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President's Letter

Dear IBBY Australia Members and Supporters,

This is our first newsletter for 2020, and the first of a new decade. It is also a first for our new editor, Claire Stuckey. As a member of the committee since 2011, and in her roles with IFLA, CBCA and other organisations, Claire has forged valuable partnerships for IBBY Australia. She will be our representative at the Bologna Children's Book Fair this April, as well.

We would like to extend to those affected by the current bushfire crisis in Australia our sincere commiserations. We encourage those who have not been affected to share your resources with those who are suffering at this time.

This month, the sixth Australian Children's Laureate will be announced, and we'll include news of that launch in our next newsletter. In March this year, the IBBY Australia sub-committee will begin deliberations to decide on the 2022 HCA nominees for Australia, and I'll be subsequently preparing the dossiers for these nominations. We also warmly welcome to our committee Professor Alyson Simpson, who has been a member of the Honour List sub-committee in 2019.

In April, we have two IBBY Australia events scheduled celebrating ICBD – the birthdate of Hans Christian Andersen (2 April 1805 – 4 August 1875). A Quiz Night will be held in Hobart on 2 April, and at Strathfield, NSW on 4 April there will be an event including guest speakers and the announcement of the Ena Noël Award winner 2020.

Another event to take place on 2 April is the annual Narelle Oliver Lecture, organised by Book Links (Qld) in Brisbane. I will be there to introduce the guest speaker, who will be none other than the sixth Australian Children's Laureate.

The IBBY Congress will be convened in Moscow, 5–7 September, and several members of our committee will attend, together with our 2020 HCA nominees, Ann James and Libby Gleeson, with support from the Copyright Agency Cultural Fund. Members, please let us know if you plan to attend, as we traditionally arrange a meeting of Australians at each Congress. Our best wishes to you all for a very hopeful and book-filled new year.

Best regards,
Robyn Sheahan-Bright

IBBY Announces the Shortlist for the 2020 Hans Christian Andersen Awards

IBBY, the International Board on Books for Young People, is proud to announce the shortlist for the 2020 Hans Christian Andersen Award – the world’s most prestigious award for the creators of children’s and youth literature.

Authors:

María Cristina Ramos - Argentina
Bart Moeyaert - Belgium
Marie-Aude Murail- France
Farhad Hassanzadeh - Iran
Peter Svetina - Slovenia
Jacqueline Woodson - USA.

Illustrators:

Isabelle Arsenault - Canada
Seizo Tashima - Japan
Sylvia Weve - Netherlands
Iwona Chmielewska - Poland
Elena Odriozola - Spain
Albertine - Switzerland

The announcement of the winners will be made at the [Bologna Bookfair](#) March 30th – April 2nd 2020 .



[Hans Christian Andersen Medal](#)

Hans Christian Andersen Jurors' Meeting in Munich

In the 1980s Maurice Saxby was a member of the judging panel for the HCAA, but there has been no Australian member since. So it was with a strong sense of responsibility that I undertook this task. Unlike other judging panels I have been on, for this one we looked at the authors’ and illustrators’ body of work. From April last year when we received the digital files of the books, it has been a time of reading and making copious notes, and some correspondence with other jury members through a password-controlled blog. In January we met at the International Youth Library in Schloss Blutenburg, Bavaria. We began with a one-day outing to the city of Munich, including a visit to the Haus der Kunst where Jella Lepman held the first exhibition of children’s books in 1946. Then the busy meeting days included time to examine the physical copies of all titles submitted as well as the dossiers; and lively and respectful discussion chaired by Junko Yokota from USA. I have learned much from the group of wonderful experts from many lands. I am grateful for this unforgettable experience.

Robin Morrow



Left to right: Cecilia Ana Repetti, Argentina; Denis Beznosov, Russia; Mariella Bertelli, Canada; Nadia El Kholi, Egypt; Viviane Ezratty, France; Tina Bilban, Slovenia; Ulla Rhedin, Sweden; Yasuko Doi, Japan; Robin Morrow, Australia; Eva Kaliskami, Greece

Photo: Junko Yokota, Jury Chair

[HCA Award 2020 Jurors](#)

Words Change the World

*IBBY Australia invites you to celebrate **International Children's Book Day**.
At this event you will hear two outstanding writers explore the way their words
are changing the world for young readers.*

Saturday 4th April, 2020

Santa Maria del Monte Primary School

59 The Boulevard (Cnr Carrington Street) Strathfield NSW

1.15pm – 5.00pm

\$40 for member | **\$45** for non-member

Delicious afternoon tea included



Maxine Beneba Clarke is the author of nine books, including the ABIA and Indie award-winning short fiction collection *Foreign Soil* (2014), and the critically acclaimed memoir *The Hate Race* (2016). Her poetry collection *Carrying The World* won the 2017 Victorian Premier's Literary Award for Poetry. Maxine is the author of three picture books, including the CBCA and Boston Globe / Horn Book Prize winning picture book *The Patchwork Bike*, illustrated by Melbourne artist Van T Rudd. She is the resident poet for *The Saturday Paper* and the editor of *Best Australian Stories 2017*, and *Growing Up African in Australia* (2019). Her most recent books are *Meet Taj at the Lighthouse*, and *The Saturday Portraits*.



