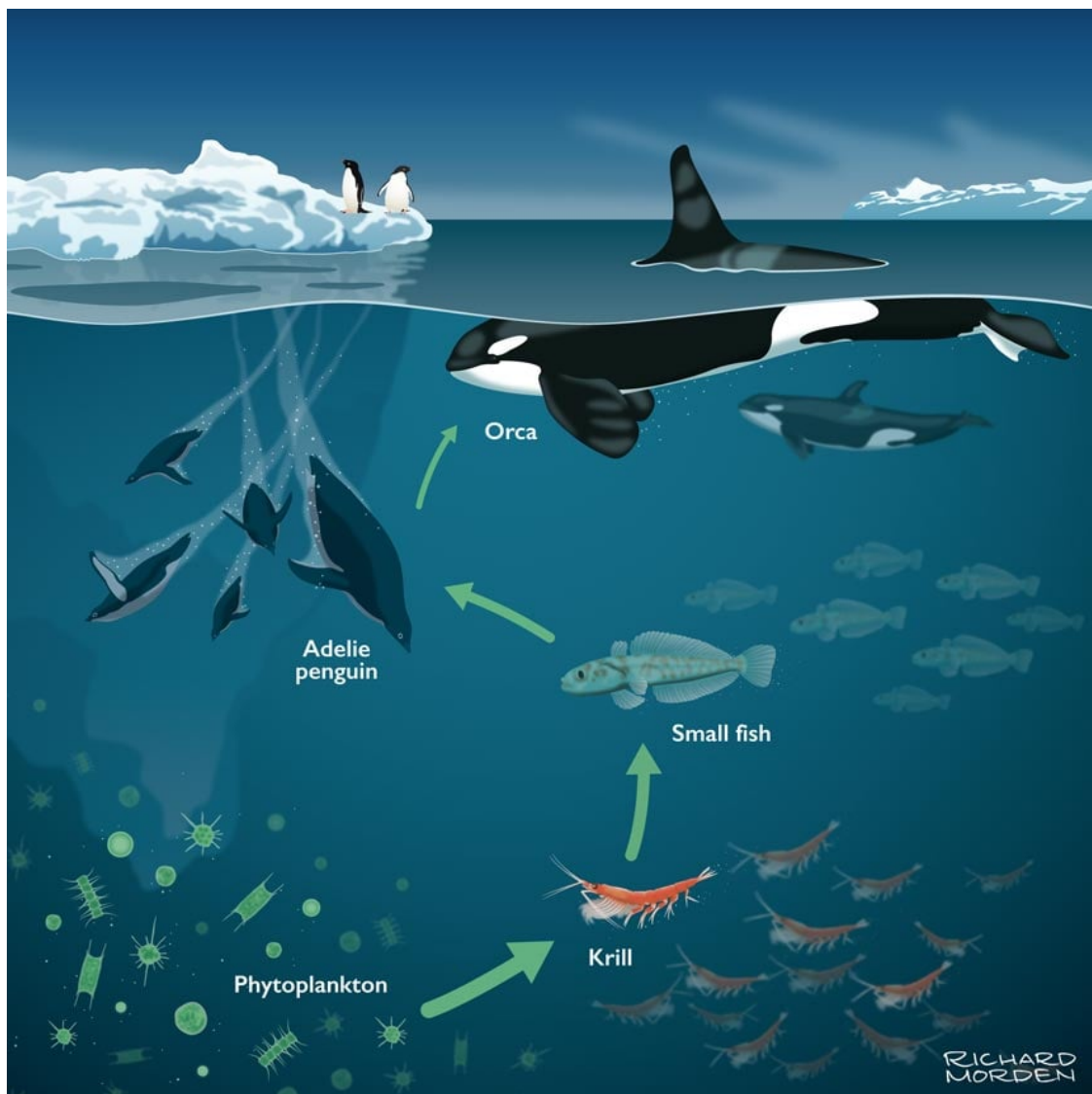




April 2025 Newsletter

News from The Pond!



Hello, fellow Platypi!

Get your cup of coffee, tea or favourite beverage and enjoy this month's instalment. Enjoy!

[Illustration by the Featured Member: Richard Morden](#)

Member News



Melbourne - 5th April

Member's Picnic

We started this month with a lovely picnic at Edinburgh Gardens in Fitzroy. The picnic provides a space for illustrators to meet in person, share their projects, and discuss their work processes.

It is a relaxed environment that invites all to communicate and make new contacts in the illustration field.

