Acting President’s Report

The time is fast approaching for the Book of the Year announcement on Friday 18 August. The Short List is full of wonderful reads and there will be plenty of ideas to share in classrooms and libraries. Don’t forget to visit the CBCA website for all titles and announcements. Check out the Notable Lists too!

http://www.cbca.org.au

Speaking of websites, the SA Branch has established an interim site – for the latest news visit http://www.cbcsabranch.com

We are looking forward to the Book Week Dinner on Friday 25 August, and the Breakfast with an Author and Illustrator on Saturday 28 October. We would love to see you at both events.

Please consider assisting us by volunteering at events or joining the committee – that additional support would be greatly appreciated.

Circle Exhibition by Jeannie Baker

Don’t miss out on this wonderful opportunity to see Jeannie Baker’s original artwork for her latest book, Circle. This travelling exhibition is currently showing at the Noel Lothian Hall at the Adelaide Botanic Garden. For her latest story Jeannie was inspired by the amazing migration journey of the Bar-tailed Godwit, flying from Australia through Southeast Asia to Alaska. (10am to 4pm Monday to Friday until 25th August 2017. $2 entry fee)
Committee news

Winter is always tricky for committees – it is the time for some to seek warmer climates, and those that remain are often hit with winter bugs! Thankfully we have been able to maintain a quorum even though our numbers are small. We would love additional committee members to lend a hand!

- Our meetings have been very busy planning events –
  
  **Friday 23 June** ‘Picture This’ – Book Week art ideas evening - *which was really well attended and a wealth of information to assist with book week promotion.*
  
  **Friday 25 August** Book Week Dinner at the Maylands Hotel - 67 Phillis St, Maylands - 6 for 6.30pm $65 members $70 non-members

  ‘Champion Pics’ art competition

  **Saturday 28 October** ‘Breakfast with author Jane Jolly & illustrator Sally Heinrich’ at Caledonian Hotel – 219 O’Connell St, North Adelaide - 8.30am for 9am $40

  *Please* put these dates in your diary and go to www.cbcsabranch.com for more details


- **Nan Chauncy Award** A committee member has been on the panel for selecting the next Nan Chauncy Award winner. This biennial national award, initiated by the Tasmanian branch, recognises a person who has made an outstanding contribution to the field of Australian children’s literature. The award will be announced at the Book of the Year Award announcements in Tasmania in August.

- Katharine England is South Australia’s BOYA judge in the Older Readers category. Katharine will be representing the South Australian branch at the BOYA announcements and will be guest speaker at our Book Week dinner at the end of Book Week.

- The committee were saddened by news of the passing of David Mattingley, the husband of long time member and SA author icon Christobel Mattingley. A floral tribute was sent on behalf of the CBCA – SA committee and members.

- Communicating with members in a timely and interesting way has been a committee focus for much of this year. As we become a more nationally focussed organization, plans are underway to move the CBCSAC website onto the national platform. A small working party has been set up to get feedback from members on the current website (Survey Monkey), analyse best practice on other branch websites, develop a new structure and gather and organise content. As an interim measure, a new website has been established on the Weebly platform ([http://www.cbcsabranch.com/](http://www.cbcsabranch.com/)) to pull new content that is locally focussed together in a much more visually appealing way. The old website [http://cbcsa.org.au/](http://cbcsa.org.au/) is being maintained until all relevant content has been transitioned. In addition, a Facebook page has been established which will become part of our communication strategy, and newsletters and emails are being used to make sure that members are informed as changes take place.

- Currently our membership stands at 123 members – down a little from last year.

- We are beginning to consider our membership fees and structure for 2018 so that we can continue to provide services and events for members, taking into account national trends and changes in staffing in school and public library sectors. Membership fees were unchanged for 2017.

- At our next meeting we are planning to look at how we can recognise the SA greats in children’s literature – whether they are authors, illustrators, publishers, retailers, teachers, librarians, or community groups or other individuals who bring children’s literature to the community.
CBCA – SA 2017 Committee

*President* – Karen Mutton  
*Vice President* – Julie Wells  
*Minutes Secretary* – Nola Uzzell  
*Treasurer* – Anna Angelakis  
*Membership Secretary* – Judy Miller  

*National Board* – Linda Guthrie  

*Committee* – Val van Putten, Jane Moore, Lorna Crisanti, Jo Marshall,  

*Children’s Book of the Year Judge 2016 / 2017* – Katharine England  

- To contact any of these committee members please email: admin@cbcsa.org.au

Champion Pics Competition for School Students

**Who can enter?**  
The competition is open to all school students (R-9) in SA.

**What do entrants need to do?**  
Working individually, students select a shortlisted book from the Early Childhood or Picture Book Categories and create a visual presentation, no larger than A3 in size.

