



ABCA

Australian Books for
Children of Africa Ltd

Welcome to 2023! Looking forward to a busy and productive year ahead. Here is a recap of the year that was.

2022 was a busy year for ABCA as we took our steps out of locked down Melbourne and began being able to plan more easily.

2022 was a year of celebration where we finally got our DGR status meaning that our Australian donors are eligible for tax deductions each time they make a donation to ABCA for over \$2.00.

2022 was a year of connections overseas when we visited some of the wonderful ABCA recipient schools and organisations in South Africa – thanks to our fantastic South African team Lauren and Andrea.

2022 was a year of local connections when we held our first ever school packing in the ABCA shed with the fantastic Year 9 students and teachers of Shelford Grammar.

2022 was a year of serious sorting thanks to our phenomenal sorting team – Jo, Suzi and Amanda with a guest spot from Gary.



2022 was a year of frenetic packing of books thank to our superb stalwart Melbourne packing team –Janet, Lesley, Pete, Caryn, David, Gary, Errol, Justina, Justin, Robyn K, Gaby, Martin, Ruth, Shelly, Steph, Yael and Carol. (Apologies if anyone was left off the list.).

2022 was a year of huge Sydney book collections thanks to our proficient ABCA Sydney Manager Robyn Young and her sidekick the marvellous Richard. We are looking forward to a Sydney book pack in the first half of 2023.

2022 was a year of distribution to schools and organisations in Natal, Eastern Cape, Gauteng thanks to Rotary Westville, the Union of Jewish Women Port Elizabeth and our very own ABCA South African team led by Lauren Klevansky who co-ordinates all South African operations.

2022 was a year of registration of our ABCA company in Kenya. It has been impossible for us to get books to Kenya as the customs officials changed the rules. In order to overcome this we had to register ABCA as a not-for-profit company in Kenya. This was organised and co-ordinated by the manager of ABCA operations in Kenya Rosemary Odongo. We hope to have our first shipment in a long time to Kenya in 2023.

2022 was a year of supporting literacy in Uganda as we continue to sponsor and support the Wandika Children's Writing Prize founded by the phenomenal writer Muhwezi Simpson.



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**Save these dates
for our ABCA book
packing:**

11.00am - 1.00pm

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ABCA BOOK PACKING DATES FOR 2023



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- 18 FEBRUARY 2023
- 1 APRIL 2023
- 13 MAY 2023
- 1 JULY 2023
- 12 AUGUST 2023
- 14 OCTOBER 2023
- 25 NOVEMBER 2023

A photograph of three young children sitting at a wooden table outdoors, looking at an open book. The child on the left is wearing a dark grey hoodie. The child in the middle is wearing a pink hoodie and has an orange flower headband. The child on the right is wearing a dark blue hoodie with pink text that includes 'GIRLS' and 'LEA'. They are in a covered area with a view of mountains in the background. The text 'THANK YOU' is overlaid in large white letters across the center of the image.

THANK YOU

Empire Bay Public School

Thank you to Melinda Travers and the students from Empire Bay Public School for organising a book drive as part of their studies of global goals and Australia's global connection to other countries.

We plan to include the books delivered as part of our Sydney shipment later this year.

ABCA NEWS



Thank you from the reading program for the kids at Cosmo City

Leadworks Foundation Community Knowledge Centre is an organisation based in Cosmo City and surrounding areas of Zandspruit, Itsoseng, Malibongwe Ridge and Kya Sands. They service young people through after-school and weekend reading sessions. The reading program for kids in Cosmo City is doing well, and all thanks to the support and donations we received from Australian Books for Children of Africa through Siyafunda CTC. The kids love the books and they wish they can receive more books and support in the future. Books were donated to Cosmo 1 Primary School and Tirisano-Mmogo Primary School.



Congratulations Chimamanda Ngozi Adichi

We congratulate the phenomenal Nigerian author Chimamanda Ngozi Adichi for being given the title of “Odeluwa” — ‘the one who writes for the world’ in her hometown . Chimamanda is an inspiration & enthralls so many through her writing -not to mention the spoken word.

<https://fb.watch/i4nX1S2fLV/>



Chimamanda Ngozi Adichi writes:

I am so grateful to my people of Abba in Anambra State for their warmth and love, for their enthusiastic support. And to Igwe L.N. Ezeh, who has always valued education, for giving me the title of “Odeluwa” — ‘the one who writes for the world.’

I am the first woman in my hometown to be made a chief, and it makes me happy to know that more women will follow. Culture does not make people, people make culture. Cultures thrive when they best serve and reflect the people. Ours must become a culture that celebrates achievement, whether it comes from a man or a woman.

It was a day filled with joyful moments but the highlight for me was the sight of many children on the dusty road, laughing and waving and shouting ‘Odeluwa!’ Amongst them, I hope, were little girls with their hearts full of dreams who feel encouraged to keep trying, to keep going.