



Thursday
28th February
9am-6pm

Reading Changes Lives!

Inaugural Australian Children's Laureate Summit Program

Sibyl Centre, The Women's College, University of Sydney,
15 Carillon Avenue, Newtown NSW 2042

9.00am Registration and selection of your discussion group and workshop

9.45am Acknowledgement to Country by **Boori Monty Pryor**

MC: Ron Gorman ACLF Board Director

10.00am Welcome from **Noni Hazlehurst AM**, ACLF Patron

10.15am Introduction to the Summit by **Morris Gleitzman**, Australian Children's Laureate (2018–19)

10.25am Panel Discussion with current and previous Laureates.

Moderated by **Professor Robyn Ewing AM**

Discussion on Laureate programs during their time as Laureates, and feedback: what they discovered about reading, literature, encouraging children to read; what they enjoyed most during their time as Laureate; key takeaways.

12.00-1.00pm Lunch

1.00pm Launch of Laureate Online Auction by **Kim Kane** ACLF Board Director

1.05-1.15pm **How Can we Collaborate to Change Lives Through Reading?**

Introduction from **Morris Gleitzman**

1.15-1.30pm Questions from audience to Laureates on this topic.

Moderated by **Libby Gleeson AM**

AUSTRALIAN CHILDREN'S LAUREATES

Alison Lester and Boori Monty Pryor 2012 & 2013

Jackie French 2014 & 2015

Leigh Hobbs 2016 & 2017

Morris Gleitzman 2018 & 2019

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DISCUSSION GROUPS

1.30 - 2.15pm Delegates split into eight smaller groups for their nominated discussion topic. There are two groups per topic.

One Loud Voice – two groups led by *Professor Robyn Ewing AM* and *Libby Gleeson AM*

How do we increase collaboration between existing groups? Eg publishers, creators, book sellers, teachers, creative organisations, libraries, media, political parties; Education Departments; Principals; Universities & teacher training; writers festivals. Ways to use Social Media to cross promote to all these groups.

Harnessing the Creative Impulse – two groups led by *Leigh Hobbs* and *Boori Monty Pryor*

Whether a child is good at a creative activity or not, they should be able to do what they love without fear of assessment. How do we encourage creative activities so children have a means of expressing themselves?

Crashing the Barriers – two groups led by *Morris Gleitzman* and *Ron Gorman*

How can we make children's books more central to the Australian literary scene? How do we get in front of and win over people who influence these decisions? How do we raise community awareness of children's books, via coverage in media, location in bookshops, and improve on the publication of children's book reviews and movies?

Embedding a Reading Culture – two groups led by *Jackie French AM* and *Alison Lester AM*

Books – beyond a literacy tool – loving to read and write versus learning to read and write and learning through reading rather than learning to read. Naplan vs creativity, finding the right book for each child.

2.15 - 3.00pm Moderated by *Libby Gleeson AM*

Regroup to formulate strategies and resolutions from group sessions.

3.00 - 3.15pm Afternoon tea

WORKSHOPS

3.15 - 4.00pm Choose Your Own Laureate Adventure

Morris Gleitzman – Stories For Life (in the classroom, library and home)

Jackie French AM – The Seven Second Miracle

Alison Lester AM – Indigenous literacy, making books in remote Indigenous communities

Leigh Hobbs – Using ideas that come from experience, not theory.

Boori Monty Pryor – A Circle of Stories

4.00- 4.30pm New Reading for 2019

Presentations from children's publishers: Allen & Unwin (Anna McFarlane), Penguin Random House (Laura Harris), Omnibus Books (Clare Halifax)

4.30pm Morris Gleitzman to announce the winner of the **#loveyourlaureate**

Independent book shop display in conjunction with Leading Edge.

5.00-6.00pm Drinks and networking

