



May 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: Marjory Gardner](#)



Marjory Gardner

Featured Member

Marjory has worked as a freelance illustrator in educational and trade publishing for over thirty years. She still draws by hand, using textas and colour pencils to create rainbow bright, happy illustrations for young children. She also presents art workshops at schools and libraries, and has travelled across Australia, including visiting remote communities, to share her work and encourage children to develop their own style. As a sideline, Marjory paints wooden name badges for illustrator/author colleagues who commission her to make them for wearing to literary festivals, conferences and schools.

[See Marjory's work here](#)

Competitions



The SCBWI Australian Picture Book Illustrator Awards

Applications Open!

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.

Applications open: 1 May 2025

Applications close: 1 July 2025

Notification of results: by 1 September 2025

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Industry Bites



Art Book Fair - Melbourne

The Melbourne Design Week and Melbourne Art Book Fair 2025 15-25 May

Melbourne Art Book Fair brings together local and international publishers, artists, and designers, fostering an exchange of ideas and collaboration between industry professionals and printed matter enthusiasts alike. Melbourne Art Book Fair is presented as part of Melbourne Design Week, an initiative of the Victorian Government.

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KidLitVic Meet the Publishers is back 31 May 2025

This year marks the 10th anniversary of the beloved Melbourne conference for writers, illustrators, and publishers. It's a fantastic celebration of the community, offering a chance to network, share work, and gain insights into the publishing industry. The fully catered, one-day event includes talks, panels, workshops, a cocktail hour, and an illustrator showcase. General tickets are still available, but Illustrator Showcase and Extras tickets are sold out.

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Documentary - Graphic Means

Documentary on the evolution of the graphic arts industry

It's been roughly 30 years since the desktop computer revolutionised the way the graphic design industry works. Graphic Means, explores graphic design production of the 1950s through the 1990s—from linecaster to photocomposition, and from paste-up to PDF.

[WATCH](#)

Let's Draw



Illustrators Australia members are invited to the monthly Let's Draw session, on **Thursday May 29 at 7:30pm AEST** !Let's Draw is a relaxed online catch-up where you and fellow illustrators can chat and share ideas while making pictures. The theme for inspiration this month combines our usual native animal with a seasonal prompt - Autumn/Numbat. Any interpretation is valid, no matter how lateral - and if you fancy another subject or already have a picture on the go, that's fine too!

Come join us for a natter and a sketch.

Zoom link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83036433275>

Committee News



MEMBERSHIP DRIVE COMING SOON!

We're excited to announce the return of our successful Membership Drive for its second year! This June, join us for three weeks of events showcasing the benefits of being a member of Illustrators Australia. Enjoy discounts, free events, and opportunities to connect with other illustrators. Members can create an online portfolio from our website, access valuable resources, network, and receive discounts at art supply stores, printers and more.

BECOME A MEMBER



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.

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

Contact office@illustratorsaustralia.com



New Secretary Wanted

Illustrators Australia is seeking a volunteer Secretary

****Key tasks include:****

- Managing membership
- Sending notices of monthly meetings
- Attending monthly committee meetings
- Handling correspondence (shared task)
- Taking minutes (shared task)
- Submitting Annual Report to CAV

No experience is required, as training will be provided. Good communication and organisational skills are essential. Experience in admin roles or with organisations/committees is a plus.

Applicants must reside in Australia and be over 18. This role is a valuable addition to your resume and allows for personal creativity.

If interested, please contact office@illustratorsaustralia.com

A Big Thank You!

We want to give a big shout-out and thank you to the amazing **Dani Mathewson** for serving as our Secretary. She has gone above and beyond by also assisting with our memberships and grant submissions, all while juggling family and work responsibilities. We will miss you, Dani! Thank you so much, and best of luck with your next project!

YouTube



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

- 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:



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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](#)

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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