President's Piece

Whilst we WA Branch committee members, library staff, parents and teachers catch our breath after a hectic August many of our authors and illustrators are still engaged in finding treasure as their CBCA Book Week programs stretch over a month and beyond. Thanks to the dedicated work of our committee and the generous grants from our sponsors (Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries, Lotterywest and Healthway Go for 2&5) we were able share our local literary, artistic, storytelling and creative treasure with young people all over the state and no doubt inspire them in turn.

Our CBCA Official Book Week Opening and Dinner on Friday 17 August was a spectacularly successful event with a record number of guests who enthusiastically embraced the Hollywood glamour theme and, in the words of guest speaker Amanda Betts, looked truly AWESOME! Congratulations to Dinner Organisers Denise Robins and Sally Woffenden who did an amazing job. Amanda generously (and hilariously) shared her tips for survival in Los Angeles with a clever HOLLYWOOD acrostic and gave a glimpse into how her latest book, Hive came
about. The biggest surprise of the evening for me was the presentation of the Muriel Barwell Award and I am truly honoured to join the esteemed ranks of previous recipients to whom Mary Gimondo affectionately refers as 'The Muriels'. My heartfelt thanks to everyone for this treasured acknowledgement.

No rest for the wicked and on Sunday 19 August Coordinator, Denise Robins and a small but willing cohort of committee members gave up their time for the Make Your Own Story Book awards presentation at The Literature Centre. Always a positive, celebratory event this was made even more special when guest presenter, Albany-based author, Sian Turner proudly showed the young winners her own original childhood entries and winning certificates in the competition.

It has been wonderful to see the official CBCA Book Week merchandise designed by Anna Walker used as the basis for amazingly creative displays in libraries and schools and we thank those who shared the images with us via our Facebook page. If you haven’t already joined, Facebook is a great way of keeping up to date with our activities in between newsletters. Click here send a request and we’ll sign you up.

As WA Branch President it was my pleasure to attend two other CBCA Book Week activities – a PL session organised by the Primary History Teachers Association of WA and the Readers’ Challenge organised by TL Deb Bourke at MLC. At the former, I was invited to speak about books which enlighten readers about Australian history and Julie Bumford from Westbooks very kindly incorporated the titles (plus those from the authors attending) into a book list which you can view here: https://gallery.mailchimp.com/5891d1d08070a280508b169b9/files/4c118efb-3663-4b5f-9498-607b32168aa0/HTAWA.pdf

This year’s CBCA Book Week theme highlighted the fact that treasure is not necessarily shiny coins, precious gems or chests full of gold but that we are rich with living treasure in WA. I hope you all found treasure and had a wonderful CBCA Book Week.

Jan Nicholls
CBCA WA Branch President
CBCA Book of The Year Awards
We are proud to announce the 2018 Children’s Book of the Year Awards, highlighting the extraordinary creativity and talent of Australia’s children’s authors and illustrators.

Just in case you missed the live stream of the 2018 BOYA event in Brisbane, the full recording – including acceptance speeches by Michael Gerard Bauer and Bren MacDibble – is now available on the CBCA YouTube Channel. Links to all three videos are on the Announcements page of the National website at https://cbca.org.au/announcements

Professor Margot Hillel OAM, Chair of the CBCA National Board says, “This is our 72nd Book of the Year Awards and the high number of engaging, imaginative and inspiring stories that continue to be published for young Australians each year is very encouraging, particularly in an age where digital technologies compete for their time and attention.”

“Young people will always need well-crafted stories and information books to help them understand themselves and other people and navigate the world around them.”

Of the 444 entries and 36 shortlisted titles, judges have selected one winner and two honour books for the five Book of the Year Award categories and one winner for the Crichton Award for New Illustrators.

Read on here.
CBCA Book Week

Photo Gallery

CBCA Book Week 2018 was a HUGE success all over the state and thanks to generous funding from our sponsors the week extended well into a month and even beyond for many of our intrepid authors and illustrators who visited libraries and schools in country areas and remote regions as well as all over the metro area. Find your Treasure was a popular theme and these creative displays attest to the imagination and skills of our wonderful library staff. Thank you all for such fabulous support.

