



September Newsletter



News from The Pond!

Hello Platypi!

Happy spring to you all. Wherever you may be, we hope you have been enjoying a little sunshine.

We have been a little quiet of late but like everybody have been negotiating our way through this exasperating time making plans, changing them, making plans and changing them again. But we are so looking forward to a brighter 2022 and for IA to emerge from our imposed hibernation! But more on that later.

We have plenty to tell you so lets jump right on in!

Firstly we would like to welcome **our new members**. We are very happy to have **Cas Thompson** and **Peter Fairfax** join us, and we warmly welcome you to the pond.

Have you been trying to contact us?

We recently had problems with our emails so if you tried to get in contact between the 2nd and 28th of July please get back in touch office@illustratorsaustralia.com as unfortunately the emails sent during the down time were not able to be recovered.

The committee has worked hard behind the scenes to fix this issue. So thanks in advance for your understanding and patience

Emails and recent issues with Memberships payments:

Thank you to all of you who emailed IA during August and early September to notify us of an issue with **payments for IA Memberships**. IA has been doing some housekeeping and made changes to the names of committee members on the IA bank account. Unfortunately this was flagged by Stripe and Tidy HQ as suspicious behavior and the accounts were temporarily suspended. Please know that the issue has now been resolved and you can continue to make payments for your memberships as normal. For those members who are on Gold, please email us directly at office@illustratorsaustralia.com.au so we can send you through the link to the new Professional Membership personally if you have not yet received

an email advising of the change. Please also note that emails sent via Tidy HQ at this time may not have been received and to please follow up with the email provided above if you require further assistance. Thank you for your patience during this time and we are sorry for any inconvenience.

Committee News



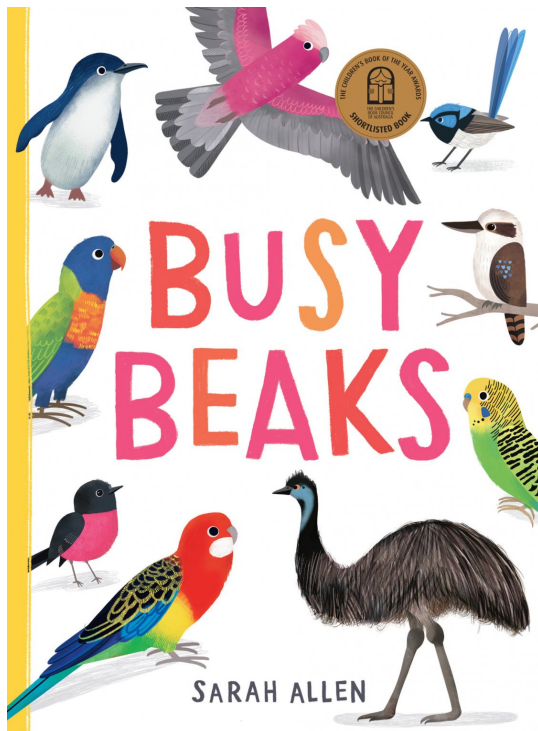
One Big Team!

The committee continue to "meet" via zoom once a month. We are always on the look out for new Platypi to join the committee.

This is an especially a good time to join if you reside outside of Melbourne as all our meetings are on-line! There is so much we have missed out on this year, and we are keen to make up for it next year!

Remember, we are all in this together! If you have a fresh idea that you would like to put forward or volunteer for one of our events, please drop us a line and say [hello](#)!

Members News



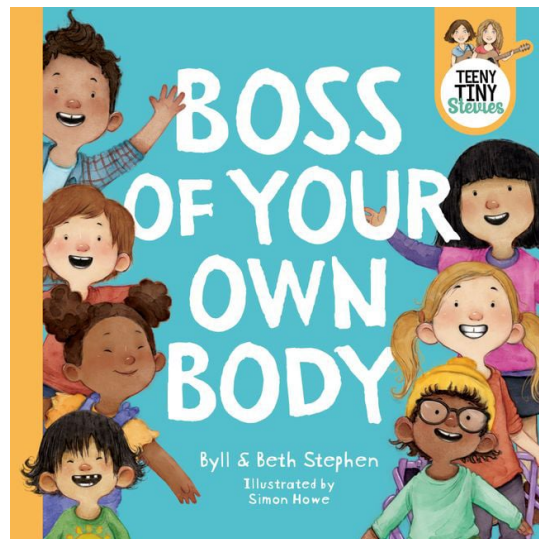
Award

Busy Beaks illustrated by Sarah Allen

A very big congratulations to IA member **Sarah Allen**.

Busy Beaks, published by Affirm Press, won the ABDA award for best designed Children's Non-Fiction Illustrated Book!

Spend a day with Australia's most vibrant and unique feathered friends. Full of splashing shorebirds, clattering cockatoos,



Book Release

A book based on a song with illustrations by Simon Howe

Simon Howe made some delightful drawings for **Boss of Your Own Body** - an adaptation of Byll & Beth Stephen's much loved song of the same name. It will be on the shelves from December 1st and it's also available for pre-order from Booktopia. Published by Harper Collins

To grab your copy, follow the link below:

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parading penguins and greedy galahs, **Busy Beaks** is the perfect introduction to Australian birds of all shapes and sizes.

