

Children's Book Ready to Cross Pollinate

A book written by children in the Huon Valley is almost ready to publish - and is now seeking community support to help reach its final milestone.

The Pollination Book is the second in a series of books written by children for children, following on from the successful Bee Book which is now in its 4th print run.

Huon local, artist and Creative Director for this project, Amy Brezinscak, has been working with children over the past 6 months to bring the Pollination Book together.

“We have held 5 workshops, reaching almost 40 children. The children have been learning about the importance of pollinators and documenting their stories along the way.

“The collection of artwork and creativity on display from the children has been inspiring, and we are looking forward to sharing this with the community.”

The project has been supported by local business and industry associations, including R and R Smith Organic Orchards, Southern Tasmanian Beekeepers Association, AgriFutures, Tasmanian Pollination Services, Lyson Australia and Ashbeez.

“We have just started the apple picking season here in the Huon and pollinators are key to successful fruit set,” said Mr Andrew Smith of R and R Smith Organic Orchards.

“Supporting this project has provided us with an opportunity to connect children with local industry to better understand the role pollinators play in food security.”

Project Manager, Jenni McLeod has today launched a Go-Fund-Me page inviting community to take part in this fundraiser.

“This is a chance for the community to get behind a grassroots project that has been driven from the ground up, with the aim of building sustainability into all aspects of its production.

“We live in a world where the effects of climate change are visible every day and this an opportunity for children to positively impact the environment where they are, as they are.”

The project can be found on Go-Fund-Me by searching ‘The Pollination Book’. The book is aiming to launch on May 21 at the Willie Smith Apple Shed in recognition of World Bee Day. All donors will be invited to attend this event.

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