



# CBCA Tasmania Newsletter

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We're off and reading. Welcome to a new year with CBCA Tasmania!

## From the President

Welcome to another exciting year for our branch here in Tasmania. This year promises to be busy and rewarding with planning for many of the regular events already underway. These activities include: Readers' Cup, Short-Listed Books event, Judges' Talks, Author Talks and Book Week Celebrations. As a branch we are looking for exciting and innovative ideas for these events that will capture the interest of our schools and communities and promote the importance of children's literature, as well as publicizing CBCA Tasmania. If you have any great ideas that you have heard of, seen in operation or implemented yourself please share them with one of our committee members. The more ideas we share the greater our synergy and capacity to engage our communities.



As the planning develops, details of specific events will be available through our website and newsletter. If you are interested in being involved in any of these events please let us know as we always need enthusiastic volunteers.

### [Announcements for 2018 Awards](#)

Notables List Announcement 27th February at 7pm

Short List Announcement 27th March at 12noon

Book of the Year Awards Announcement 17th August at 12noon

CBCA Book Week 17th-24th August (*Theme: **Find Your Treasure** with artwork by Early Childhood Winner Anna Walker*)

## Readers' Cup - Primary & Secondary (Southern)

For our southern members interested in participating in the Readers' Cup there is a planning meeting on February 20<sup>th</sup> at 4:00pm at Fahan School. If you would like to be involved please contact the organizer Meg Denman ([denmanm@fahan.tas.edu.au](mailto:denmanm@fahan.tas.edu.au)).

## Executive & Committee 2018

We have had a few changes to our Executive and the Committee that were ratified at our 2017 AGM. The Executive consists of Leanne Rands as President, Gina Slevic as Vice President and Felicity Sly as Treasurer and Merchandise Officer. We welcome Pennii Purton to the role of Branch Secretary taking over the position from Gay McKinnon who did an excellent job last year, keeping us all focussed and informed. The Committee members include: Steve Martin, Meg Denman, Gay McKinnon, who is also our Newsletter Editor, and our new members, Jilly Cole and Christine Donnelly. Jennie Bales is continuing on as our Social Media Officer, Cam Jones as our CBCA Board member and Jenni Connor as the Nan Chauncy Award Coordinator. Thank you to all those people who have volunteered to fulfil these official roles for 2018 and to all our members who give their time so generously to the organization of our branch events.

## Life Membership

At last year's AGM Nella Pickup was appointed as a life member of CBCA Tasmanian Branch, congratulations Nella. As most of our members will know she has had a long history of involvement with CBCA Tasmania over many years and has contributed to the development of the branch. I would like to particularly acknowledge the enormous amount of work Nella and her team put into the organization of the 2017 Book of the Year Award ceremony at Government House. This event was truly memorable and thoroughly enjoyable for all our members and invited guests who participated.

## 2018-2019 BOTY Judges

2018 will be the last year our Tasmanian judges, Helen Rothwell (Eve Pownall Award) and Karen MacPherson (Picture Book) will be judging the entries in their specific categories. On behalf of our branch I would like to thank them for their expertise and passion which was evident in their engaging and informative talks last year. We look forward to enjoying their in-depth reflections again this year. I would also like to congratulate Tricia Scott on her appointment as the 2019 judge of the Younger Readers books and hope she finds the experience interesting and challenging.

## Blog Posts

Are you a regular reader or contributor to our blog (<http://cbcatas.blogspot.com.au>)? The blog is coordinated by Dr Jennie Bales with marvellously eclectic weekly posts from our members as well as renowned authors, illustrators and publishers. Each post is unique and engaging. If you would like to contribute a post about an area of children's literature you are interested in please contact Jennie ([jenbales@iprimus.com.au](mailto:jenbales@iprimus.com.au)).

## Membership Renewals

Just a reminder that your personal or institutional memberships are due so we would appreciate it if all members could check that they have completed the form and forwarded payment.

*Leanne Rands, CBCA Tasmania President*

## CBCA Awards Update

Entries have now closed for the 2018 Awards.

Entries for the 2019 Awards will be open after the Short List Announcement.

### Judges for 2019

The Awards Committee with the approval of the National Board is pleased to announce the following judges for the 2019 Awards. More details of each judge will be revealed after the Short List announcement.

