

STORY BOX Hub

Auslan Story Time

We at StoryBox Hub are committed to improving access to stories for all children. That's why we've produced Auslan Story Time, a range of best-loved Australian picture books translated in Auslan, the official sign language of the Australian Deaf community.

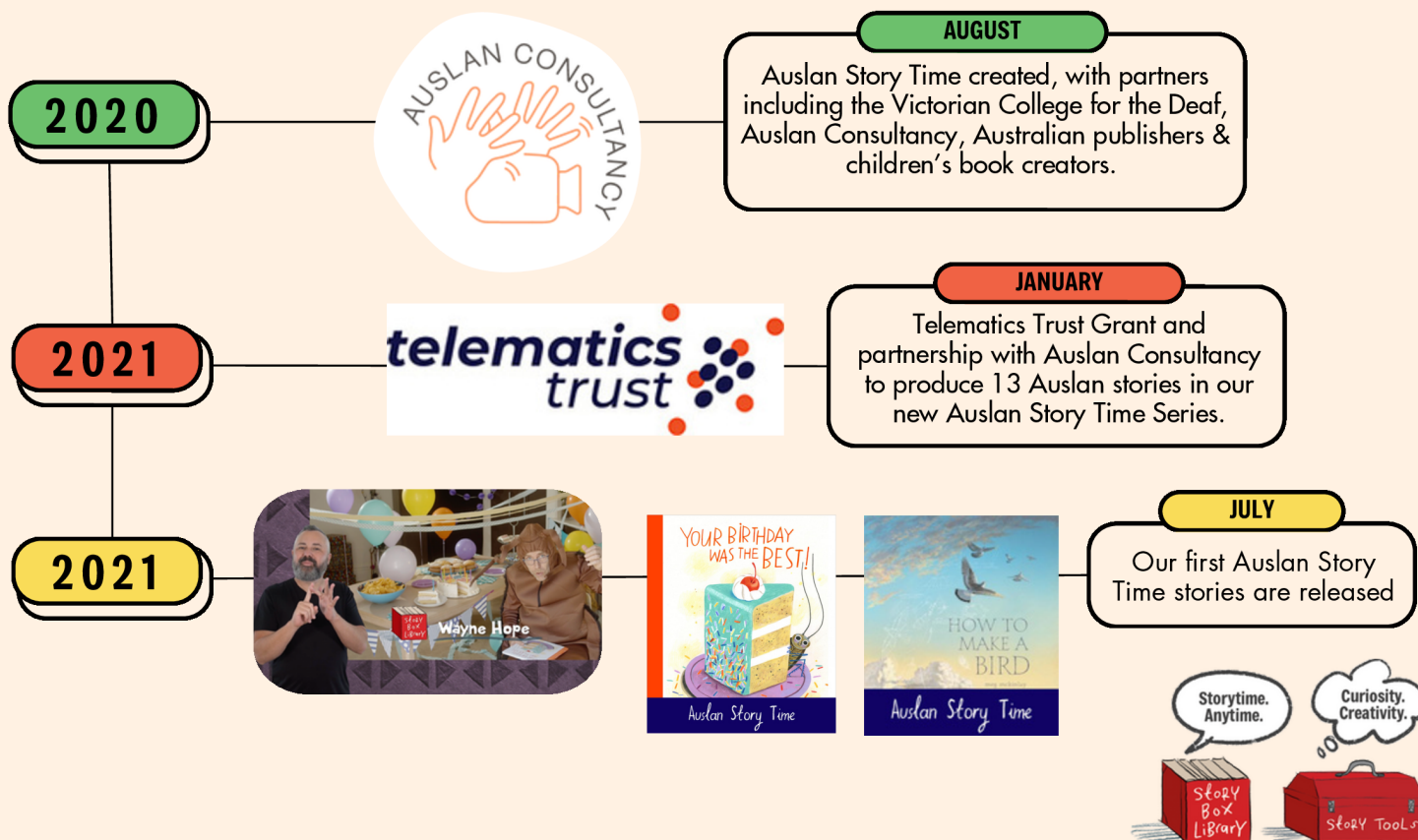
StoryBox Hub stands by Deaf Australia's recognition that Deaf people are disadvantaged by a lack of access to appropriate communication and services – so we're committed to developing our Auslan series in accordance with best practice guidelines for Deaf users. Our team recognise Auslan as a creative endeavour, and that Deaf and hard-of-hearing children deserve an engaging, fun and meaningful storytelling experience.

StoryBox Hub believe that, as Deaf Children Australia affirm, *Auslan can serve as a bridge between the hearing and Deaf community, fostering mutual understanding and respect. This shared means of communication eliminates feelings of isolation and fosters inclusiveness.*

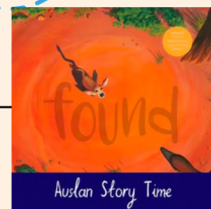
Auslan Story Time is part of StoryBox Hub's ongoing commitment to addressing accessibility disadvantage, and to providing full participation for Deaf and hard-of-hearing people. This echoes our company values of championing diversity and connecting with communities, demonstrating how our art reflects us all.

Nicole Brownlee,
StoryBox Hub CEO/Founder

Timeline



2022



JUNE
An additional 6 Auslan stories are added to the collection

2023



AUGUST
Our Auslan stories receive much attention and quickly become amongst our most popular titles. A further 11 stories are added.

2024



MAY
A successful Creative Australia grant allowing us to add 40 new Auslan stories by mid 2025.

2024



SEPTEMBER
A successful Creative Victoria grant allowing us to add a further 18 new Auslan stories to the collection.

2025



JANUARY
Growing our library of Auslan stories to 80+ titles.

Facts about Auslan

- The Federal Government recognised Auslan (Australian Sign Language) as a language in 1987.
- Auslan uses two-handed signs and incorporates a two-handed alphabet (fingerspelling).
- While Auslan is less fixed grammatically when compared to the English language, it still uses some rules and conventions.
- Auslan structure includes H O L M E: handshape, orientation, location, movement and expression.
- The first Auslan dictionary was published in 1989.
- Auslan is part of the curriculum in a growing number of schools across Victoria, New South Wales, Queensland, South Australia and Western Australia.

