

## **Annual General Meeting Saturday 30 April 2022**

### **Treasurer's Report for period January 2021 to December 2021**

Once again in 2021 the Children's Book Council of Australia NSW Branch Inc (CBCA NSW Branch) operations have been significantly impacted by Covid-19. The Department of Health's imposed restrictions on public gatherings resulted in the cancellation of major events, moving to the creation of digital events. The organisation experienced loss of membership incentives and the ability of members to engage with each other.

In addition, the year 2021 was a year of considerable change for CBCA NSW in its financial administration. The treasurer Natalia Bragaru elected in 2020 did not nominate for re-election and this position was filled by Alison Mano who subsequently stood down in September 2021. The position remained vacant for the rest of 2021.

In June 2021 CBCA NSW reluctantly accepted the resignation of the Business Manager Felicity Jagavkar who moved to a full-time permanent position in another organisation. Felicity continued to work four hours per week maintaining the accounts until November. This was very much appreciated as it enabled CBCA NSW to continue operations until Sue Taylor was employed in November 2021.

As acting treasurer in 2022 I wish to advise members that there was a small profit in the 2021 financial year which is to be confirmed by the Auditors, and not received on 30/5/22. This was realized through AAA Professional Development Conference, merchandise sales, Aspiring Writers Mentorship program and the fact that wages decreased for six months.

CBCA NSW Branch committee decided in 2021 to change annual membership registrations to a calendar year in 2022 to streamline payments and administration processes.

The 2020 application to the Register of Cultural Organisations (ROCO) and Deductible Gift Recipient (DGR) status was granted. Subsequently CBCA NSW Branch has been granted charitable status with the Australian Charities and Not-for-profit Commission (ACNC). We acknowledge and thank Liz Bowring for leading the committee through this difficult period of transition. CBCA NSW Branch received \$1091.09 in Donations in 2021.

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A Special general Meeting of CBCA NSW Branch will be held when the Audited Financial Report for 2021 is received.