You can find your copy here:

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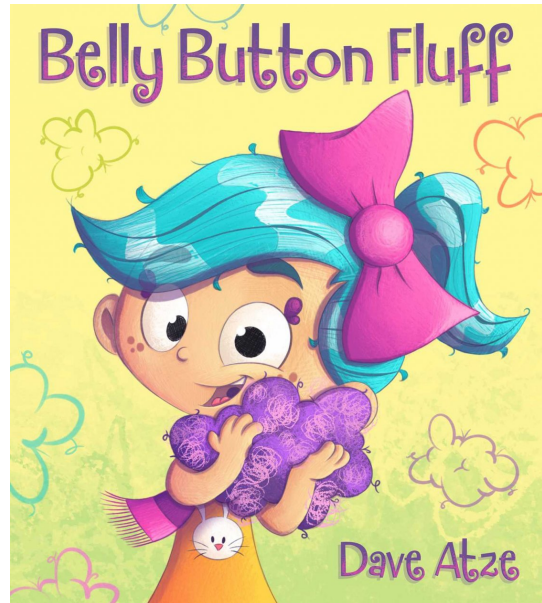
Book Release

We Are All People illustrated by Sinead Hanley

Have you spotted **Sinead Hanley's** gorgeous and joyous illustrations for **We Are All People**? Written by Zanni Louise and published by Five Mile Books. This story and its artwork are a joyful celebration of diversity and people all kinds. This book made us really happy.

Copies are available here:

Buy this book!



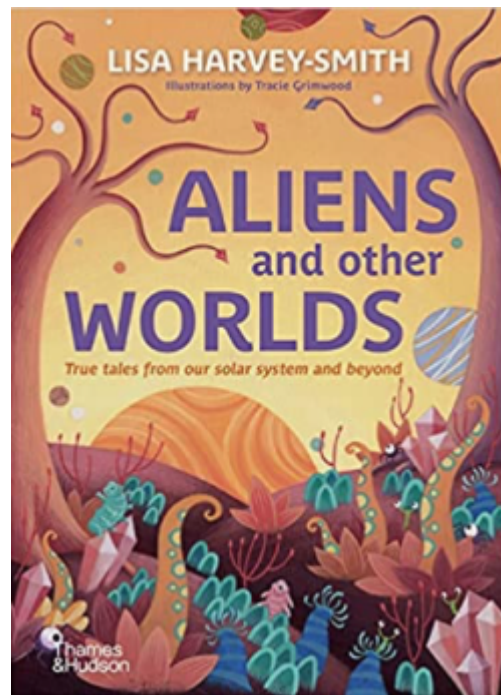
Book Release

Story and illustrations by Dave Atze

Dave Atze is excited about his published picture book **Belly Button Fluff**. It's an especially fun one and deserves a double congratulations as Dave both wrote and illustrated this one. – Belly Button Fluff is out now and published by Big Sky Publishing

To grab your copy, follow the link below:

Buy this book!



Book Release

Illustrated Maps for Two Years on a Bike – Alex Hotchin

Alex Hotchin illustrated Martijn Dooland's two year bike ride from Vancouver to Patagonia with a series of 10 hand drawn maps, collaborating between Barcelona and Melbourne – while both cities were under stay at home orders. This is a story of freedom and the adventure to be found on two wheels. The book is full of stunning photos, detailed maps and an incredible story of self sufficient travel.

Due to be released in November and published by Gestalten.

You can pre-order from here:

Buy this book!



Self Published

GoGo Kids Zine – Tonia Composto

Melbourne illustrator **Tonia Composto** (AKA Lemon Chicken Por Favor) has launched a kids zine called **GoGo**. It's a fun and informative 16 page mini mag for middle readers, zine collectors and lovers of illustration

Filled with fun facts, activities, illustrated recipes, puzzles and super cool artwork.

Volume 1, **The Dog Issue**, Volume 2, **The Pizza Issue** and **The Ancient Egypt Issue** are currently available

Volume 4 **The Octopus Issue** is to be launched in November

To purchase hit up Tonia's Etsy shop below, or you can follow the

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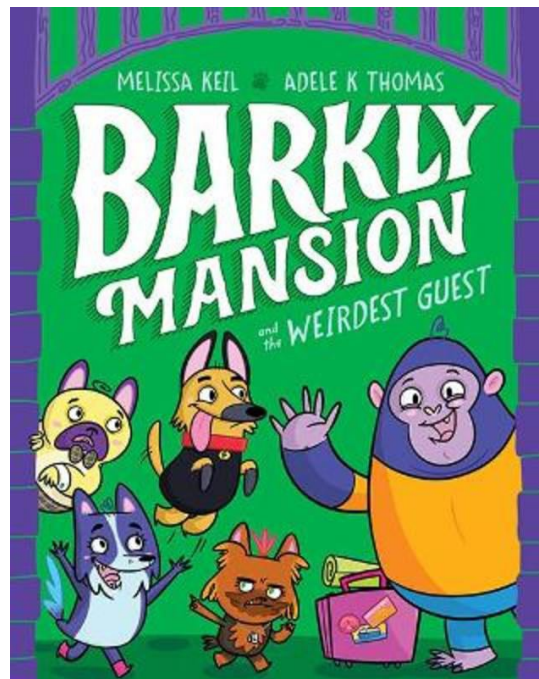
Aliens and other Worlds illustrated by Tracie Grimwood

Do Aliens have pets? Did life on earth arrive on a meteorite from outer space? Are there living beings beyond our solar system?

