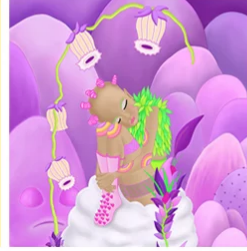
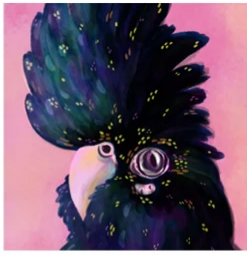




Monthly Newsletter



News from The Pond!

We're sorry we've been gone so long, we missed you! Its been a strange time for all of us here at the IA HQ, so we want to thank you for your patience and for sticking with us as we navigate these new waters.

Since we last spoke we've been up to a few things. You may have noticed changes made to the Membership options, you can read more about that below.

During lockdown we have posted out over 1000 additional Platypi books to creative agencies, design studios, advertising agencies, publishing houses and many more. We've placed your work has in the hands of some of the industries best!

Plans for IA 2020/21 AGM's are well underway and presidential elections for the our new President and committee roles will be opening soon. Be sure to keep an eye out for more details over the next few weeks if you think you have what it takes to be our next great leader!

Our mission for 2021 is to bring greater benefits to you, our members. A survey will be heading your way to find out what you want from your membership, asking what we, can do best to support and advocate for you.

We've got a lot great things planned for IA in 2021 and we can't wait to share them with you. So lets dive on in and make a splash!

Important Changes to your Membership

You may have noticed we've made some changes to IA's membership options. Its the good kind of change, we promise!

Why have we done this? The decision to make these changes passed at the AGM 2018 as one of the ways to give our members better value. Basically, we've increased the benefits without increasing the costs, so you can get more out of your IA membership.

What do I need to do? The great news is that there is not much that you need to do. Our new members are already enjoying the benefits of these new membership types. However if you're one of our long standing IA members there are some important things that you need to know.

Gold		Professional
Silver		Establishing
Student		Student & Graduate
Institutional/Agency		Organisational
ASA Gold/Silver		Affiliate

- From the 1st April 2021 we will be removing Gold, Silver, Student, Institutional/Agency and ASA Gold/Silver membership types and turning off your auto renew.
- So you don't miss out on your membership, you will receive a notification when your membership is about to expire with a link to our Membership option so you can choose which one is best for you.
- For members currently on Gold, you will automatically qualify for the Professional membership type without committee approval and your membership type will be

switched for you by the 1st April 2021. This will not renew your 12 months, it just means you can enjoy the remainder of your membership period before it is time to renew again. Remember, your auto renew will be switch off so it is important to keep an eye out for that reminder letter close to your renewal date.

We know its a lot to take in, so we are here to help. For more information on our new membership benefits just follow the link below. If you have any questions about these changes please email us at office@illustratorsaustralia.com.au

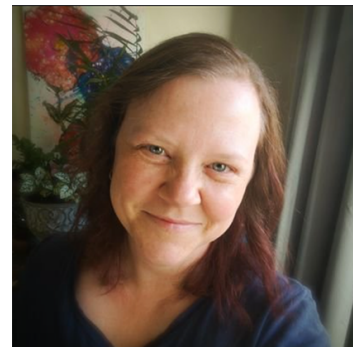
[See Memberships](#)

Committee News

Katherine Appleby

We'd like to start by saying goodbye to a wonderful committee member, Kath Appleby. We are grateful for all the time she has given to IA, her tireless work as the Newsletter Platypi in Chief and for her many contritions to IA over the last few years. We wish her all the best as she jumps into bigger waters!

Thank you Kath, we will miss you!



Chris Murray

Please join us as we welcome our newest committee member Chris Murray! Chris is a talented illustrator and a long time member of IA. We are glad to have him on board and we're excited to see all the great things he will bring to the IA team his year!

A big hello to Chris from all of us here at IAHQ!

Our committee are volunteers and we appreciate everything they do, we couldn't do any of this without them. If you would like to join the committee or volunteer for one of our events, please drop us a line and say [hello](#)!

Members News



Exhibition March 18-28 2021

Emma Stuart Wurrung of the Birrarung

Fellow member Emma Stuart's spectacular work for her upcoming exhibition **Wurrung of the Birrarung** is not one to be missed!

Exhibited outdoors on the banks of one of the rivers that inspired the series, the exhibition is sure to be an immersive experience taking us from the wilderness of Central Australia to the urban jungles found in our own suburban landscapes.

Congratulations on this beautiful series Emma!

To make sure you don't miss out please be sure to RSVP via the link below.

[Find out more!](#)



Book Release

Moonlight Mums by Laura Stitzel

Congratulations to fellow member Laura Stitzel on the release of her beautiful new book *Moonlight Mums*!

Moonlight Mums is the perfect picture book for families with busy mums to reassure little ones that its ok if mum can't be there to tuck you in at bedtime.

Laura's book is sweet and reassuring, showing that even across the animal kingdom, mums who are busy at night always come home to their children.

Wonderful work Laura!

To find out where you can get your copy, follow the link below.

[Find out More!](#)

IA Events

The IA Picnic Social



Did you know that a group of Platypuses is called a paddle?

Illustrators, its time to mingle and jingle. Come meet other illustrators for a social drink and chat on Sunday the 1st of May at the Tacoma Pavilion in Melbourne's Botanical Gardens.

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!

We haven't forgotten our interstate Platypi, so keep an eye out on Instagram for more information and picnic dates to come in a garden near you.

Industry Bites!



Entries close 17 July 2021

Beautiful Bizarre Art Prize

[Find out more!](#)



Entries close 5th April 2021

Silent Book Contest

[Find out more!](#)



Entries close October 30th 2021

SOI 63rd Annual Awards

[Find out more!](#)

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: Dasha Riley, Genevieve Lamb, Yeimy Sanchez, Liz Patterson, Kristian Aus

Bottom L-R: Jayden Dowler, Imogen Joy, Jess Kitty Parker, Nina Maskiell, Katrina Potter

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