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## Lady Cutler Award Advice to Nominators & Criteria 2026

The Lady Cutler Award is a bi-ennial award presented by the CBCA NSW Branch for distinguished service to children's literature. The recipient will have given service well beyond his or her profession.

Such service may have come in one or more ways:

- Helping raise the standard of children's literature through activities and vigorous work with the Children's Book Council and/or other associated organisations
- Raising consciousness of the value of literature for children to the wider community
- Promoting literature to children themselves
- Raising standards through involvement in awards—judging, chairing, promoting
- Writing, lecturing, debating on areas of children's literature, organising seminars, conferences or other activities relating to children's literature
- Personal and professional assistance and encouragement to writers, illustrators and publishers of children's books
- Being a resource person for the community i.e. a bookseller, teacher, librarian to whom parents and interested persons turn for information, guidance and advice.

### ADVICE TO NOMINATORS

- Nominators are encouraged to give sufficient detail to do justice to their nomination within the strict two page limit. Any additional pages will not be forwarded to the judges.
- Nominators should consult appropriate people, if necessary, in order to give a full account of their nominee's achievements. Nominators need to provide the judges with all the information that they wish to be taken into consideration.
- Material from published sources is not admissible, with the exception of brief quotations.
- The closing date for nominations will be strictly observed. Late entries will not be accepted.
- Nominees must be living at the time nominations close.

### PROCEDURES

1. Nominations must be on the official nomination form
2. Entries must be lodged by email to [cbcansw@outlook.com](mailto:cbcansw@outlook.com)
3. Nominator must put: *The Lady Cutler Award* as the subject line.