



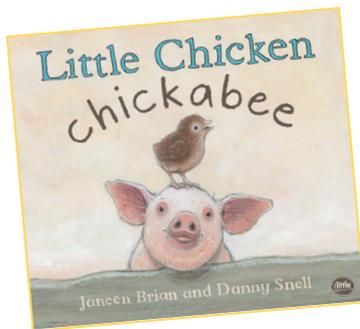
March 2017 Quarterly Update

2017 is shaping up to be one of our busiest years to date. Our strategic and business plans continue to guide our vision, purpose and priorities and this year we are focused on exploring new partnerships, growing our existing projects and building Raising Literacy Australia's capacity to enable us to reach and support more families. We encourage you to read our strategic plan and annual report, both of which are available online, to find out more about our work.

Sue Hill, CEO Raising Literacy Australia

New Philanthropic Partner – The Carthew Foundation

Raising Literacy Australia is pleased to announce a new philanthropic partnership with the Carthew Foundation. The partnership has been fostered through our involvement with the Impact 100 SA initiative and the three year funding commitment will support family engagement and early literacy through our state-wide Reading Pack project. We would like to take this opportunity to thank the Carthew family for their philanthropic support and look forward shining a light on this exciting collaboration in the coming months.



Notable Book – Little Chicken Chickabee

In February, the Children's Book Council of Australia released the 2017 Notable Book list as part of the Book of the Year Awards. We are thrilled that our picture book, Little Chicken Chickabee has been recognised in the awards as a Notable Book. Congratulations to author Janeen Brian and illustrator Danny Snell on this outstanding publication. 21,000 preschool children across SA now have an award winning book in their home library as part of the Preschool Reading Pack project. If organisations or individuals would like to purchase copies, the title is available for sale on our website:

<http://www.thelittlebigbookclub.com.au/titles/little-chicken-chickabee>

Read to Me Project

The Read to Me project is continuing to have an important impact with SA children in out of home care (aged birth to five years) and their carers. A recent survey to families involved in the initiative showed that 80% of respondents agreed the books and resources in the Read to Me pack helped to establish regular time for reading, singing, talking and playing. A sincere thank you to our project partners Variety SA – The Children's Charity, Cochrane's Transport and the Department for Child Protection for helping us to establish home libraries for these children.