The upcoming picnic will be in spring, and we hope you can join us!



Brisbane - Sat 12th and Sun 13th April

Brisbane Illustration Fair

Over the two-day event, more than 170 artists showcased their talents, offering attendees a diverse array of illustrations, zines, comics, and printmaking. Visitors had the unique opportunity to meet the creators, explore their works, and even participate in workshops hosted by Visible Ink Youth Hub.

Illustrators Australia was represented by Dani Mathweson, who exchanged ideas with other illustrators and invited them to join our community.

Featured Member



Richard Morden is an illustrator, educator, and fine artist, based in Naarm/Melbourne. His work reveals a passion for antiquity, prehistory, the natural sciences and megafauna.



Richard loves drawing by hand but he feels equally at home creating digital artworks. He is a keen learner and researcher and strives to get the facts right in every illustration he creates. Richard has a facility for producing original, unpretentious character illustrations and he also creates diagrams which visualise systems and natural processes.

Richard has been illustrating picture books, educational books, maps and technical diagrams for many years. Why not buy some megafauna merchandise? Available for sale on [RedBubble](#)

[More about Richard's work](#)

Industry Bites!



Applications open: 1 May 2025

The SCBWI Australian Picture Book Illustrator Awards

There are two categories – Established and Emerging Illustrator Awards for Australian illustrators **with prize money** to assist an illustrator with the creation of a new visual narrative picture book or graphic novel.

The Award is managed by SCBWI Australia East and is funded by the [Copyright Agency](#).

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Illustration Podcast

SCBWI Podcasts

Every Thursday Theo Baker interviews publishing professionals as well as award-winning writers, illustrators, and translators who inform and inspire about the ins and outs of the children's book industry. Find out about the craft and creative process behind young adult novels, picture books, middle-grade fiction, graphic novels, and nonfiction.

2025 Folio Book Illustration Award

Open on Tuesday 1 April 2025 and closing on Friday 23 May 2025, this award is for illustrators that want to have a chance to

breathe new life into the iconic Brothers Grimm tale Rapunzel.

The winner will receive a £2,000 cash prize, plus £500 of Folio vouchers, and a chance for their work to be featured in an upcoming Folio book. Five runners-up will also receive £500 in Folio vouchers.

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Stop AI Theft

MEAA is advocating for fair compensation and protections for creative and media workers whose work is being stolen and devalued by AI companies.

They have been advocating for strong laws to regulate AI and protect their members from further exploitation.

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Let's Draw

Thursday 24th April 7:30 - 9:00 pm

Let's Draw (Members Only)

Illustrators Australia members, you're invited to the next online Zoom Let's Draw session, at **Thursday 24th April 7:30 - 9:00 pm** (Canberra, Melbourne, Sydney time)

This is our monthly opportunity for a relaxed catch-up, to chat and share ideas while drawing together online.
Drawing theme: **Lizard**

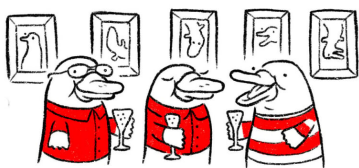
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Committee News



EXHIBITION TEAM – Volunteers CALL OUT!

Illustrators Australia is excited to be in the process of booking an exhibition in Melbourne at the end of the year! It's going to be a big endeavor with artworks coming from all over Australia and New Zealand. To pull this off we NEED a TEAM of talented volunteers! A great experience to be had – from promo to admin, hanging the show to staffing it.

We are searching for a Social Media
Manager: Facebook & Instagram!

Let us know if you want to join the
Exhibition Team! **Volunteer positions are
open now**

Contact office@illustratorsaustralia.com

Join or Renew your Membership

Join a community of illustrators, artists and designers

- Participate in Illustrators Australia events and opportunities
- Connect with other illustrators, industry contacts and build community
- Become part of the leading illustrator organisation in Australia
- Contribute, advocate and create through involvement in the organisation and committee.
- Discounts on goods and services from industry partners
- Showcase your portfolio and profile

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Member Benefits

Illustrators Australia is open to all Australian and New Zealand residents, or Australian and New Zealand illustrators working overseas. We welcome all types of illustration from traditional to digital and we'd love to have you!

[Benefits and memberships here](#)

Join Illustrators Australia

Thanks Platypi!

Thanks to IA members

Chris Murray and **Richard Morden**, for contributing with the use of their illustrations in this collection of Platypi news.

And thank you to everyone for reading & illustrating!



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