



August 2025, News

News from The Pond!



Hello, fellow Platypi!

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

[Illustration by the Featured Member: Annabelle Hale](#)



Annabelle Hale

Featured Member

Annabelle Hale is an author/illustrator based in Melbourne. Her style is colourful, whimsical and fun. She loves coming up with interesting characters, and making people smile with her artwork. Annabelle uses a variety of both digital and traditional mediums in her artwork, including watercolour, acrylic gouache and colour pencil. She joined Illustrators Australia as a student in 2017, which led to her first book contract for the book *Baby Days* by Nicola Philp.

[See Annabelle's work here](#)

by Annabelle Hale



Book: The Bin Monster

Her debut picture book as an author/illustrator, *The Bin Monster*, was published last month with Affirm Press.

Industry News



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THE CHILDREN'S
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SINCE 1945 — YOUR CONNECTION TO STORY

Past and present members, and supporters are
invited to our birthday reunion

CELEBRATE



Sunday 21 September

2:00pm–4:00pm

Bargoonga Nganjin North Fitzroy Library
182-184 St Georges Road, North Fitzroy



Colin Brooks
State Minister
Creative Industries



Join the celebration for a special afternoon tea to enjoy birthday cake and share memories with others who have contributed to the CBCA VIC Branch.

If you have any photos or memories from your time with CBCA, please send them to create a meaningful trip down memory lane. To request the Dropbox link, contact admin at vic@cbca.org.au.

This is a ****FREE EVENT****, but please RSVP by September 19th using the QR code.



Winner

Folio Book Illustration Award 2025

This year's competition at the **Folio Society** invited illustrators worldwide to reimagine the fairytale "Rapunzel," yielding over 880 entries from 71 countries. Guest judges chose a winner for its bold storytelling and dynamic visuals.

Dawn Xintong Yang's interpretation, captures key elements of the story, reimagined with incredible energy.



Opportunity

Public Art Community Mural Opportunity

Seeking artist for a large-scale mural at Eastern Creek Quarter Shopping Centre, Western Sydney. Prominent site with community engagement as part of the process.

Location: Sydney

Date: 31 August

Our YouTube

As part of our Membership Drive, we hosted three very interesting guest speakers. Typically, our guest speaker/illustrator talks are available only to members, but to celebrate our membership drive, we have made them accessible to all lovers of art and illustration. You can find the talks posted on our YouTube channel—enjoy!

A special thanks to [Ari Chand](#) for hosting the talks.



Illustrators and Animators, share your work on our YouTube Channel

If you're an Illustrators Australia member, you can showcase your art, animations, and illustrations on our YouTube channel.

Send videos or links for download to our email, or directly to the committee member

Chris Murray, at chrismurrayillustrator@gmail.com.

Check out other members' work here: [Illustrators Australia - YouTube](#)

Join or Renew your Membership

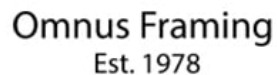
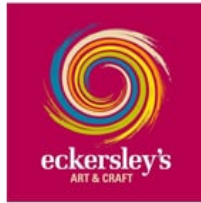
Join a community of illustrators, artists and designers

- Showcase your portfolio and profile
- 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

Member discounts from these business:



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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!

A big shout-out to everyone who helped with our Membership Drive!

Thanks to all Illustrators Australia members, new and old. We're all playing our part in raising the profile of illustration within Australia and beyond.



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