

## ABCA

#### Australian Books for Children of Africa Ltd

Welcome to the ABCA July newsletter.

We've been busy over the past few weeks with two shipments on their way to Gauteng and Durban.

This month Mandy all the way from sunny Mackay talks about what drew her to ABCA as we continue our "Spotlight on our Volunteers" segment.







## Sydney shipment headed to Gauteng, South Africa

Thanks to Robyn Young, our Sydney manager, Richard Young and our NSW volunteers, the first packing of books in Sydney since COVID temporarily suspended our Sydney operations took place in June.

The books have been collected by our shipping company and are on their way to Gauteng.



#### Melbourne shipment headed to Durban

Thanks to our dedicated volunteers our 4th shipment for the year has been packed, picked up and is now on its way to Durban. Stay tuned!!









### Mandy Mantell all the way from sunny Mackay

My name is Mandy, and I have been an avid supporter of ABCA book charity for approximately two years.

I send books from Mackay to Melbourne. I am also avid recycler. I love hunting the op shops looking for books which I think ABCA would love. It is especially wonderful when I find the classics like the Wind in the Willows, The Secret Garden, The Little Princess, The Wizard of Oz, and The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe. My childhood was blessed to be filled with such wonderful stories. Finding these titles are true treasures that I can, through ABCA, pass on to other children to share the same wonderful adventures.

ABCA overfills my cup - hence the reason I get involved. The written word is a precious gift which both teaches and empowers. The love of books will stay with someone forever, and the underestimated power and simple skill of reading has the potential to change the world.

So for me, apart from being a wonderful way to stop such beautiful books going into landfill, my little book package gives children in an underprivileged world potentially a gift for a better life.

ABCA is a wonderful organisation which I am proud to be a part of. I love seeing such worthy kids smiling faces through the ABCA newsletters and Facebook pages and I love that together, with every other ABCA volunteer, we are building libraries for a better world, one book at a time.

Happy days.





#### Katuba Literacy Project in Zambia

Recently **Mwanja Ng'anjo** from **Katuba Literacy** came to collect ABCA books for distribution to under-resourced schools and communities in Zambia.

Katuba Literacy is a non-profit organisation that aims to improve literacy and promote a strong culture of reading in schools and communities in underprivileged areas. Mwanja is planning to build a library in Katuba for the schools in the area, as it will work well to have a central library for all the schools to use instead of setting up a library at each school.



#### Palabana Children's Village School, Chongwe, Zambia

ABCA books were delivered to Palabana Children's Village School in Chongwe, Zambia by Katuba Literacy project.

The school sent videos of the students reading their ABCA books and photos as well as the students writing us beautiful thank-you letters!

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## ABCA books delivered to Bridge Community School in Zambia

About 230 ABCA books were delivered to Bridge Community School in Zambia through the wonderful efforts of Katuba Literacy Project. The school is in dire need of resources. The students and teachers were very excited to receive the books, and the facilitator said that they aim to start a modest library with the books they have received. They have already asked if ABCA could send them more books!

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#### Kampemba School, Zambia

ABCA books were delivered to Kampemba School in the Copperbelt Province in Zambia, through Mwanja from the Katuba Literacy Project.









## Save these dates for our ABCA book packing:

# Our next book packing will take place on Saturday 12 August

11.00am - 1.00pm

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ABCA BOOK PACKING DATES FOR 2023



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