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CBCA NSW Annual General Meeting

Date: Monday May 11th, 2026
Time: 6:00pm
Location: Online via Teams
Chair: Terry Fahy, Acting President
Minutes: Amy Rake, Secretary (Laurel to begin)

Agenda:

1. **Acknowledgement of country**
   We acknowledge the people on whose lands we meet and pay our respects to their elders past and present. We also acknowledge the tradition and culture of storytelling and honour this tradition through the work of CBCA NSW Branch

2. **Apologies**: Paul Macdonald; Claire Stuckey, Liz Bowring, Sarah Foster, Debra Tidball

3. **Minutes of AGM 2025** – confirmation of minutes

4. **President's Annual Report**: Terry - Previously circulated

5. **Financial report:** and audited financial statement and balance sheet for the financial year ended 30th December 2025 – Sue - Previously circulated.

   Motion - Accept the Financial Report: moved - Kerry, seconded - Gail.
   Motion - Change the terminology in the constitution to reflect government requirements: moved - Sue, seconded - Gail (NB Proper wording coming from Sue.)
   Motion – Appointment of auditor (name??) for the coming year: moved – Sue, seconded - Marion

6. Nomination of **Donna Rawlins** for Life Membership of CBCA NSW.
   In nominating Donna Rawlins for life membership - Donna has certainly done more and for longer than many committee members.
   Donna has created the Lady Cutler Certificate for over 30 years in her own time and at her own expense, including getting the certificate framed and delivered to CBCA NSW in time for the Lady Cutler Award.

Donna's service to CBCA NSW and to Australian children's literature has also been recognised by her own receipt of the Lady Cutler Award in 2003.

Committee to vote on this nomination. Discussion centred on non-member status of Donna, so a Life Membership is not appropriate. We need to consider further as to how to recognise her work for CBCANSW.

7. **Vote of thanks** to the outgoing Executive and Committee; Paul Macdonald, Sarah Foster

8. **Election of Officers and Committee members** (all positions are declared vacant)
   All positions are unopposed and Kerry Gittins was nominated as President

   Office Bearers elected:
   President: Kerry Gittins
   Vice President: Terry Fahy
   Secretary / Public Officer: Amy Rake
   Finance: Sue Bates

   Committee Members: Alison Cunningham, Jackie Hawkes, Pooja Mathur, Diane McInerney, Laurel Reynolds, Marion Silk

9. **President, Kerry Gittins,** welcomed committee, recognised Paul's significant contribution as President and thanked the committee for their work to date, especially Terry and Sue. Looking forward to working with us this year.

   All committee members to provide a decent headshot photo and a **brief** bio for the website giving an insight into why they're on the CBCA Committee, what skills they bring

10. **General Business:**
    Di: raised the 'Parliamentary Friends of Children's Literature' initiative begun last year. She will send the contact details to Kerry who will see how we can move forward with this.

11. **Any other business:**
    Marion and Alex: Discussion re National Director position. Kimberley is no longer in this position. National is in flux / restructuring. The function of reporting back to CBCANSW committee is valuable and necessary. The CBCANSW can attend board meetings and report back as an alternative.
    Kerry will contact Jo Panckridge for information.

    Signatories: 2026 - Kerry Gittins, Terry Fahey and Amy Rake

12. Date for 2027 AGM will be **10 May**.

13. Meeting closed: 6:45pm

Meeting Link:

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CBCA NSW AGM
Monday, 11 May 2026
5:30 pm - 7:30 pm (AEST)

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