The presentation is an opportunity for students to show their response to literature: share their feelings and thoughts about the events and characters, or draw connections between personal experiences and the text, or reflect on the language used in the text and its influence on personal response.

Students can use any media.

**When is it due?**
All entries are due by **Friday 8th September 2017**

The winners will be announced **Wednesday 13th September 2017**

**Entry is free.**

**What are the Prizes?**

- **R-2 prize**: Breakfast with a South Australian author  
- **3-5 prize**: Breakfast with a South Australian author  
- **6-7 prize**: Breakfast with a South Australian author  
- **8-9 prize**: Breakfast with a South Australian author

Each winner will also receive a book bundle their school library.


Book Group dates – everyone welcome

This group meets at the Holdfast Hotel - Pier St, Glenelg from 7pm - 9pm

Bring a book or two you’ve recently enjoyed. It can be an Adult / Young Adult / Children’s fiction / Picture book.

Monday - 28 August / 25 September / 23 October / 18 December
Events at the State Library of SA

The current exhibitions in the State Library are celebrating Australian Rules football in South Australia. The exhibition "In a league of its own: Celebrating 140 years of SANFL" looks at 140 years of the South Australian National Football League (SANFL).

“Straight through the middle: Football in South Australia” examines how football has played an integral part of South Australian life from the Far West to the South East.

The Community Learning Team has designed a self-guided experience for students

**Date:** June 2017 to 13 August 2017  
**Time:** Various  
**Location:** Meet at Treasures Wall, Level 1 Spence Wing  
**Note:** Free, bookings essential. Guide resources provided free of charge.  
**Suitability:** Years 3 to 7  
**Duration:** 60 minutes  
**Days:** Monday to Friday (closed Public holidays)  
**Resources:** Collect 'Enquiry Cards' and torches from Copy Centre, Level 1 Spence Wing (past the Treasures Wall)  
**Capacity:** 30 students maximum  
**Supervision:** 1:6  
**Facilitator:** Teachers. Please organise students into pairs. Bag storage- bring a crate for student belongings that can remain with you during your visit.  
**Before you visit:** Read the Teacher Guidelines and take a look at the Library floorplan.  
**Footy Cards** - your self-guided tour helper  
We've designed a pack of Footy cards to encourage closer looking and develop skills of observation, description and interpretation.  
One pack of footy cards will be provided per student as a take-home memento for classes that book into this program.  
**Register for Term 3**  
**Event contact details**  
**Contact:** Community Learning Team  
**Phone:** 8207 7239  
**Email:** slsacommunitylearning@sa.gov.au
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Professional Development opportunity - available to CBCA members ONLY

The official Judge’s Presentation is now available via

To access the presentations, you need the access code Br@c4C0d317_CBCA, otherwise it will cost $60 to join the course.

The videos contained in each category go for the following times:

- Introduction by Margot Hillel  2.11 mins
- OR by Michelle Worthington  8.03 mins
- YR by Nette Hilton  14.40 mins
- EC by Julie Long  8.29 mins
- EP by Heather Zubek  8.00 mins
- PB by Jo Panckridge  14.58 mins
- Judges talking about Judging  6.14 mins

These should be able to be projected from within the course. If you require the YouTube Link, please contact Justine.power@cbca.org.au .

It is hoped that all those who use the videos and course notes will also engage in the on-line community and contribute to the resources available, creating a very valuable resource for all involved and promoting much discussion about the Short List. Those who complete the course will also automatically receive a certificate for their professional development.

Call for Volunteers – we invite you to be part of the CBCA Volunteer community

The CBCA National Board would like to establish a Volunteer Community.

As you know, we have a big agenda and many initiatives on the go, and our national Board would welcome support from people with a passion for what the CBCA is all about, who may have the following skills and the time to help out on projects or with specific tasks.

