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## CBCA NSW Branch Inc Treasurer's Report for period January 1st 2023 to December 31<sup>st</sup> 2023

The operations of the Children's Book Council of Australia NSW Branch Inc (CBCA NSW Branch Inc) although still running very successfully has been impacted by changes to NESA accreditation and the fallout from Covid which has resulted in live events not being supported as they have been in the past.

I wish to advise that we were extremely appreciative of the donations received from our very generous members which totalled \$25,306. Added to membership and merchandise income this resulted in a net profit in the 2023 calendar year of \$43,627.61.

Unfortunately, the AAA Professional Learning Conference and Maurice Saxby lecture had to be cancelled due to a lack of numbers to make the events viable. The Aspire and Celebrate luncheon held at the Hilton Hotel, although enjoyed by those who attended, resulted in a considerable loss of \$7, 187.36. An important sub-branch planning meeting held at the Hilton Hotel also incurred the amount of \$2143.78. A benefit of membership was the introduction of the First Wednesday Book Club, which the branch fully funded.

The amount of \$3,000 was given to CBCA National to support Shadow Judging.

Sue Taylor, our bookkeeper, has streamlined all financial processes which can be easily maintained by the treasurer. In addition, Hello Club membership software has reduced the need for membership payments to be reconciled by a volunteer. We thank Sue for her expertise in finance, her availability when needed and general advice regarding the governance of a charity.

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Treasurer 17/04/2024