



The Children's Book Council of Australia ACT Branch

Annual General Meeting

Thursday 3 March 2016

5.30 for 6pm

ALIA House -11 Napier Close Deakin

Minutes

Present:

Leanne Barrett, Chris Roffey, Diana Richards, Julie Long OAM, Justine Power, Kirrin Sampson, Krys Saclier, Norma John, Dawn Shield, Dr Margaret Bromley, Julie Caulet, Julian Laffan, Rowan Simpkin, Kim Morton, Michele Huet, Mollie Bialkowski, Anne Plowman and Rosemary Thomas.

Apologies

Lynne Babbage, Sue Short, Sandy Vincent, Belle Alderman AM, Odette Holweg, Tessa Wooldridge, Pauline Deeves, Sue Lavery and Jo Purcell

Welcome:

Special Guest Anne-Sophie founder of Buk bilong Pikinini was welcomed.

Thanks to Diana and Kirrin for the use of the ALIA facilities.

The 2017-18 CBCA Book of The Year Awards Judges were introduced.

- Julie Long OAM – Early Childhood
- Julian Laffan – Picture Books
- Kim Morton – Younger Readers

Confirmation of the minutes of the AGM held on 18 February 2015

Moved: Dawn Shield Seconded: Norma John. Carried

Business arising from minutes

Nil

Reports

- Annual Report**

Please refer to separate document

Moved: Rosemary Thomas Seconded: Dawn Shield Carried

- Financial Report**

Please refer to the end of the separate annual report document
(Insert any notes here)

Moved: Justine Power

Seconded: Norma John Carried

Motions

Motion A.

The association accepts the annual report for the period 1 January 2015 to 31 December 2015.

Moved: Leanne Barrett

Seconded: Julie Long

Carried

Motion B.

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Moved: Justine Power

Seconded: Rosemary Thomas

Carried

Motion C.

That the preamble of the CBCA ACT Branch constitution be changed to align with the purpose, aims and objectives of the National body – the Children's Books Council of Australia Ltd.

Moved: Leanne Barrett

Seconded: Justine Power

Carried

Existing

Preamble

The name of the organisation shall be The Children's Book Council of Australia ACT Branch Incorporated.

Purpose

The Children's Book Council of Australia (CBCA) ACT Branch is a volunteer run, not for profit, organisation that was established in 1945 and is comprised individual members who are passionate about children's and young adult literature.

The CBCA ACT continues to celebrate Australian children's literature and its creators, and seeks to engage the community with literature for young Australians through:

- Engaging and communicating with key Australian children's literature communities.
- Forming partnerships as necessary with other key stakeholders in order to raise the profile of Australian children's literature.
- Maintaining an historical perspective and providing a wealth of research material for Australian children's literature through the [Lu Rees Archives](#).
- The promotion of greater equity of access to reading through community projects.

Aims and Objectives

- Promote meaningful (touches children, adults and all readers) children's literature, including highlighting quality examples.
- Celebrate and support Australian authors and illustrators.
- Collaborate with all stakeholders in children's literature.
- Reach a diverse audience including children of all ages; adults, teachers, librarians, non-English background and speakers, indigenous, people with disabilities, elderly, etc.
- Social networking with children's literature enthusiasts.
- Provide professional development and education on children's literature.
- Provide discussions on children's literature.
- Be a recognised authority of children's literature.
- Define what is the criteria for judging quality children's literature.

These aims and objectives are a reflection of the National body – The Children's Book Council of Australia Ltd.

Amend to:

1. Preamble

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Mission

To achieve positive social impact by engaging the community with literature for young Australians
Tagline: Since 1945 – Your Connection to Story

Vision

To be the premier voice on literature for young Australians by 2020 by informing and promoting critical debate, fostering creative responses and engaging with and encouraging Australian authors and illustrators to produce quality literature

Through these efforts, we are nurturing a literate, educated and creative society

Descriptor / Aims

The CBCA is the leading voice on literature for young Australian's and aims to:

1. engage the community with literature
2. promote literature and literacy nationally
3. engage and encourage authors and illustrators to produce quality literature and present annual awards

Values

1. Learning: we recognise and repeat success and pursue growth and learning
2. Integrity: doing what is right underpins all decisions
3. Passion: we believe in what we do and have confidence in our capability and intentions
4. Respect: we value everyone's voice and story
5. Collaboration: we are an open book and are eager to connect and work with stakeholders to share what we know

Objectives

1. To consistently be the **premier voice on literature** for young Australians
2. To **promote quality literature** to young Australians
3. To **support Australian writers and illustrators** of children's books
4. To **promote the role of library and literature professionals** in bringing children and books together
5. To **celebrate outstanding contributions to Australian children's literature (BOYA)**
6. To **promote greater equity of access** to reading through community projects

These aims and objectives are a reflection of the National body – The Children's Book Council of Australia Ltd as approved in their strategic plan October 2015.

Motion D.

The following changes be updated in the constitution:

1. Lu Rees Archives name change
2. remove National fiction judge selection
3. update membership form to current version
4. add in categories of membership

5. remove dollar value for membership – decide each year at AGM
6. add to AGM business ratify membership fee

Moved: Leanne Barrett

Seconded: Justine Power

Carried

1.

That the CBCA ACT Branch constitution recognises the name change of the organisation Lu Rees Archives to the National Centre for Australian Children's Literature. In all locations in the CBCA ACT Branch constitution the words "Lu Rees Archives of Australia Children's Literature Inc." to "the National Centre for Australian Children's Literature Inc."

2.