**Early Childhood:** Amanda Cooper (VIC), Kristy Genetti (NT), Claire Elliott (NSW)

**Younger Readers:** Margaret McKay-Lowndes (QLD), Felicia Harris (WA), Tricia Scott (TAS)

**Older Readers:** Anne-Marie Strother (WA), Pauline McLeod (QLD), Emma Phillips (SA)

**Eve Pownall:** Julie Long (ACT), Brook Tayla (VIC), Kristin Twomey (NSW)

**Picture Books:** Jo Panckridge (VIC), Kirrin Sampson (ACT), Denise Cramsie (NSW)

For more information regarding the CBCA Awards, please contact Kate Flamsted, CBCA National Office, phone: 1300 365 922, [awards@cbca.org.au](mailto:awards@cbca.org.au); [www.cbca.org.au](http://www.cbca.org.au)

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## *Children's book community news*

[Morris Gleitzman is our newest Australian Children's Laureate.](#)

His theme for the coming two-year term is 'Stories Create Our Future'.

Morris explains: "Young people need stories more than ever. Stories to delight, stories to beguile, stories to inspire, stories to move deeply. And through these experiences, stories that equip young readers to embrace an often dark and uncertain world with optimism, resolve and creativity."



The Copyright Agency's [Cultural Fund](#) has provided more than \$70,000 to the Australian Children's Literature Alliance since it kicked off the Children's Laureate program in 2011. This funding gives the author a modest stipend for the two-year period.

During his tenure as laureate, Morris Gleitzman will travel the country attending key literary events and festivals including the Norman Lindsay Children's Literature Festival in March, the CBCA Victoria conference and Sydney Writers' Festival in May, and the Adelaide Festival of Ideas in July.

For more information, see [www.childrenslaureate.org.au](http://www.childrenslaureate.org.au).

### [Astrid Lindgren Memorial Award](#)

Nine Australian authors and illustrators and one Australian organisation have been nominated for the 2018 Astrid Lindgren Memorial Award.

The Australian nominees are:

- Randa Abdel-Fattah
- Ursula Dubosarsky
- Mem Fox
- Morris Gleitzman
- Gus Gordon
- Robert Ingpen
- Margo Lanagan
- Kirsty Murray
- Margaret Wild
- Indigenous Literacy Foundation.

<http://www.alma.se/en/Nominations/Candidates/2018/>

### [Inky Awards](#)

Cath Crowley and Alice Oseman have won the 2017 Inky Awards, presented by the Centre for Youth Literature at the State Library of Victoria.

Cath Crowley's *Words in Deep Blue* (Pan) won the Gold Inky Award for an Australian book, along with a cash prize of \$2000. The YA novel is a love story between estranged best friends set in a Melbourne secondhand bookshop.

British author Alice Oseman's *Radio Silence* (HarperCollins) won the Silver Inky Award for an international book.

<https://insideadog.com.au/>

## CBCA Tasmania's latest activities

### Book of the Year Awards Ceremony at Government House

Friday 18 August 2017 heralded the long awaited announcements of the winners and honour books for the Children's Book Council of Australia's Book of the Year Awards announced at Government House by Her Excellency the Governor in prestigious and historic surroundings.



After being formally welcomed on entry, guests moved past strategically placed displays of the shortlisted titles in each category to be seated in the ballroom. What a lavish and fitting setting for this prestigious event.

After a warm welcome from Governor Warner, The Chair of the National Board, Professor Margot Hillel announced the shortlisted finalists, followed by the Honours and Winners in each category. The results can be viewed on the [CBCA Website](#).

The ceremony was concluded by a presentation from the **Outhouse Legends** representing Jordon River Learning Federation located in the northernmost suburbs of Hobart. These talented young artists recited Julia Donaldson's '[I opened a book](#)' followed by an energetic countdown, led by the performers, to mark the official start of Book Week - a joyful and vociferous conclusion to a prestigious ceremony.

A light afternoon tea was served and provided Her Excellency and Mr Warner, guests, recipients, CBCA Board members and judges to mingle, congratulate, check the books and enjoy the occasion and the surroundings. Other student representatives included the winning teams from the Hobart Readers Cup competitions.



*Jennie Bales*

CBCA Tas Social Media Coordinator



Cam Jones, CBCA Tasmanian Board member with Her Excellency the Governor.

### [Book of the Year Celebratory Dinner – Hobart Waterfront](#)

The Tasmanian Branch of the CBCA had the pleasure of hosting the Book of the Year celebratory dinner at the Hobart Function and Conference Centre on Elizabeth Street Pier. Over 100 people attended the function and enjoyed delicious food and a spectacular night view of the harbour overlooking the Derwent River. Chamber music, played by a group of young talented musicians set the scene as guests arrived and mingled.

