



February 2025 Newsletter

News from The Pond!



Hello, fellow Platypi!

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

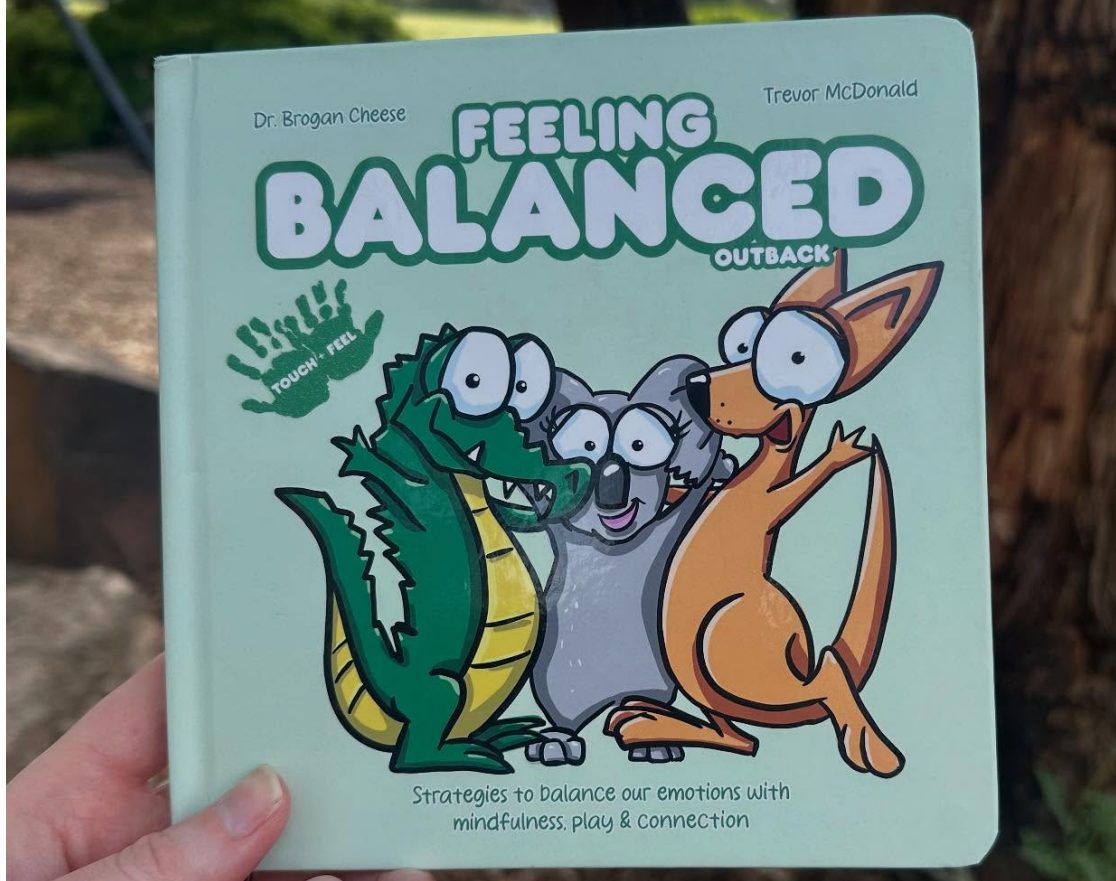
See featured members and access links to various resources.

Enjoy!

[Illustration by: Chris Murray](#)

Submit your own Platypi to be featured in the next newsletter.

Member News



Feeling Balanced - Children's Book

Trevor McDonald

Trevor McDonald, a member of Illustrators Australia, is excited about the upcoming launch of a book he illustrated, scheduled for March.

