

The Dame Annabelle Rankin Award

2024 Recipient

Suzy Wilson

The Dame Annabelle Rankin Award for Distinguished Services to Children's Literature in 2024 is proudly presented to Suzy Wilson in recognition of her extraordinary and enduring contributions to literacy and education in Australia. As the founder of Riverbend Books in Bulimba, Queensland, Suzy has created a vibrant cultural hub that celebrates the joy of reading and the power of literature.

Suzy's most remarkable achievement is the founding of the Indigenous Literacy Foundation (ILF) in 2004. Through her vision and dedication, the ILF has transformed the educational landscape for countless children across 427 First Nations Communities, providing vital resources that empower young minds and bridge the literacy gap in remote areas.

Her leadership also saw the establishment of Indigenous Literacy Day, a national event that raises crucial awareness and support for literacy programs in Indigenous communities. Suzy's unwavering commitment to this cause has earned her numerous accolades, including the Dromkeen Award, the Queensland Local Hero of the Year Award, and the prestigious Astrid Lindgren Memorial Award (ALMA).

Beyond her work with the ILF, Suzy's passion for children's literature shines through her stewardship of Riverbend Books, where she has nurtured a love of reading among young readers and supported diverse voices in Australian literature. Her contributions have been further recognized with the Johnno Award, the Lloyd O'Neill Award, and the honor of being appointed a Member of the Order of Australia.

Suzy Wilson's tireless efforts have left an indelible mark on the literary and educational communities, making her a most deserving recipient of this distinguished award.



THE CHILDREN'S
BOOK COUNCIL
OF AUSTRALIA

QLD BRANCH