Our Master of Ceremonies Steve Martin, a CBCA Tasmanian Committee Member and Mayor of Devonport conducted the proceedings. The evening began with an interactive quiz which challenged our knowledge with quirky questions relating to children’s literature both old and new.

The highlight of the evening was the presentation of the Nan Chauncy



Award by Jenni Connor to Mem Fox for her contribution to children’s literature over many years. Mem’s acceptance speech was, as always, entertaining, informative and engaging. She paid tribute to the many other talented and creative people involved in producing her popular books and stated that; “Authors are only 50% of a great picture book”. Mem shared some of her memorable experiences as an author, events from her early life and hilarious responses from her child readers. She concluded by reading her latest book *I’m Australian too* and encouraged the audience to join her in singing the last verse of the story to the tune of Advance Australia Fair. As Mem Fox said; “The ending is not the end, the story continues!”

The evening was a wonderful opportunity to meet different authors, illustrators, publishers and award winners, members of the National Board of CBCA, branch and territory members and many other people interested in

promoting quality children's literature at the local, state, and national level in Australia. As Gina Newton, the winner of the Eve Pownall Award said; "it was a magical evening".



The evening concluded with a special thanks and appreciation to Nella Pickup for her work in organising the Awards ceremony at Government House, and to Gay McKinnon for leading a stalwart team in executing the dinner.

*Leanne Rands*

President of CBCA Tasmanian Branch

### 2017 Inaugural 'Devonport Reader's Cup'

*Steve Martin* reports.



Having just joined the CBCA (TAS) and judging the Southern Tasmanian Readers Cup, it was surprising to hear that such a learning challenge had never been experienced in NW Tasmania. The eight Devonport primary school principals were approached, successfully gaining their support and participation.

After further discussion on the concept, it was agreed to extend a winner's trophy to both categories of Quizmaster & Creative Challenge, additionally, to level the playing field for all schools and teams, an adjustment was made to the team structure of 6 students, ruling that there was to be no more than 2 students being at an A level Reading per team.



Devonport City Council partnered with local radio stations 7AD and SEAFM, bringing to life the Devonport Readers Cup on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2017, conducted at the East Devonport Recreation Centre, with all eight primary schools represented. Also thanks must go to the CBCA (TAS) for allowing us to partner with them to bring the Readers Cup to the NW and to the Southern Readers Cup for all their support.

Our judges consisted of Anne Guest (Devonport Linc), Devonport Alderman Tammy Milne (Latrobe Primary School Librarian) along with myself also doubling up as quizmaster. CBCA (TAS) Patsy Jones came up from Hobart to take on the duties of official scorekeeper.

It was indeed a room full of excited students, hopeful teachers and parents, obvious by the hum of chatter and eager eyes.

The winner of the Radio 7AD Quiz was Devonport Primary School; the winner of the Radio SEA FM Creative Challenge was Hillcrest Primary School; and the winner of the Devonport Readers Cup was Devonport Christian School. Also, each participant received a personalised Certificate of Participation.

It was strongly rumoured that the winners travelled back to their school via McDonalds, where the Readers Cup was filled with soft serve and enjoyed by all. And why wouldn't you!

It was a great event, one I'm really looking forward to again, this year in 2018.



Official scorekeeper Patsy Jones; Judges L-R Tammy Milne & Anne Guest

<http://www.theadvocate.com.au/story/4908637/citys-1st-readers-cup/>

<http://www.theadvocate.com.au/story/5047774/book-lovers-compete-at-first-readers-cup/>

# Updates from CBCA National Board

## Bequest Program

Recently we launched our Bequest Program with a direct mail appeal to creators, publishers and national partners asking them to consider including the CBCA in their will to help us continue our work of nurturing a literate, educated and creative society. Mem Fox and Bob Graham kindly agreed to provide some commentary to include in our Bequest Letter. Here's what they said:

Mem Fox: *"CBCA Children's Book Week sets Australian schools alight with the love of books and reading for a magical week every year. Out of this enthusiasm and focus, literacy leaps ahead. I'm therefore deeply thankful that the CBCA exists and is such an advocate for Australian books and young Australian readers. Greater literacy and a happier population is the marvellous result."*

Bob Graham: *"Children are born curious to everything surrounding them. To put a book into the hands of a young child is to give them a world without borders, a world limited only by access to the stories found between their covers. The CBCA has been doing just this for over 70 years, bringing stories to generations of children, opening their minds to and understanding of the world around them."*