Gabrielle Wang is an award-winning author and illustrator born in Melbourne of Chinese heritage. Her maternal great grandfather came to Victoria during the Gold Rush and her father from Shanghai. Gabrielle's stories are a blend of Chinese and Western culture with a touch of fantasy. She has twice won the Aurealis Award with her novels *The Garden of Empress Cassia* and *A Ghost in My Suitcase* and many of her books are CBCA Notables. Gabrielle's young adult novel, *Little Paradise* received a Highly Commended in the 2011 Prime Minister's Awards as did *A Ghost in My Suitcase*. She has also written books in the highly successful *Our Australian Girl* series. Her most recent middle grade novels are *The Wishbird*, *The Beast of Hushing Wood* and *Ting Ting the Ghosthunter*. You can read more about Gabrielle at www.gabriellewang.com

Bookings: eventbrite.com.au/e/85421344541



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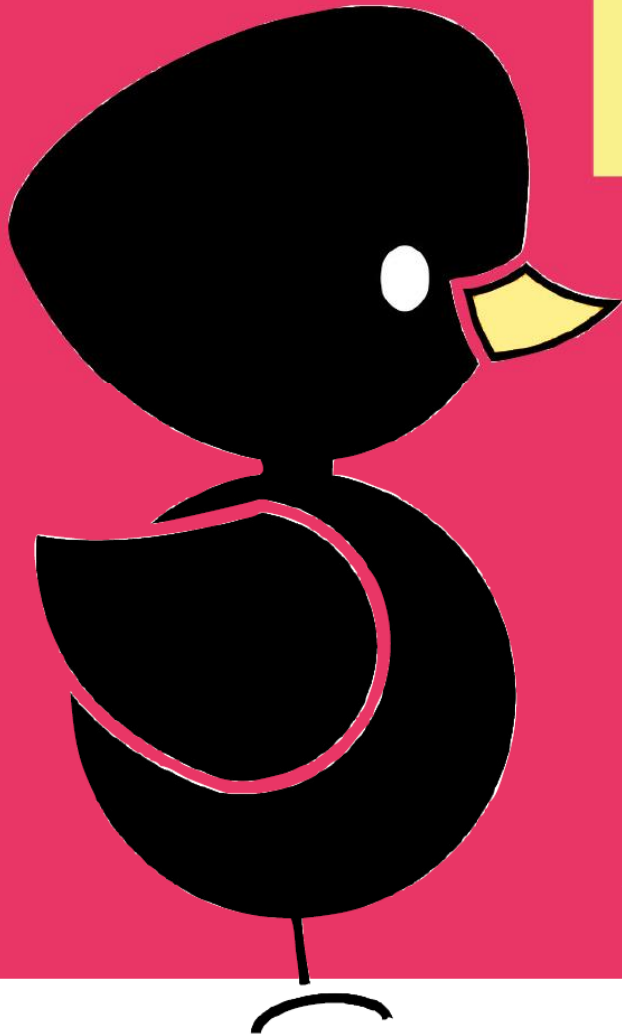


Completing *Words Change the World* will contribute 2 hours of NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA) Registered PD addressing 6.2.2 from the Australian Professional Standards for Teachers towards maintaining Proficient Teacher Accreditation in NSW.

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IBBY Australia • quiz night



Celebrate Hans Christian
Andersen's birthday
with us on International
Children's Book Day

Thursday 2 April 2020
5.30pm–8.00pm

Black Buffalo Hotel
14 Federal St, North Hobart

Bookings essential. Limited
spaces available so book
early, refreshments provided.

There will be some small
fundraising activities
so please bring some cash.

Table Bookings (tables of 6) @ **\$90**

Individual Bookings @ **\$15**

Funds raised will benefit
IBBY Australia and the
Children in Crisis Fund



<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/ibby-australia-quiz-night-tickets-86989926211>



Outstanding Books for Young People With Disabilities

Every two years the IBBY National Sections nominate books for Young People with Disabilities to be added to a special collection and exhibition. A selection of Outstanding Books is then made, and this selection is summarised in a catalogue.

IBBY Australia Inc. invites publishers to submit nominations for the IBBY Outstanding Books for young people with disabilities collection 2021.

Please [email IBBY Australia Inc](#) for nomination information.

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The Narelle Oliver Lecture will be delivered in Brisbane by the incoming Australian Children's Laureate on April 2nd – International Children's Book Day.