We are especially encouraged to see so many adults joining the dress-up fun in August and there were some amazing costumes. Talented author/Illustrator Briony Stewart has set the bar incredibly high with her gorgeous Book Week Bub costumes and photos and we thank her for sharing the joy. Her countdown to CBCA Book Week has inspired us to reintroduce the Take Me To Your Reader section of photos in our newsletters. Please share photos of your children or pets reading and enjoying books to be published in upcoming issues of the CBCA WA newsletter here.
The 2018 Book Week Opening and Dinner was a fabulous night of entertainment, conversation, delicious food, remarkable raffles and door prizes. Our celebration was held at the Wembley Golf Club in the Ambrose Estate room with Vice President Denise Robins as a top-hatted MC doing an amazing job keeping us in order! The Book week theme Find Your Treasure was reflected throughout the evening as treasured supporters, including committee, CBCA WA members, authors, illustrators, publishers, friends and bookstore owners had their moments in the spotlight as they were photographed on the red carpet by local paparazzi Norman.
Jorgensen and Steve Heron. Photographs of our supporters were also proudly displayed on our treasure trees!

Glamour with a capital G! As a paparazzo, along with the team consisting of Norman and Jan we had the privilege of greeting the guests at the door of the Ambrose Estate. My camera flash couldn't keep up at the CBCA Annual Awards Dinner and nearly overheated with the glamour and bling as the stars rolled in. The dinner was undoubtedly a smashing occasion.

Steve Heron
In honour of the Daytime Emmy success of Zac and Mia by guest speaker Amanda Betts, many guests dressed for the celebration by digging out their stylish gear or raiding cupboards and second-hand stores for Hollywood glamorous outfits. The glitter and sparkle of sequins, satin, tiaras and gold eyelashes was offset by swishing black cloaks and fur coats, all reflected in the subtle glow of the table decorations. Roving paparazzo Catherine Carvell was on the spot to capture some of the action as the guests mingled and chatted.

So I was totally joking about dressing up for the CBCA dinner. Until I wasn't. Until I thought, "I could probably throw together a Bjorkish-duck-swan thing. I mean, how hard could it be?" And then this happened and it was so much fun. And I will never ever do it again.

Meg McKinlay
Another triumph for the CBCA in creating an enjoyable and successful Book Week Dinner. I've never seen the librarians, teachers, illustrators and authors looking so glamorous. I'm pleased my costume made an impression. AJ Betts, as cognoscenti of Hollywood style, was convinced I was AWESOME as Errol Flynn in the movie Captain Blood. Erin Mazanec thought I was more Captain Feathersword. Either way, my table nominated me to win a personally autographed copy of AJ's new book Hive. I had fun and I'll be back next year.

Glenn Swift

A highlight of the night was guest speaker AJ Betts, impressively sustaining her LA-brogue throughout the night. AJ shared her hard-won tips for survival on the poodle-
President Jan Nicholls welcomed guests and officially opened CBCA Book Week, announcing the Book of The Year winners and Honour Books. Shortly afterwards Jan was astounded to discover she was the seventh recipient of the Muriel Barwell Award for Distinguished Service to Children’s Literature, an extremely prestigious WA award and extraordinarily well deserved. The applause was loud and heartfelt as Gail Spiers made the presentation and read the citation to the treasured winner.

Amanda Betts, our home grown Western Australian treasure, entertained us with hilarious do’s and don’ts of fitting into the Hollywood lifestyle and regaled us with amusing stories about being misunderstood as an Aussie abroad. Signed copies of her latest book Hive (donated by Amanda and Pan MacMillan) were presented to lucky winners who were voted ‘best dressed to impress Hollywood style’ by their fellow diners. Amanda had a fabulous night giving away these table prizes, door prizes and drawing the ten raffle prizes. So much treasure!

