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**Board Reports of the**

**2024/ 2025 Financial Year**

**CBCA NSW**

As for all States, CBCA NSW greeted 2024 as a year of critical importance to continue to build the membership base and to work towards improved promotion of benefits for members, both individual and corporate.

Events were again successful, the year marked by a range of events including the Night of the Notables 2024 at Writing NSW with guest author Aura Parker and the CBCA Book of the Year Event which was hosted at the ‘Australian Theatre for Young People’ in August.

Building connections and communications with the Regions (sub-branches) was perhaps seen as the most significant objective of 2024, with seven CBCA NSW Regional Groups across the State continuing to offer a range of events. In November, CBCA NSW hosted a ‘Regions Summit’ with representatives from each Region at Writing NSW (and via Zoom). The goal was for individuals to articulate the needs and goals of each Region and to raise ideas of how we can better work together. There was a common observation that we need to re-establish a Western Sydney Region in 2025.

A ‘Summit for Writers and Illustrators’ has been planned for early 2025 with additional plans to offer inaugural ‘Margaret Hamilton Creators’ Residencies’, a number of one-week residencies organised by CBCA NSW at Writing NSW for self-nominated emerging and/or established authors.

Again, as part of our focus of ‘Looking Forward’, there were meetings with publishers and authors to discuss the relevance of CBCA and to articulate how we can better work together to promote children’s literacy.

Paul Macdonald was appointed President mid-year, well supported by a committee of eleven individuals, most of whom have a long history with CBCA at both National and State level.

Paul Macdonald

CBCA NSW President

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