



Stormbird Press

A statement to our booksellers

From fires to pestilence, Stormbird Press aims to survive

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Thank you

Stormbird Press would like to thank you for the support you have given our not-for-profit publishing business by ordering books from us in 2019.

As you know, we publish eco-literature (literary fiction, commercial fiction and nonfiction with an environmental theme) from a global network of authors. This means the books you receive from us are among some of the most unique and rare in the world.

Bushfires on Kangaroo Island have impacted us

While some of you may be aware, others may not know that Stormbird Press lives and works out of pristine Kangaroo Island – Australia’s third largest island and the focus of much recent international news.

Unfortunately, Stormbird Press has been impacted by the fires that burned for several months and we are now in the process of finding solutions (financial, marketing, etc.) to help us get back on our feet, noting that we have lost a significant amount of time and resources, directly from the fire and because of prolonged firefighting efforts.

Impact on you

Unfortunately, as a business affected by fire, Stormbird Press has lost stock (books) in the fires and are unable to publish new books until later in 2020.

Bushfires and climate change

At Stormbird Press, we know there is a clear link between climate change and the recent bushfires that devastated Kangaroo Island. The [Climate Council](#) provides clarity about what is to come:

1. The catastrophic, unprecedented fire conditions currently affecting much of Australia have been aggravated by climate change. Bushfire risk was exacerbated by record breaking drought, very dry fuels and soils, and record-breaking heat.
2. Bushfire conditions are now more dangerous than in the past. The risks to people and property have increased and fire seasons have lengthened. It is now harder to prepare for worsening conditions.
3. As seasons overlap and fires become more destructive, governments will be increasingly constrained in their ability to share resources and the costs of tackling fires will increase.

4. The Australian government must develop an urgent plan to prepare for the future. There are very few signs this is going to happen.

Stormbird Press is not waiting for government to act. We are rebuilding and planning for this climate-changed future. We intend to survive **and thrive**.

COVID-19

There is little else we need to say. We've emerged from the bushfires and now, like all businesses, are pivoting as fast as we can to continue our work in this new COVID-19 world. We welcome any approaches from you about how we might work together in this COVID-19 world.

We want to assure you that rising up and growing stronger and bigger from this adversity is our focus this year. At no point will we stop releasing cutting-edge books for you to stock. What we do humbly request, is your continued patience as we get through this challenging time. We understand that as one of our key stakeholders, it can be frustrating to experience delays in orders. However, as you know, our not-for-profit is an organisation of passion and values – and we won't let this setback impact you in the long term.

Like indie booksellers, our passion stems from a genuine desire to support sustainable communities of writers, readers and intellectuals. This means we aim to return stronger for you, our authors, and our readers and greatly appreciate your support until then!

We remain committed

Despite fires and pestilence, our focus remains on acting as a conduit between world-class environmental authors and you – our valuable book sellers.

We **will** rebuild and get back on our feet so that we can spread the words from our inspiring and globe-shaping authors.

We thank you for your patience and understanding and look forward to working with you soon.

With warm regards,
Margi and the team at Stormbird Press