



The Book Club

The Book Club circle is a forum for members to regularly gather and share their responses to a contemporary book and reflect on how these thoughts express the Congress' core values. Our Circle provides opportunities for members to connect by exploring themes related to the ways that women think and feel about climate change. Our book club discussion typically considers the impact of societal structures on women and the paradoxical demands on all of us as we handle everyday life in a time of existential threat.

Each gathering draws a different mix of participants and they all offer a unique perspective on the book. Jenny Robinson, the initiating member, appreciates the openness and sense of collegiality from all. The feedback from these small gatherings has been supportive and we will continue this initiative into 2022.

Here is a list of the books we have read in 2021, all of which are recommended:

- Beyond Climate Grief: A journey of love, snow, fire and an enchanted beer can by Jonica Newby Annual Report 2020–21 14
- Women and Leadership: Real Lives, Real Lessons by Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala and Julia Gillard
- Summertime: Reflections on a vanishing future by Danielle Collarmaker
- Full Circle: A search for the world that comes next by Scott Ludlam
- What Happens Next? Reconstructing Australia after COVID-19 edited by Emma Dawson and Janet McCalman.

2022 – 2023 Bookshelf

1. "All We Can Save: Truth, Courage, and solutions for the climate crisis", Edited by Johnson & Ayana & Wilkinson, Katherine. Monday 28 March 2022, 5pm up to 6.30 pm.

2. "Fire Country: How Indigenous Fire Management Could Help Save Australia", Victor Steffensen.

Monday 9 May 2022, 5pm up to 6.30 pm.

3. "The Ministry of the Future", Kim Stanley Robinson

Monday 20 June 2022, 5pm – 6.30pm.

4. "The New Climate War," Michael Mann, Monday 1 August 2022, 5pm – 6.30pm TBC.

5. "Silent Spring", Rachel Carson and "On a Farther Shore," William Souder. Participants can select any book to read or choose to read both. Alternatively, some may read articles about the books, instead of reading the books, Monday 12 September 2022, 5pm – 6.30pm TBC.

6. "The Arbornaut", Meg Logan, Monday 24 October 2022, 5pm – 6.30pm TBC.

7. "Saving Us", Katherine Hayhoe, possibly 2023 TBC.

8. "Superpower: Australia's Low-Carbon Opportunity", Ross Garnaut, possibly 2023 TBC.

New recommendation 2023:

"The Overstory", by Richard Powers and "Beyond Climate Grief", Jonica Newby (read this 2021 in our Book Club
'Under the Quandong Tree' by Minmia (2007 Quandong Dreaming Publishing, **Mogo NSW**)