

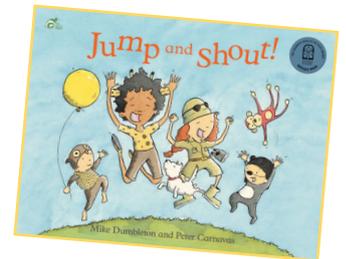
## March 2018 Quarterly Update

At the beginning of each year, we review the organisation's business plan and strategic objectives to ensure our resources are being used as effectively as possible. Our key priorities include advocacy, knowledge, partnerships, programs and importantly, financial stability. In 2018 we will continue to grow and diversify our sources of revenue so that the organisation remains viable and has the ongoing capacity to invest in children's early learning right from the start.

*Sue Hill, CEO Raising Literacy Australia*

## Philanthropy in Action | The Carthew Foundation

We would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge and thank the Carthew family for their ongoing contribution to our state-wide early literacy program running across South Australia. The Carthew Foundation's philanthropic support ensures that future generations of SA children are able to access high quality, engaging books and materials to encourage optimum literacy and numeracy development in the first five years. If you are interested in becoming a philanthropic program partner with Raising Literacy Australia, please contact Nicole Marshall, Director of Business Development – [nicole.marshall@raisingliteracy.org.au](mailto:nicole.marshall@raisingliteracy.org.au)



## Australian Early Development Census (AEDC) | National Conference

During 14-16 March, Raising Literacy Australia staff will attend the second national AEDC conference to explore what is working to improve outcomes for young children. The AEDC is a national research tool that informs community led action to improve children's development across the community. Professional learning opportunities such as these are extremely important and help our staff to further evaluate and develop our programs for young children and families.

## New Board Chair | Welcome Carolyn Mitchell

At the October 2017 Annual General Meeting, Paul Lecher resigned as Board Chair after a five year tenure, however, he will continue to govern the board as an elected member. We would like to thank Paul for his commitment and enthusiasm during his time as Chair. Raising Literacy Australia's newly elected Board Chair is Carolyn Mitchell, a commercial lawyer and long-time supporter of Raising Literacy Australia. Carolyn's extensive knowledge of governance, risk management and legal compliance make her a strong asset to the Raising Literacy Australia Board.

*Photo: Carolyn Mitchell with Spence Denny from ABC Adelaide 891.*



**\*\* SAVE THE DATE: Raising Literacy Australia is exhibiting at the Adelaide Pregnancy, Babies and Children's Expo from 7 – 8 April at the Wayville Showgrounds. Come and say hello\*\***