## New National Partnerships

We recently partnered with Echelon Productions, operator of Perform! Educational Musicals - a multi award-winning producer of educational theatre for primary schools. They have been touring for 18 years, educating children about CBCA Children's Book Week, Cyber Safety, Science and Technology, Financial Literacy, and Fitness and Health. We are pleased to be working with an organisation that brings quality educational productions into Primary Schools, exploring the CBCA Children's Book Week themes and promoting literature and the joy of reading in an interactive, fun and engaging way. Perform! Educational Musicals will bring the 2018 CBCA Children's Book Week theme *Find Your Treasure* to life in a new production titled *Treasure Hunt!*

After discussing with ACT and Vic branches who are familiar with them, we recently signed a partnership agreement with Zart Art. The agreement will ensure advertising in ZA's 2018 Book Week activity book of which at least 3,000 copies will be printed and promoted via ZA's teacher network through their email mailing list to 10,000 art teachers and librarians across Victoria and ACT and an advertising/article in *Zart Extra*, ZA's in-house professional learning magazine of which at least 12,000 copies are to be printed. ZA has also offered free venue hosting for CBCA author

illustrator workshops/talks/panel discussions at their Victorian workshop space, which we have passed on to the Vic branch. The Partnerships Committee felt that in addition the \$500 IP rights Zart paid us, this deal delivered good promotion and operational support to CBCA.

## Tim Winton at the Tamar Valley Writers' Festival

Acclaimed Australian author Tim Winton is coming to Launceston to deliver a powerful meditation on lost boys and the riptide of toxic masculinity. This exciting event, proudly presented by the Tamar Valley Writers Festival, will be Winton's only appearance in Tasmania. Join the Tamar Valley Writers Festival on Saturday, 24 March, at the Tramsheds, Inveresk, at 4.30pm for a very special experience.

Book at <https://www.trybooking.com/book/event?eid=349789&>

## In Memoriam

### Vale Junko Morimoto

Last month, the Australian literary community farewelled Junko Morimoto, a teacher, artist, and award-winning children's picture book creator. Born in Hiroshima in 1932, she later survived the atomic bomb attack of 1945. Junko was a graduate of the Kyoto City University of Fine Art and ran the Children's Art Studio in Osaka before teaching at a secondary school in Katano City. She migrated to Australia in 1982 and in 1984 her first picture book *The White Crane* was commended by the CBCA. She went on to create many award-winning picture books including *Kojuro and the Bear* and *The Two Bullies* which both won CBCA Picture Book of the Year in 1987 and 1998. She is perhaps best known for her contemporary classic *My Hiroshima*, her powerful and moving account of war and survival. Junko is survived by her son.

### Lilith Norman 1927 - 2017

Lilith Norman was a well-known, award-winning Australian author. She worked as a bookshop assistant and librarian and joined the editorial staff of the NSW School Magazine in 1975. She turned to writing full-time in 1978 and has since won many awards. Her book *Climb a Lonely Hill* was commended for the CBCA Book of the Year in 1971 and *A Dream of Seas* was an IBBY Honour Book for 1990. Her first picture book was *The Paddock*, illustrated by Robert Roennfeldt (1992), then her picture book *Grandpa*, illustrated by Noela Young, was a 1999 Honour Book for the CBCA awards.

I had the honour of knowing Lilith for many years. We were in the same lecture classes when we were studying for librarianship. Maurice Saxby was one of our lecturers. I later had the honour to be her publisher when Margaret Hamilton Books published the picture book GRANDPA.

Margaret Hamilton AM, [hamiltonbooks@iprimus.com.au](mailto:hamiltonbooks@iprimus.com.au)

Pinerolo, *The Children's Book Cottage*, Blackheath

## Iona Opie

Iona was a folklorist who collected, codified and published children's rhymes, riddles and street culture. Read her obituary here:

<https://www.theguardian.com/books/2017/oct/25/iona-opie-obituary>

## Pat Hutchins

Pat Hutchins, author-illustrator of such beloved picture books as *Rosie's Walk* and *Good-Night, Owl!*, died on November 8 at age 75, at her home in London.



Hutchins created more than 40 books for young readers, many of which are considered classics and six of which were named ALA Notable Books. *Titch* (1971) was adapted into a popular television series in the U.K. Hutchins earned the Kate Greenaway Medal in 1974 for *The Wind Blew*, and other titles including *Don't Forget the Bacon!* (1976), *1 Hunter* (1982), and *The Doorbell Rang* (1986) have become staples in classrooms around the world.

Read the rest of her obituary here:

<https://www.publishersweekly.com/pw/by-topic/childrens/childrens-authors/article/75333-obituary-pat-hutchins.html>