Congratulations on all passing the inaugural Hollywood 101 course! You’ve each demonstrated an awesome grasp of the local lingo, fashion and customs. It was a total pleasure to share with you my tips and tricks for succeeding in LA. Have a magical time - and don’t forget to take your own Hollywood Tape!

AJ x

We enjoyed amazing support from treasured SCBWI members (established and emerging authors and illustrators) who formed four tables. The evening was a wonderful mix of networking and celebration as guests exclaimed over costumes,
met new faces, were entertained by a flash mob and caught up with old friends. We thank everyone who helped organise the event and those who attended, and those treasured supporters who donated books for the raffle and door prizes, including CBCA WA committee members, Rebecca Newman, Walker Books and Magabala Books.

Denise Robins and Sally Woffenden
2018 Book Week Dinner organisers

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SAVE THE DATE!
A Night With Our Stars
The CBCA WA Branch is proud to announce that the 16th A Night With Our Stars will be held on Friday 8th March 2019
6pm for a 6.30pm start
Bendat Parent & Community Centre
36 Dodd St, Wembley WA 6014

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Muriel Barwell Award

And the winner is... Jan Nicholls! My beloved was awarded the Muriel Barwell Award for Distinguished Services to Children's Literature at the annual Book Council Dinner.
I couldn't be more proud!
Norman Jorgensen
Thank you to everyone for the lovely messages and good wishes following the presentation of the Muriel Barwell Award at the CBCA WA Book Week Dinner. It was such a surprise! My heartfelt thanks to those who nominated me and to everyone at the WA Branch for their support. I love being part of our wonderful children's literature community!

Jan Nicholls

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**MYOSB Ceremony and Celebration**

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**Photo Gallery**

On Sunday 19th August The Literature Centre inside the old Fremantle gaol is alive
with rustling and rapid steps as last minute adjustments are made to cups and platters. Aprons are straightened and cameras are checked. Everything is in working order and people take their places.

The sound of excited chattering at the huge wooden door is met with an enthusiastic welcome by CBCA WA committee member Shiarn Coole then footsteps on the verANDAHs herald the beginning of the MYOSB Celebration Ceremony. Twenty two winners and their guests mingle with CBCA WA committee members, honorary photographer Norman Jorgensen and special guests Jenny Botje (Senior Education Office for The Literature Centre), Mary Gimondo (founding MYOSB organiser), Jenni Woodroffe (past CBCA WA committee member) and Jen Jackson (supporting bookstore owner, Paper Bird Children's Books and Arts).

A myriad of photographs are taken by Jan Nicholls (CBCA WA President), Norman Jorgensen (until his camera blew an expensive fuse) and proud family members. Winning entries are exclaimed over and judges’ comments read in the Winners’ Gallery while Elizabeth, Nola and Trish serve a delicious morning tea in the Main Gallery.

The crowd is seated and falls silent as Denise, Jenny and Jan welcome everyone and praise the efforts of the winners in glowing terms. Guest speaker, Albany based author Sian Turner takes the microphone to share her experiences as a MYOSB winner, showing her cherished entries as she speaks. She discusses the skills of a writer, including persistence and effort, before displaying photos of her family and a music video clip: her poem put to music by her husband and sung by a young family friend and Sian’s daughter.

The anticipation rises as the prize bags are presented by Jan and Sian and it’s giant smiles all round as cameras click. Two winners, Chantel Lai and Dakota
Hinch-Woods share their very different experiences as writers and Chantel presented her muse (her young cousin) with a copy of her book.

We are so happy and proud of both Chantel and my niece, Claris, who also won a prize - second prize - in the Year 3-4 Story Book category. The Awards Ceremony was indeed a memorable event for our family to attend; it was very well-planned with so much time and effort put into the competition as well as the ceremony. It was also pleasing for us to hear how Chantel gave an interesting talk on her writing experience and able to interact with a lovely audience. We have never really got to see the other side of her until this event since she had always been soft-spoken and shy. We are glad that she accepted the invitation for the talk. We would say this is probably the best one out of so many other competitions she has entered and won.

