



Monthly Newsletter



News from The Pond!

Hello Platypi!

Its the end of April, how time flies at IA HQ! We hope you've had a great month of illustrating and look forward to seeing all the wonderful things you've been up to!

A couple of things since we last spoke. The AGM for 2020 will be announced soon, keep an eye out for the notification so you don't miss out.

Unfortunately COVID prevented us from running our main events last year, but we haven't forgotten. Next up on the agenda is the 9X5 Exhibition, Platypi Book and IA Awards. Its a new year, so lets make the best of 2021 and get creative!

Tomorrow we hold the IA Picnic Social for Victorian members at the Royal Botanical Gardens. This is our first meet-up for 2021 and are looking forward to bringing more to our interstate members. IA started as a way for illustrators to meet up and talk everything illustration thirty years ago, so please join us as we carry on this tradition. Its time to meet, mix and mingle with other illustrators just like you. We hope to see you there!

There is plenty to get through so lets dive on in and take a splash!

Committee News

We are all in this together!

We are always on the look out for new Platypi to join the committee. We want to do bigger and better for 2021 and we need your help to do it.

Remember, we are all in this together! If you would like to join the committee, have a fresh idea that you would like to put forward



or volunteer for one of our events, please drop us a line and say [hello!](#)

Members News



Book Release

Frankie Goes to Kindergarten! Illustrated by Marjory Gardner

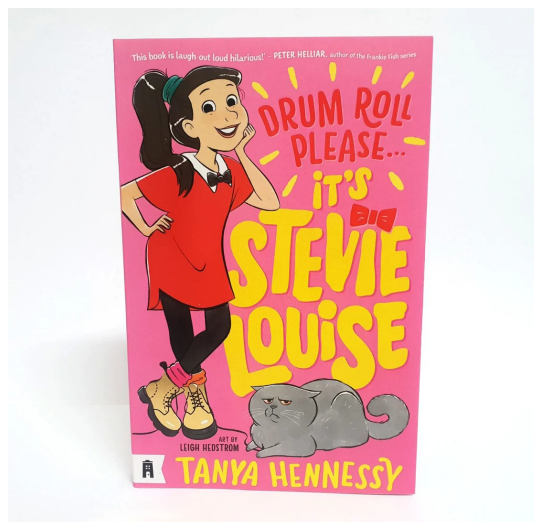
A big congratulations to IA member Marjory Gardner on her fun new picture book, 'Frankie Goes to Kindergarten' written by Peta Baxter and Connie Hemmens, and published by Ford Street Publishing.

A great little book to help children prepare for kindergarten, based on a real-life therapy dog who goes to kinder with his owner Peta, one of the authors. Frankie loves to join in the fun at kindergarten: playing, reading, dancing and doing yoga!

Great work Marjory! Frankie is an absolute superstar!

Ask for the book at your local bookstore or buy direct from the publisher on the link below.

[Buy this book!](#)



Book Release

Drum Roll Please...its Stevie Louise! Illustrated by Leigh Hedstrom

Congratulations to IA member Leigh Hedstrom for her delightful illustrations on Drum Roll Please...its Stevie Louise! A delightfully funny and deeply relatable junior fiction story written by Tanya Hennessy.

Meet Stevie Louise. She is an entrepreneur (that's like a business person), an entertainer (obviously), and an extrovert on the inside (wait, is this a thing?). Stevie has a BRILLIANT PLAN. She's going to have fun, make money, and most importantly, make sure the Brooke Street kids stay best friends forever. Then a new neighbour arrives and threatens to derail all Stevie's plans. And then real disaster strikes. But the show must go on. After all, Stevie is a professional.

Leigh's illustration captures the character perfectly and we loved reading it! Awesome work Leigh!

To grab your copy, follow the link below.

IA Events

The IA Picnic Social



Please join us tomorrow!

Illustrators, its time to mingle and jingle! Come meet other illustrators for a social drink and chat tomorrow at the Royal Botanical Gardens. Light refreshments will be provided, please BYO your own beverage and blanket.

When: Saturday 1 May at 1 PM.

Where: The Tacoma Pavillion in the Royal Botanical Gardens, Melbourne.

The IA Picnic Social is IA's first meet up for 2021, members and non-members are invited to come along for a day to catch up and talk all things illustration!

Feel free to bring your drawing gear too if you feel like a draw!

Hope to see you there!

Hello NSW Members!



City of Ryde Artist Register

Attention NSW members, the City of Ryde are seeking illustrators to join their [Artist Register](#). Illustrators of all backgrounds and career stages are encouraged to sign up!

The register is used by Council to program

local creatives in events and projects, share expressions of interest for artistic opportunities and facilitate sector networking.

The City of Ryde includes the suburbs of: Denistone, Denistone East, Denistone West, East Ryde, Eastwood, Gladesville, Macquarie Park, Marsfield, Meadowbank, Melrose Park, North Ryde, Putney, Ryde, Tennyson Point, West Ryde.

Register!

Industry Bites!



Entries close 17 July 2021

Beautiful Bizarre Art Prize

Enter!



Entries close October 30th 2021

SOI 63rd Annual Awards

Enter!

Hi Platypi!

Welcome on board, we are proud to have you with us!

Please join us in saying a big hello to our newest IA members. We hope you'll find your time with us rewarding and we can't wait to see some of the amazing work you'll do!

You've joined a pool of talented illustrators! Don't be shy – get into it! We're all in this together.



You can see some of our new members work in the banner above!

Top L-R: Hera Suganthy, Leah Hume, Crystal Rose-Stott, Sarah Canning, Steph Briggs

Bottom L-R: Matt Chapman, Megan Campbell, Jo Waite, Carly Altree-Williams, Jordan Lewerissa

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