

April 2023

***Ko te reo te tuakiri, ko te reo tōku ahurei, ko te reo te ora***  
*Language is my identity; language is my uniqueness; language is life.*

Nau mai, haere mai.

Tēna koutou kātoa colleagues,

As the first term of 2023 comes to an end and you look forward to well-deserved non-contact and holiday time we are pleased to announce that after a pandemic enforced recess the Canterbury Literacy Association is relaunching in Term 2 2023 with a wonderful event for teachers, leaders, and educators passionate about literacy learning opportunities for our ākonga.

The Canterbury Literacy Association has a long proud history supporting teachers and members in our community with Literacy focused events and opportunities for students. The CLA committee is a group of volunteers passionate about literacy and supporting opportunities for educators connecting with other educators.

Following our successful hosting of the 2019 NZLA conference in Christchurch, the impact of the COVID pandemic resulted in the association's activities and functions being paused.

With the support of the NZLA executive, in 2023 the CLA intends to offer events for teachers and educators in the Canterbury region. This year's organisational structure will differ to previous years with a focus on re-establishing a network within our region.

- **Term 2 Event. Thursday 11 May 4:00pm-6:15pm.**

### **The Poetry Book.**

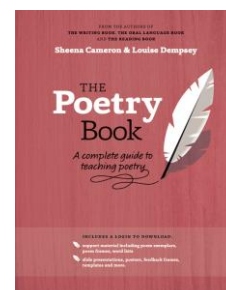
Sheena Cameron and Louise Dempsey present an interactive and engaging afternoon of practical ideas for teaching Poetry with your ākonga.

Snacks prior to the workshop

Workshop starts 4:15pm

**\$20 per person**

**Venue: Waitākiri School  
170 Burwood Road  
Christchurch**



Payment and RSVP of attendance by **1:00pm Friday 5 May** having registered on the Google Form <https://forms.gle/4zFSx8FX8YepLYHh8>

Spot prizes on the night

- **The NZLA Conference. Lighting the Literacy Pathway. 25-27 September 2023. Invercargill.**

This is the first NZLA conference to take place since the 2019 The Arts as a Bridge to Literacy Conference hosted by the CLA in Christchurch. Sadly, the 2020, 2021 and 2022 conferences were cancelled due to the pandemic. 2023 presents an exciting opportunity for professional learning and networking.

Registration information, keynote speakers, venue and workshop presenter opportunities are detailed on the posters on pages 4 and 5.

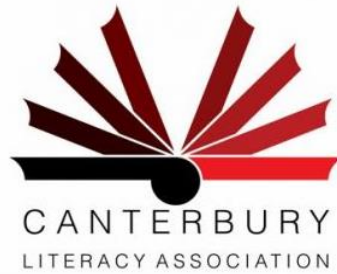
Conference details and registration can be found on the NZLA website at <https://nzla.org.nz/events/2022-conference/>

#### **Early Bird registrations close 1 May 2023**

If you want to register as an NZ Literacy Association member Early Bird email [canterburyliteracy@nzla.org.nz](mailto:canterburyliteracy@nzla.org.nz) and we can support you with this.

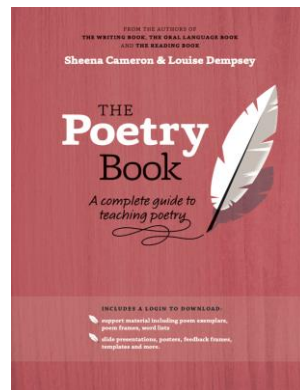
- **Interested in being involved in the CLA?**

It's painless, we aim to make it pleasurable, enjoyable and a great way to connect with other people who love literacy and support our community. [canterburyliteracy@nzla.org.nz](mailto:canterburyliteracy@nzla.org.nz)



The Canterbury Literacy Association  
invites you to an interactive workshop with

**Sheena Cameron** (NZOM) & **Louise Dempsey**  
exploring their latest book.



## **The Poetry Book**

This practical workshop introduces Sheena and Louise's new book *The Poetry Book*.

When students write poetry, it enriches their language and vocabulary, encourages creative thinking and develops reading, writing, speaking and listening skills. All students benefit from writing poetry but 'at risk' and reluctant writers can experience particular success from the creative but scaffolded nature of poetry.

### **The workshop will cover:**

- the benefits of teaching poetry to support all learners
- an overview of the chapters, including take-away strategies, ideas and activities.

