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June 2009: Graphic Novels / Comics Portfolio News

Great news for graphic novelists and comics creators! The guidelines within the Australia Council's Emerging Writers' and Illustrator's Grants (which are administered by the ASA) have been extended to include you. You can now apply for \$5000, \$10,000 and \$15,000 grants for living allowances (including childcare) and/or to assist with travel and research costs associated with the preparation and writing of nominated projects. Applications close on 30 June 2009. For more information go to the ASA website (www.asauthors.org) or phone Jill at the ASA on (02) 9318 0877.

A reminder also to portfolio members that the Supanova (Sydney) pop culture convention is coming up on Friday 26 to Sunday 28 June 2009 at Sydney Olympic Park, and Supanova (Perth) on Saturday 3 to Sunday 5 July 2009 at Claremont Showground. For further information go to: www.supanova.com. Following his successful Supanova (Brisbane) debut, ASA Executive Director Jeremy Fisher will be presenting the "Legal Self Defence Legal Self Defence for Comics Creators: Understanding Comics Contracts" seminar at Sydney. We are also working on bring the seminar to Perth and will keep you posted on the details as they emerge.

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dual portfolio holders*