There are no set hours or schedule – volunteers will work directly with members of the national Board and Committee Convenors. This relationship-based work will be conducted by email and conference calls

If you’d like to apply to be part of our Volunteer Community, or know someone who would, please submit a brief CV to our Secretariat Kate Flamsteed at kate.flamsteed@cbca.org.au

Skills we are looking for include, but are not limited to:

- grant research and writing;
- database management;
- newsletter writing;
- communications;
- risk assessment;
- marketing.

Many thanks,

Margot Hillel OAM Chair, National Board
**CBCA and The Party People partner for Children’s Book Week 2017**

The Children’s Book Council of Australia (CBCA) has entered a partnership with The Party People, the market leader for party supplies online in Australia, with a focus on celebrating CBCA Children’s Book Week 2017.

CBCA Children’s Book Week is an iconic event in Australian children’s literature and begins immediately after the announcement of the CBCA Book of the Year Awards in August.

This year’s theme of *Escape to Everywhere* will see children of all ages, as well as teachers and some parents dressing up as their favourite book characters to celebrate storytelling and the joy of reading. Libraries, schools and communities across the country will showcase Australian literature with imaginative book displays.

In partnership with The Party People, the CBCA will be able to offer a vast range of creative costume ideas for teachers, librarians and parents to source. CBCA Children’s Book Week will take place from 18-25 August, 2017.

Through The Party People’s broad network, the CBCA hopes to continue to grow awareness of children’s literature and Children’s Book Week activities, as well as drive donations to help continue the wonderful work of the CBCA’s members throughout Australia.

The Party People is a family-owned Australian company with more than thirty years’ experience in the business of dress-ups. Co-CEOs Dean & Peter Salakas participated in Children’s Book Week when they were young and are proud to now be an official partner with the CBCA.

Established in 1945, the **Children’s Book Council of Australia** is a not-for-profit, volunteer run organisation, which aims to engage the community with literature for young Australians. The CBCA presents annual awards to books of literary merit for outstanding contribution to Australian children’s literature.

For further information on the **CBCA** or to interview CBCA Chair Professor Margot Hillel please contact Kate Flamsteed on 0417 122468

For further information on **The Party People** or to interview co-CEO Dean Salakas, please contact Dean directly on 0417 55 99 32

**Book Week Merchandise**

As The Children’s Book Council of Australia has moved toward a more national focus some current South Australian Branch arrangements have been reviewed.

This includes provision of Book Week merchandise. This will no longer be available locally through the CBCSA branch. We encourage you to make use of the National online ordering facilities available through the e-store. [https://store.cbca.org.au](https://store.cbca.org.au). Please email admin@cbcsa.org.au if purchase orders are required.

**Remembering Narelle Oliver**

Narelle was born on 25 February 1960 and sadly died on 5 October 2016. She made a significant contribution to children’s literature and the CBCA aims to raise funds so that her name can be listed in memoriam as a contributor to the CBCA Awards Foundation. Details are attached to this email.

**Phil Cummings song book**

Talented SA children’s author Phil Cummings has written some lyrics about his love of books and libraries and renowned composer arranger Glyn Lehmann has put them to music. This would be a great addition to planning for Book Week 2017.

It is published by The Song Library and is available on their website – the link is below.

The CBCA Awards Foundation

Proudly Funding Prizes for the CBCA Book of the Year Awards

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- Allen & Unwin
- Laurie Copping OAM (in memoriam)
- Maurice Saxby AM
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- CBCA NSW Branch, CBCA Vic Branch,
- CBCA WA Branch, Jean Chapman (in memoriam),
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- The James N Kirby Foundation, Kinross-Wolaroi School
- Koala Books, The Library Board of Queensland
- Beryl Moncrieff Matthews (in memoriam)
- Jill Midolo (in memoriam), Robin Morrow
- Angela Namoi, The Northern Territory Government
- Jan Ormerod (in memoriam) Parents & Boys of Sydney Grammar Edgecliff Prep School
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- Gillian Rubinstein, SA Dept of the Arts & Cultural Development
- Cathie Tasker, University of Queensland Press
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Donations to the CBCA Awards Foundation are tax deductible and can be sent to PO Box 1163, Fyshwick ACT 2609. (May 2017)
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