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New mentoring initiative turns the page on children's literature

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Raising Literacy Australia is delighted to announce the successful recipients of a two-year mentorship in children's publishing.

With support from the James and Diana Ramsay Foundation, the *Author and Illustrator Mentoring Initiative* will enable two emerging writers and two emerging illustrators residing in South Australia, to fulfil their dream of publishing a children's picture book.

Raising Literacy Australia wishes to congratulate illustrators **Robin Tatlow-Lord** and **Ross Morgan** and writers **Kylie Covark** and **Kaliah Tsakalidis** for securing their place in the mentoring program.

Mike Dumbleton, renowned SA children's author, has been appointed as the Chair of the program's Selection Committee and will work closely with the mentees and their mentors to help bring the manuscripts and artwork to life.

"South Australia has a reputation for producing many successful picture book writers and illustrators over the years and projects like this will help ensure that the trend continues," he said.

The team of professional mentors who will help to hone the emerging artists' skills include author Janeen Brian and illustrators Danny Snell and Mandy Foot.

The key objectives of the program are to:

- Provide professional development and employment opportunities for emerging picture book authors and illustrators
- Support emerging artists to develop their artistic practices and create new audiences for their work and
- Provide employment opportunities for established authors and illustrators in a mentoring role.

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