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**EARLY BIRD  
PRICES CLOSE  
1ST MAY 2023**

**KEYNOTE  
SPEAKERS:**



**SURPRISE!  
OUR FINAL  
KEYNOTE  
SPEAKER**

New Zealand  
Literacy Conference

# Lighting the Literacy Pathway

25 - 27 September 2023  
Ascot Park Hotel, Invercargill

**REGISTER NOW AT  
NZLA.ORG.NZ**

2023 Southland Literacy  
Association member Early Bird **\$395** pp

2023 NZ Literacy Association  
member Early Bird **\$425** pp

Full Registration **\$495** pp

Early bird specials will end 1st May 2023. Registration details & link will be emailed to New Zealand Schools and local Early Childhood Centres, on the New Zealand Literacy Association website, as well as posted on our Facebook & Instagram pages.

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## OUR AMAZING KEYNOTE SPEAKERS



**KATH  
MURDOCH**

Kath Murdoch is an experienced teacher, writer, university lecturer and popular consultant who has worked for many years with teachers and students in schools across the globe. Author of 16 books and numerous articles for teachers – including the best selling 'The Power of Inquiry' (2015). Kath is widely respected for her work in the field of inquiry-based learning in which she has taught, researched and published for well over 30 years. As well as publishing her first children's picture book 'The Wonder of Winsome', Kath recently published and released her latest book 'Getting Personal with Inquiry Learning' in 2022.

The pace and unpredictability of our world mean resilience is more important than ever. Yet, as parents and teachers, we're seeing more kids struggle with emotion and increasingly disruptive behaviour in classrooms. What does the science say about this apparent fall in resilience? Kathryn Berkett has dedicated 22 years to understanding how extreme trauma impacts the developing brain. She has a Masters degree in Educational Psychology and is a certified Neurosequential Model of Therapeutics Practitioner. Kathryn points out that the changes we are seeing in young people correlate with rapid changes to the way our children are growing up.



**KATHRYN  
BERKETT**



**LYN  
STONE**

Lyn Stone is the founder and creator of Lifelong Literacy and a Scottish linguist in private practice in Australia. Lyn is an author, education consultant, mother of diverse learners, and a dyslexia advocate. She uses research, evidence and linguistics to produce programs, methods and texts for students, teachers and educators worldwide. Lyn has written 3 bestseller books, including her latest book 'Reading for Life: High quality literacy instruction for all.'

Andrea is the owner and founder of Nurturing Relationships. Her vision is to empower the village that surrounds our mokopuna. Often hearing the phrase, "it takes a village to raise a child", when it comes to supporting healing of trauma, the same is true - we need a village. It is relational connectedness, whanaungatanga that brings healing, restoration and allows our mokopuna to thrive. Her trauma responsive training supports that vision by empowering you with tools and strategies you can put into your kete to empower the children or youth you work with.



**ANDREA  
GREER**



**DR MURRAY  
GADD**

Dr Murray Gadd is an independent literacy facilitator, teacher and researcher working throughout Aotearoa and around the world with school leaders, teachers and research colleagues on a wide range of literacy-related topics. His research interests are primarily on 'what is critical in the effective teaching of writing' and 'what can teachers do to enhance the engagement, progress and achievement of students as developing writers, especially under-achieving students'. He is particularly interested in, 'what makes a difference for students?'

Dr Christine Braid is a Professional Learning and Development Facilitator / Kaitakawaenga at Tātai Angitu at Massey University specialising in supporting literacy across the primary school years. She was part of the Massey research team "Enhancing Literacy Learning Outcomes for Beginning Readers." Christine has been working in education for more than 30 years and works extensively with teachers and schools to explore best practice in literacy teaching for the benefit of all learners.



**DR CHRISTINE  
BRAID**



**DR ANN  
MILNE**

Dr Ann Milne is a Pākehā educator, writer, researcher, and former school principal whose work challenges the whiteness of our education system and focuses on a critically conscious, culturally sustaining learning approach centred on students' cultural identities. Her book, *Coloring in the White Spaces: Reclaiming Cultural Identity in Whitestream Schools*, was published in 2016 and her services to education were recognised in 2020 when she was appointed a Member of the New Zealand Order of Merit. Since retiring from her principal's role five years ago, she established Ann Milne Education and Ann Milne Online to share her long leadership experience in this area with schools and institutions who want to think differently about their practice.

## WORKSHOP PRESENTERS OPPORTUNITY!

We are looking for keen educators, authors, illustrators or facilitators who would like to run a 60 minute literacy based workshop at our conference! Registration special!

If this sounds like you or you would like some more information, please email us at [conference2023@nzla.org.nz](mailto:conference2023@nzla.org.nz) with your interest or fill in the registration workshop presenters form that that located on the NZLA website under 'Events' '2023 Conference'. We would love to hear from you!

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**WE WANT  
YOU!**