Amend the partnership subcommittee functions:

Remove (d) organise the selection process for the National fiction judge as per criteria set by CBCA National

3.

Updated application for membership of association (Appendix 1)
New membership form added.

4.

New Clause under membership

11 Categories of Membership

(1) Membership will be defined in three categories:

(a) Individual; or

(b) Concession – to include seniors, students and other such defined by definition; or

(c) Institution – to include schools, libraries and other such businesses or organisations.

(i) Institution membership allows for 2-3 individuals to be included as members.

(d) Life Member – individuals who are given this status by the Committee from time to time.

5.

Updated Fee, subscriptions etc

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(1) The entrance fee to the Association is such amount that has been determined by the Committee from time to time and ratified at each Annual General Meeting by the members.

(a) Includes the membership fees for the member until the 31st December, immediately following the person's becoming a member.

(b) is equivalent to the annual membership fee.

(2) The annual membership fee of the Association is such amount that has been determined by resolution of the Committee and ratified at each Annual General Meeting by the members.

(3) The annual membership fee is payable—

- (a) except as provided by paragraph (b)—before 1 January in each calendar year; or
 - (b) if a person becomes a member on or after 1 October in any calendar year—before 1 January in each succeeding calendar year.
 - (c) except if the person is defined as a Life Member as defined in clause 11(d)
- (4) The annual membership fee includes membership to The National Centre for Australian Children's Literature Inc.

6.

22 Annual general meetings—calling of and business at

- (1) The annual general meeting of the Association must, subject to the Act, be called on the date and at the place and time that the Committee considers appropriate.
- (2) In addition to any other business that may be transacted at an annual general meeting, the business of an annual general meeting is—
 - (a) to confirm the minutes of the last annual general meeting and of any general meeting held since that meeting; and
 - (b) to receive from the Committee reports on the activities of the Association during the last financial year; and
 - (c) to elect members of the Committee, including office-bearers; and
 - (d) to receive and consider the statement of accounts and the reports that are required to be submitted to members under section 73(1) of the Act.
 - (e) to ratify the membership fees and categories as determined by the committee
- (3) An annual general meeting must be specified as such in the notice calling it in accordance with clause 24 (Notice).
- (4) An annual general meeting must be conducted in accordance with the provisions of this part.

Motion E:

That the Deed of Acknowledgement between the Children's Book Council of Australia (ACT Branch) Inc. and the Lu Rees Archives be amended to recognise the name change of the organisation Lu Rees Archives of Australia Children's Literature Inc. to the National Centre for Australian Children's Literature Inc.

Moved: Belle.Alderman

Seconded: Justine Power

Carried

Motion F:

That the annual membership fees for the membership year of 2017 be ratified.

Membership Category	2015/16 Membership Fee	2017 Membership Fee
Individual Members	\$50.00	\$55.00
Institutional Members	\$100.00	\$100.00
Concession Members	\$30.00	\$35.00

Moved: Julie Long

Seconded: Justine Power

Carried

Election of office-bearers and ordinary committee members

President:

Nominee: Julie Long OAM Nominated Dawn Shield Seconded Belle Alderman AM
Elected

Vice President 1:

Nominee: Leanne Barrett Nominated Justine Power Seconded Krystine Saclier
Elected

Vice President 2:

Nominee Rosemary Thomas Nominated Leanne Barrett Seconded Justine Power
Elected

Treasurer;

Nominee Justine Power Nominated Leanne Barrett Seconded Julie Long OAM
Elected

Minutes Secretary

Nominee Chris Roffey Nominated Leanne Barrett Seconded Justine Power Elected

Membership Secretary

Nominee Dawn Shield Nominated Julie Long OAM Seconded Sue Lavery
Elected

Ordinary Members

Nominee Sue Lavery Nominated Leanne Barrett Seconded Justine Power
Elected

Nominee Krystine Saclier Nominated Leanne Barrett Seconded Justine Power
Elected

Nominee Kirrin Sampson Nominated Leanne Barrett Seconded Justine Power
Elected

Nominee Diana Richards Nominated Leanne Barrett Seconded Belle Alderman AM
Elected

Nominee Mollie Bialkowski Nominated Julie Long
Seconded : Dawn Shield Elected

Nomination of Subcommittee

Events:

Chair: Leanne Barrett

Schools Contact: Norma John

Children's Seminar Coordinator: Julie Long OAM

Other Members: Diana Richards, Dawn Shield,

Marketing/Communications:

Newsletter: Kirrin Sampson

Facebook Page: Leanne Barrett, Justine Power, Kirrin Sampson

Book Appeal Support: Kirrin Sampson

Writing Competition: Krys Saclier

Partnerships:

National Centre for Australian Children's Literature Board member: Leanne Barrett
National Centre for Australian Children's Literature Management Subcommittee: Leanne Barrett

National Centre for Australian Children's Literature Contact: Belle Alderman AM

Love2Read Canberra Contact: Diana Richards and Kirrin Sampson

Libraries ACT Contact: Jaz Beer

ALIA Contacts: Diana Richards and Kirrin Sampson

Nomination of National Board Member, Public Officer, Auditor,

- Branch Archivist** Rebecca Barber
- Public Officer** Norma John
- National Board Member** Justine Power
- Auditor:** Robert Smith CPA

General Business

May 19 to 21 National Conference Sydney. All welcome and encouraged to attend.

Close and date of AGM 2017

6:38pm meeting closed.

At the close of the AGM a presentation was made from our special guest Anne-Sophie Hermann from Buk bilong Pikinini and refreshments were served.