



sun project

shadow judging



fostering young readers' opinions + engagement
through the **illumination** of children's literature

We are seeking **expressions of interest** from groups of young individuals who will read > listen > discuss > reflect + respond collaboratively to our 2022 Book of the Year Awards Shortlist.

I want to get involved >



Young voices are welcome here

>The home of the Children's Book Council of Australia's (CBCA) Sun Project: Shadow Judging

The CBCA Book of the Year Awards connect young people to great literature. During CBCA Book Week we celebrate reading for pleasure and applaud our awarded books.

Our Shadow Judging program is an exciting addition to our annual calendar. We are inviting young voices from across Australia to join the conversation about the books on our Book of the Year Shortlist. At the end of CBCA Book Week, at our Shadower's Choice Awards, winners chosen by our young groups of judges will be announced.

Australian children's literature plays a unique role in our culture. It has the power to shine a light on our world, speaking directly to young people.

By connecting kids, books + creatives, while strengthening young voices, our young participants will:

- > build personal aesthetic literary appreciation
- > be encouraged to imagine, think critically and respond creatively
- > develop a greater self-concept, empathy and awareness of diverse opinion
- > read more widely
- > absorb culture in a community context by sharing the experience

The program in 2022 >

All participating groups of young people, our 'Shadow Judges', will:

Read the 6 **Shortlisted** books in their nominated **category from the 2022 CBCA Book of the Year Awards (BOYA)**

- ▶ Discuss these titles with their peers against the CBCA Book of the Year Awards criteria,
- ▶ Share a creative response, and
- ▶ Vote for their winners.

The Shadowers' Choice Awards will be announced and celebrated at a brand-new event at the end of Book Week 2022 on August 26.

The Shadow Judging video developed to support the Victorian CBCA trial in 2021 gives you some understanding of the project, now coming to you around Australia:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_THALfwht0

TO APPLY AS A FUNDED GROUP >

We thank the Australian Government RISE Fund and our Supporters for providing the opportunity to build our program, website, and resources and to provide support funding for 115 reading groups from a range of areas across Australia including early childhood centres, schools, home schools, public libraries and community groups.

Each funded group will be supported with:

- ▶ **A \$120 voucher** for one set of books from a shortlisted category. To be redeemed at a local bookstore (ABA member bookstore)
- ▶ **A \$600 voucher** to support a writer and/or illustrator workshop with your group
- ▶ **Access to special supporting resources**

TO APPLY TO BE A FUNDED GROUP PLEASE CONFIRM THE APPROPRIATE CRITERIA BELOW CHECK THE FOLLOWING LIST

- ▶ We have an interested adult to be our facilitator who can register our group (and pay a fee of \$50.00), manage administration and facilitate our discussion.

YES

- ▶ Our organisation OR facilitator is a member of their state branch of the CBCA (so they can be linked with a CBCA Mentor to assist with the project).

YES

CHECK ANY CRITERIA THAT APPLIES:

OUR GROUP IS FROM A:

Early Childhood Centre

Primary School

High School

Home School group

Public Library

Community Centre

Remote area

Regional area

Inner city area

PLEASE ALSO CHECK IF YOUR GROUP IS:

Indigenous

English as a second language/Ethnic background

Low socio- economic community

PLEASE NUMBER 1, 2, 3 YOUR PREFERRED CBCA BOOK OF THE YEAR CATEGORY

Older Reader

Younger Reader

Early Childhood

Picture Book

Eve Pownall

PLEASE PROVIDE:

Your name:

Your group name:

Your contact details: email + phone

A description of why your group should be chosen (up to 400 words maximum)

▶ **State Coordinators:** Are on our National Committee. They are the coordinators of the program within your branches. They will disseminate information from our national office.

▶ **State Mentors:** Are coordinated by your State Coordinator. They will be assigned by Branches to groups to support Group Facilitators with information and strategies for eliciting responses to literature from young voices.

▶ **Group Facilitator:** An adult: On site/within participating organisation (early childhood centre, community group, public library, primary school, high school...) who provide the space, resources and guidance for the groups of young people.

FUNDED GROUPS PER STATE

Each state has been allocated funding for a number of groups.

20 NSW	20 VIC	20 SA	15 WA	15 QLD	15 TAS	10 ACT	10 NT
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If you are **not successful** you can still engage young voices by registering online and self funding.

Become part of the conversation, wherever you are!

TO APPLY AS A SELF-FUNDED GROUP >

To register as a self-funded group (supply your own books + creator for work shop [Optional])

Go to website to register shadowjudging.cbca.org.au from April 19, 2022

CHECK BEFORE YOU REGISTER

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Yes

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Yes

All groups, once registered will have access to the Shadow Judging website where resources will be available, your groups' creative responses can be shared, and voting can happen!

RETURN YOUR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST TO YOUR STATE COORDINATOR:

TAS Steve Martin tas@cbca.org.au

KEY DATES:

1. School Group facilitators to send completed EOI's to their Branches by 14th April 5 pm
2. National office notifies successful funded groups from Friday 29th April