	<b>Library Lover's Day</b>
April 2 2025 Approx	<b>International Children's Book Day (IBBY)</b>
Aug 15-Aug 23 2025	<b>Children's Book Week</b> <b>Book an Adventure</b>
Aug 23 2025	<b>80<sup>th</sup> Birthday of CBCA</b> <b>Celebration events TBA</b>

If you have any dates suitable for inclusion, please send them to [tas@cbca.org.au](mailto:tas@cbca.org.au)  
Ensure that you include the supporting url (if there is one).

## Book An Adventure In 2025!

We're thrilled to introduce you to the talented Jess McGeachin, winner of the 2023 CBCA Book of the Year Award Eve Pownall for his gorgeous "DEEP", published by Welbeck in 2022. This year's theme "Book an Adventure" ties the exploratory aspirations of the artist and our invitation to join us in celebrating 80 years of Children's Book Week®. Come on an adventure with us in 2025 as we travel across lands, time, and memories.

Enjoy Jess' "Book an Adventure" for Children's Book Week® theme announcement!

[2025 CBCA Book Week theme announcement \(youtube.com\)](#)





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## The CBCA Tasmania Blog

Are you ready to write?

Jennie is always looking for new contributors and expanding ideas and experiences around children's literature. If you have:

- a story to tell about your engagement with kids' books
- a writing or illustrating process to share
- reviews of some great books shared with the kids or
- the magic of access to a room of books

why not share it on the blog?

Check out examples on the blog itself — <http://cbcatas.blogspot.com/> — and be inspired.

Contact Jennie via [tas@cbca.org.au](mailto:tas@cbca.org.au) with "EOI: CBCA Blog Post" in the subject line.

All expressions of interest will be forwarded to Jennie and she will get back with some guidelines (200 to 300 words is a good baseline) and discuss a date.



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## The National Centre for Australian Children's Literature

The Centre holds one of the world's largest and most comprehensive collections of translations of Australian children's books. We hold over 5,500 translations in 68 different languages. This collection continues to grow through the generosity of Australian publishers, authors, illustrators, and private donors. For example, we hold *Fox* (Allen & Unwin, 2000), by Margaret Wild and Ron Brooks in 15 different editions, including eight different languages.

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