[Click here for bookings](#)



IBBY Honour List Book Exhibitions

In 2018–19, IBBY Australia partnered with the National Centre for Australian Children's Literature (NCACL) in its Sharing Stories IBBY Project to bring the 2018 IBBY Honour List exhibition to Australia. It included 191 books in 50 different languages from 61 countries. As well, IBBY Australia created an exhibition and an annotated list of the Australian titles (1962–2018) with the NCACL, which is available on the IBBY Australia website. Both were exhibited at Woden Library, Canberra, in October 2018; and at Lost in Books, Sydney, and the CBCA Conference in May 2019, as reported previously in this newsletter.

Public Library Services SA also facilitated the Sharing Stories IBBY Project in partnership with the NCACL, and Coober Pedy Area School was chosen as the final exhibition destination from 28th August to 16th September 2019, for its ethnically diverse community. Coober Pedy Area School is a complex and unique school catering for approximately 240 students from Foundation (Reception) to Year 13. Their students represent 49 different cultures, with more than one-half of enrolment being made up of Aboriginal students. The school has a major focus on literacy and a school wide motto 'Everybody Reads'. The Coober Pedy School Community Library is a joint-use library serving both the school and the Coober Pedy community, and also attracts temporary residents and visitors. Judy Griffiths, the Teacher-Librarian at Coober Pedy Area School, commented:

'The IBBY Exhibition was anticipated by the Coober Pedy School Community Library with great excitement. This multi-cultural community has rarely had the opportunity to view something of this standard and so far reaching in that the books were from so many countries around the world...

'Throughout the exhibition, many students were taken in small groups to attend the exhibition and to experience a story read in a different language (with translation). Several students were very engrossed in finding books that related to countries from family lineage and enjoyed the exhibition experience more than once.'

IBBY Australia hopes to work with its partners in bringing further outstanding IBBY exhibitions to Australia.

IBBY Australia's [Ena Noël Award](#) for emerging authors and illustrators will be announced on April 2nd at the International Children's Book Day event at Strathfield.

This award has a long history of identifying talented Australian creators.



Congratulations

John Canty's *Heads and Tails: Insects* has won the Best International Picture Book at the Chen Bochui International Children's Literature Awards in China. (Source: *Books & Publishing* 20/11/19)

Room on Our Rock by Kate & Jol Temple, Ill. by Terri Rose Baynton has won the NCTE Charlotte Huck Award for outstanding fiction for children Published by Kane Miller in the US. For information see <https://ncte.org/awards/ncte-childrens-book-awards/charlotte-huck-award/> (Source: *Books & Publishing* 29/11/19)

Sue de Gennaro's picture book *Missing Marvin* has won this year's Children's Peace Literature Award. (Source: *Publishers Weekly* online 12/11/2019)

Australia Day 2020 recipients included: Jane Covernton, AM, Deborah Niland, OAM and Kerry Greenwood, OAM.

IBBY International Congress 2020

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GREAT BIG WORLD THROUGH CHILDREN'S BOOKS

MOSCOW RUSSIA 5-7 SEPTEMBER 2020

CBCA NSW Branch has many exciting events planned for 2020 starting on February 25th with the Night of the Notables. A full list can be found on the [website](#).

The Australian Children's Laureate

Morris Gleitzman was farewelled in two special events in Sydney and Melbourne during November 2019 as he completed his two year term as Laureate.

The new *Australian Children's Laureate* will be announced in Canberra on Tuesday 11/02/2020.



Who will be next to hold this prestigious title?

Calendar of Conferences and Events

11th February 6th Australian Children's Laureate launch 10.30am AEST
National Library of Australia, Canberra

25th February CBCA 2020 Notables announcement 7.00 pm AEST
See key dates [Website](#)

30th March - 2nd April Bologna Children's Book Fair

31st March CBCA 2020 [Short List announcement](#) noon AEST

2nd April IBBY Australia [International Children's Book Day Quiz Night](#)
Black Buffalo Hotel, North Hobart 5.30- 8pm

2nd April Book Links (Qld) [Narelle Oliver Lecture](#).
Delivered by the incoming Australian Children's Laureate

4th April IBBY Australia ICBD event Strathfield, NSW
[Words Change the World](#) with Maxine Beneba Clarke & Gabrielle Wang

5th - 7th June [Sydney International Storytelling Conference](#)

15th - 21st August [World Library and Information Congress](#), Dublin

21st August CBCA 2020 Award Winner, and Honour Books
[Announcement at noon AEST](#)

22nd - 28th August CBCA Book Week *Curious Creatures, Wild Minds*

2nd - 6th September Moscow Book Fair

5th - 7th September 37th IBBY World Congress, Moscow, Russia
[The Great Big World Through Children's Books](#)

14th - 19th October Frankfurt Book Fair

2021 5th Asia and Oceania Regional IBBY Congress, IBBY Sri Lanka

2022 5th - 8th September 38th IBBY World Congress, Putrajaya, Malaysia

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entries!



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