Find out the answers to all kinds of questions in **Tracie's** out-of-this-world latest illustrated book. Written by Lisa Harvey-Smith (a professor!!), and published by Thames & Hudson Australia

Copies available on-line (see below)...or at bookshops:

Buy this book!



Book Release

Barkly Mansion and the Weirdest Guest illustrated by Adele K Thomas

Adele K Thomas has us wagging our tails with **Barkly Mansion and the Weirdest Guest**, published by Hardie Grant Children's Publishing.

Packed with Adele's illustrations and written by Melissa Kiel, this is the first in a sweet goofy new series about a loveable canine crew and their friend Edmond the gorilla, and is in stores now.

Find copies here:

Buy Tonia's zine!

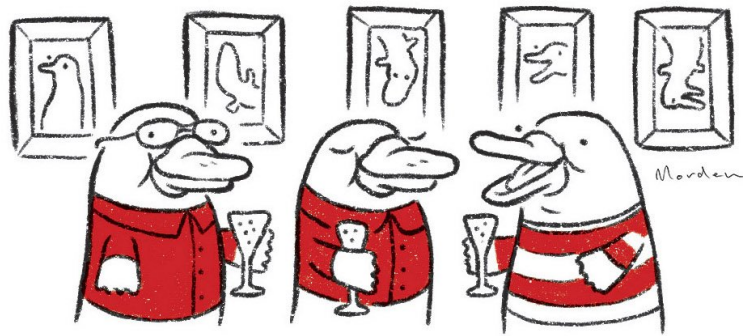
Wow! What a varied and impressive list of new book publications that is! Our members have really been creating some fantastic artwork with their pens and paint and imagination.

But we probably have not captured them all!

Have you been shortlisted or received an award, or have a book that has been recently released? Send the details to office@illustratorsaustralia.com and help us share and celebrate the good news in our next newsletter.

IA Events

Re-scheduled & Up-Coming



Our **9x5 exhibition** will be moved to mid 2022 when we can feel more certain of being able to invite art lovers to a gallery space. We are currently collating a short list of venues.

We plan to run the **IA awards** at the end of 2022. We can't wait to see all of the projects that everyone has been up to!

Watch the **IA Instagram** space for news of a Melbourne social IA catch-up before year's end. We are also really keen for social events to not all be about Melbourne – please put your hand up if you reside in another state and would like to help organise a casual get-together.

Membership Resources

Your IA Profile Image

Did you know that when you update your profile image it is more likely to show up on the IA homepage. So update and be seen!

Be Seen!

And don't forget to tag [#illustratorsaus](#) in your posts. We would love to share your wins and your work!



Member Discounts

Member discounts

Your membership entitles you to discounts with a number of useful suppliers. Just show your card and claim the discount!

Member discounts can be found if you scroll down on www.illustratorsaustralia.com/join/

What local resources do you use in your work practice? Is there something you feel IA could arrange a member discount for? Email office@illustratorsaustralia.com with the subject 'Member Discounts' and let us know! We are keen to arrange discounts that are relevant to you.

Industry Bites!



Looking for Inspiration?

Join [@theydrawandgarden](#) on Instagram for their daily drawing prompts for the month of October - 31 flowers in 31 days.

Use the hashtag [#theydrawtober](#)

New Digital Brushes

Do you need some new digital brushes or textures for your illustration work? If you're a procreate, Adobe Illustrator or Photoshop user here are some of our favourites suppliers at affordable prices:

[Retro Supply](#)

[True Grit Textures](#)

WILD OCTOBER

*a playlist &
listening challenge
for nature artists*

Join the 2021 Wild October Challenge!

Wild October is a challenge created by artist [Zoe Keller](#) for nature artists working in all mediums. In October of 2020, the challenge's first year, artists from around the world created over ten thousand pieces of art in response to the Wild October prompts. These artworks were shared on Instagram, and many can still be viewed under the #wildoctoberart tag

This year, instead of responding to a prompt list, artists are asked to listen to a playlist of podcasts and videos, and respond with a drawing. You can find the playlist [here](#)

Use the hashtag #theydrawtober to share your drawings

Thanks Platypi!

Thanks for reading!

and.....thank you to IA member Richard Morden for agreeing to the use of his charismatic Platypus illustrations in this email of Platypi news.

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Expression of Interest

Frankston City Council are seeking street artists who love Frankston to create artwork on selected walls for the 2022 Festival.

EOI's due 7 November 2021

More info [here](#)

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