Lily

A final photograph is taken then as chairs are stacked, the winners head off to the bookstore to browse and chat with Sian. The competition is over for another year and already these budding authors and illustrators are planning their next books.

Many thanks to our committee supporters, The Literature Centre and our sponsors; Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries, Lotterywest, Healthway and their Go for 2&5 program. We also sincerely thank Beaufort Street Books, Child Education Services, Crow Books, The Lane Bookshop, Millpoint Caffe Bookshop, Paper Bird Books & Arts and Westbooks for their wonderful support.

Denise Robins and Sally Woffenden
Inside all of us there is still the child. A child who strives to do their best. Who wants to know that they are enough. A child who dreams and who wants their ideas and creativity to be shared, enjoyed and loved.

Addressing the winners of this year’s MYOSB competition was an incredible honour for me, particularly because the roots of my own love for writing began by being inspired through this same competition many years ago. Thank you CBCA. Thank you for continuing to hold this competition and thank you to all the parents and teachers who encouraged their students and children to take part. Well done to those who finished an entry, and particularly to those who won prizes.

To be the adult talking to these imaginative children and being able to tell them that they have a gift; and that they should dare to keep dreaming and creating their stories- that was very special to me.

I hope those listening were inspired and encouraged by my message. I hope they
keep writing and in whatever path they pursue they find treasure along the way.
Sian Turner

CBCA Book Group Discussion

Held in the evening on the fourth Wednesday of each month and hosted by Gail Spiers these meetings discuss the latest titles in Australian YA literature. Come along and join in the discussion and feel free to bring a friend. Contact Gail for details.

Lifel1k3
by Jay Kristoff
Published by

Small Spaces
by Sarah Epstein
Published by

Bridge of Clay
by Markus Zusak
Published by
Recent Book Launches

Hive by A.J Betts
Published by Pan Macmillan

To bee, or not to bee, that was never a question. Julia and I were unbelievably honoured to buzz about at Amanda's launch of Hive. Although it required months of strenuous dance and music rehearsals, we were beeyond happy beeing a part.
Frané Lessac
The Dog With Seven Names by Dianne Wolfer
Published by Penguin Random House

The Literature Centre in Fremantle provided a beautiful yet sombre setting appropriate for the launch of Dianne Wolfer’s new World War II novel The Dog With Seven Names - a story about the triumph of love and innocence during humanity's ugliest hour.

Matthew Outred

Lintang and The Brightest Star by Tamara Moss
Published by Penguin Random House

Rabble Books & Games in Maylands was filled to the brim for
the launch of Lintang and the Brightest Star, the third and final book in the Lintang series. Star-dotted cupcakes and custard were consumed with gusto but, undoubtedly, the brightest star was author Tamara Moss.

Sandi Parsons

Puddle Hunters, by Kirsty Murray and Karen Blair
Published by Allen and Unwin

A first-time collaboration between these two award-winning creators, Puddle Hunters is a beautifully written and illustrated story celebrating one of the great joys of childhood. Perfect for a cold, wet day this wonderfully warm story is published by Allen and Unwin and is now available in bookstores.

Briony Stewart
The Scarlet Hood by Mark Evans  
Published by Salariya

Thank you to everyone who came along to Paper Bird Children's Books and Arts for the Australian launch of Scarlet Hood. On a beautiful sunny morning is there anywhere better in Perth than the courtyard at Paper Bird to launch your book? I think not. Jennifer deserves all the pats on the back that she can get.
Mark Evans

Lemonade Jones by Davina Bell and Karen Blair  
Published by Allen and Unwin

Jennifer Jackson at Paper Bird Books & Arts hosted a fabulous book launch for Lemonade Jones. Title character Lemonade, her best friend and a magnificent tiger also made a surprise appearance which really brought the story to life. While Davina read a sample aloud and talked about breaking (or following) rules Karen skilfully sketched Lemonade wearing her crocodile
costume. This superb original art work then went home with the lucky person who found a golden ticket in their purchased copy of the book!
Jan Nicholls

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Science Week Lit Lab

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Paper Bird hosted a special National Science Week event in August organised by Writing WA with free workshops for kids facilitated by some of our great children's book writers and illustrators of science literature. It was a hugely popular event.