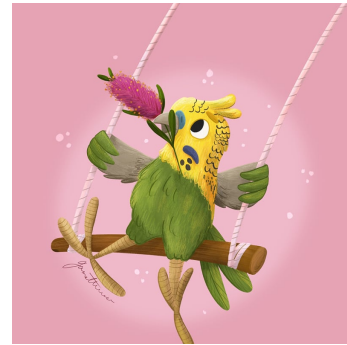
The book, titled *Feeling Balanced*, is the first in a series created by clinical psychologist Dr. Brogan Cheese and beautifully illustrated by Trevor. Aimed at both children and their parents, this board book introduces various emotions and offers simple strategies using fun,

colourful illustrations and textured fabrics.

More information about the book can be found on Instagram at [@mindsinbalance](https://www.instagram.com/mindsinbalance)

[See more of Trevor's work](#)

Featured Member



to bring their picture books to life.

[Janet's Instagram](#)

[See more of Janet's work](#)

Illustrator

Janet Turner

Janet is a Brisbane-based illustrator and book designer. Beginning her creative career as a graphic designer, she has been steadily transitioning into the world of children's illustration over recent years. With a soft spot for drawing animal characters, her work is full of warmth, colour and soft textures. Janet has worked with the State Library of Queensland, and she is currently working with several Australian authors

Listening inspiration

The Good Ship Illustration



Three very experienced illustrators from the UK: Helen, Tania and Katie talk in a 10 to 30 minute session the difficulties of our time as illustrators and how find the uniqueness that will set you apart.

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Committee News



Refreshing the Logo

As you might have noticed we used to go by IA a lot and our logo featured this acronym. This has got a little confusing and problematic in recent times with the rise of AI, especially considering its effect on the illustration industry.

Our committee member, illustrator, and designer Matt has revamped our logo. While it remains fundamentally the same, it still features the lovable Platty designed by Geoff, our distinctive font, and vibrant red colour.

Now, you can see the full name incorporated into the logo, leaving no room for confusion at all! **We hope you like it as much as we do!**

Treasurer Found

Illustrators Australia is super excited to announce that we have **three NEW committee members** AND a new **Treasurer!** We are so happy to have all of our positions filled on our team.

We welcome Amor Villareid as our new Treasurer, Dr Ari Chand as an ordinary member and Education Liaison and Ambi Sun as another ordinary member, although we are sure they will all be extraordinary! We could not be happier, as this is what we've wished for.

With these new members our committee has gained a great deal of international expertise, teaching and mentoring experience, as well as a level of professional illustration and design knowledge we will all benefit from.

Thank you to each of them for joining & welcome.

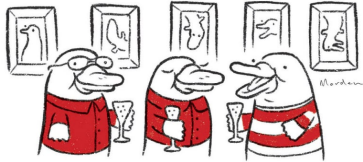
New Committee Members are welcome anytime - come along to a meeting to try. *Meetings are held 7pm on the second Tuesday of the month, via Zoom*

Do you want to learn more?

Discover everything you need to know about [each role and what it entails here](#).

If you have any questions or to register your interest in a specific role, or nominate a member, please email office@illustratorsaustralia.com

Illustrators Australia Exhibition in 2025



End of year exhibition in the pipeline

We're in the process of planning and finding a venue for an end-of-2025 group exhibition.

If you know of a gallery or a venue that would be suitable please let us know.

office@illustratorsaustralia.com

Industry Bites!



31 March - 3 April | Bologna - Italy

Bologna Children's Book Fair - 2025

The Bologna Children's Book Fair is an industry leading event that has succeeded in bringing together a unique and diverse global audience thanks to 61 years experience. The result is the world's premium copyright exchange hub when it comes to publishing which also extends to current multimedia and licensing businesses for children's stories, illustration, animation and related areas.

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Sat 12 Apr 2025

Brisbane Illustration Fair - Free

Featuring 170+ artists over two days showcasing and selling their work!! Meet the artists and share in their love of illustration, zines, comics, printmaking and more!

Make a day of it and get creative, have lunch at one of the amazing food trucks and join a workshop!

This event is proudly sponsored by Brisbane City Council.

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Join or Renew your Membership

Join a community of illustrators, artist 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

Member discounts from these business:



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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