Aśka sparked the kids' imaginations and curiosity for the world of science with some impressive experiments. Cristy Burne then got the kids formulating journalistic interviews and writing science news articles with the inspiration of some amazing local stories, such as the recently discovered dancing peacock spider from Walpole. Lastly, Samantha Hughes used illustrative techniques to explore human biology, teaching kids how to draw a skeleton and mould skeletal figurines.

We look forward to more science literature inspired events.

Jennifer Jackson
Director of Paper Bird Children's Books & Arts
An Evening with Cristy Burne and Sally Rippin

Congratulations....it's twins!

Out July 31

Off the Track
Cristy Burne

Fictional adventure set on WA's Bibbulmum Track

Out August 1

Zeroes & Ones
Cristy Burne

Fast and funny history of the people who invented computing
I recently attended an evening for teachers and library staff at one of our supporting bookshops Beaufort Street Books. WA author Cristy Burne discussed her recent releases Off the Track and Zeroes and Ones: the geeks, heroes and hackers who changed history. The former was to be a follow up to To the Lighthouse, however the publisher recommended a re work and that it be a stand-alone. Cristy is happy to have received this advice and says that it is now much stronger. Themes include getting outside, hiking, being in the wild, falling in love with the bush, disconnecting from technology and discovering yourself.

Zeroes and Ones: the geeks, heroes and hackers who changed history is Cristy’s first non-fiction book despite her background as a science writer with degrees in biotechnology and science communication. It is a funny, informative and light-hearted look at the history of computing that helps kids understand the world we live in. It includes information about the inventor of the World Wide Web, has strong references to women scientists such as Grace Hopper and contains Australian content.

Sally Rippin author of over fifty books for young readers, including the popular children’s series Billie B Brown and Hey Jack! was visiting Perth and promoting her Polly and Buster series. The first two books are The Wayward Witch and the Feeling Monster and The Mystery of the Magic Stones. The series is close to her heart, and a story she has wanted to write for many years. Through Polly and Buster, Sally wants children to understand that no matter how confusing or frightening the world may seem at times that kindness and integrity always win out in the end. Perfect for children aged six and up, the series is about empathy, understanding and love.

I congratulate Jane Seaton and her staff on hosting a most successful evening and providing an opportunity for participants to hear and meet authors and keep up with some of the latest titles.

Liz Allen
Dates For Your Diary

Join James Foley, Wednesday 26th Sept at Paper Bird Books & Arts in Fremantle, for the launch of Gastronauts, the third book in his Sally Tinker Inc. graphic novel series! Details here.
Celebrate the launch of her new book, *Under the Southern Cross* with Frané Lessac at the Literature Centre on Thursday 20th Sept
RSVP
info@thelitcentre.org.au
Published by Walker Books.

**Great Big Dark and Spooky Book Read**

Presented by Fremantle Press, State Library and Awesome Arts on Wednesday 3rd October for ages 5+. Follow the torchlight to your seat around the ‘campfire’ for a thrilling story time experience with
amazing local writers.  

Book tickets here.

For those of you who like to plan ahead and have been asking about next year, the CBCA Book of the Year winners are announced on the third Friday in August, and CBCA Book Week commences the following day.

Next year the winners will be announced on Friday 16 August and CBCA Book Week will run from 17 – 23 August 2019. The official theme will be announced soon.
New Titles Coming Soon
From WA Authors, Illustrators and Publishers

Greenwood Mark & McLean Andrew, The Happiness Box, Walker Books
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Murphy Sally, Sage Cookson's Stormy Weather, New Frontier Publishing
Mutch Ian, More and more and more, Fremantle Press

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