

VICLINK MEETING

February 12th 2002
12.00 noon Lunch
Meeting - 2-4 pm
Board Lounge, State Library of Victoria
328 Swanston St.
Melbourne

MINUTES

Present: Lynne Makin (Upper Murray), Elisabeth Jackson (Hume-Moonee Valley), Barbara Horn (Yarra-Melbourne), Craig Anderson (Yarra Plenty), Paul Dunn (Disability Services), Gabrielle Blair (Brimbank), Helen Balcam (Local Govt. Division), Karyn Siegmann (Bayside), Julie Rae (Central Highlands), Michael Bertie (State Library), Brendan Fitzgerald (Vicnet), Alison Katona (Mornington), Karen Cummings (Whitehorse-Manningham), Patti Manolis (Maribyrnong), Jenny Ruffy (Monash), Damien Tyquin (Library Network Unit), Peter Carter (Casey –Cardinia), John Murrell (West Gippsland), Russ Elwin (Wimmera), Debra Rosenfeldt (Library Network Unit), Dale Cousens (Upper Murray), Susan Orr (Campaspe), Nicole Wiseman (Library Network Unit), Gary Hardy (Monash CCNR), Jan Penney (Nth Central Goldfields), Suzanne Gately (Hobsons Bay), Neville Humphris (Moreland), Graham Dudley (Local Govt. Division), Colin Morrison (Local Govt. Division), Deidre Pellizzer (Port Phillip).

1. Apologies

Marg Morkham (Corangamite), Sue Kelly (Mildura), Carole Ingwersen (LaTrobe), Heather Phillips (Franksont), Elaine Richmond (High Country), Adele Kenneally (Glenelg), Karen Ward-Smith (Dandenong), Trish Smyth (Kingston), John Binnion (Eastern Region).

2. Speaker

Paul Dunn from Dept Human Services spoke about the Rural Access Program which is designed to set up a community development framework in rural Victoria. 27 project officers have been employed to work with local councils and community health centres. A list of contacts was handed out. Further information from Paul : paul.dunn@dhs.vic.gov.au

3. Minutes of meeting held on 11th December at Kilmore

Corrections to Minutes : It is the Library Board not the Library Network Committee which is holding a planning day in March.

Subcommittees are Viclink not Vicnet.

Moved with amendments Russ Elwin/Seconded Susan Orr. Carried.

4. Correspondence

- From Colin Morrison, Local Govt. Division acknowledging receipt of submission on Draft Public Library Policy
- From DG Skinner and Associates, solicitors enclosing letter to Taxation Dept. re. Gift Deductable Recipient status for Viclink.
- Lynne Makin reported that she and Chris Payne (for CPLG) have written to the Chair of the Library Board expressing the concerns raised at the last Viclink meeting and requesting a meeting with him.

Correspondence moved Deidre Pellizzer, seconded John Murrell. Carried.

5. Treasurer's Report

This was tabled. All memberships have now been paid and there have been no transactions since the last meeting.

6. Draft Viclink Constitution. This will be put on the librariesvictoria website for comment. A postal ballot will be held to approve it. It was suggested that the new Constitution should allow for a email ballot.

7. Gulliver Memorandum of Understanding. This will be posted on the Gulliver website. Comments to Viclink Secretary.

8. Viclink Executive Report

- It is proposed to employ an executive officer for Viclink/Gulliver on a contract basis for about 250 hours per year. This person will undertake administrative duties for Viclink and Gulliver. The position will be advertised on appropriate email lists.
- Public Libraries Australia meeting will be held in Adelaide next week. The aim of this organisation will be to become a network of libraries throughout Australia through which projects such as Networking the Nation can be channelled.
There is a page on the National Library website which includes further details.
- A motion of support for Public Libraries Australia was moved Barbara Horn, seconded Deidre Pellizzer and carried.

9. CPLG News

Signage projects is almost completed.

10. State Library of Victoria reports:

Library Network Unit.

Written report circulated separately.

Michael Bertie introduced Debra Rosenfeldt who has been seconded to the position of Manager, Library Network Unit for the next six months.

Debra reported that the position of Coordinator of Writers on the Road will be filled soon and the situation with the Project Officer looking after training should be resolved next week. Meanwhile Debra will be coordinating the Statewide Training Project.

Thanks to Nicole Wiseman for organising the highly successful Inside Story seminar last week.

Rural Libraries on Line

Survey results are being collated at present. The printers project has been completed.

11. Department of Infrastructure Report

A written report was circulated at the meeting.

At the next Viclink Meeting there will be a full report on the Living Libraries Program. Applications for the final round will open in June and close in September.

60 submissions were received on the draft Public Library Policy and these are being considered by the Ministers.

Nada can still be informed of changes for the directory.

12. Viclink Subcommittees – Reports

Reference Cooperative – attached to Agenda

Collections Cooperative – nothing to report this month

Children's Subcommittee - reports that a storyteller from the Storytelling Garden has been booked to conduct two workshops, Next meeting will be at Kilmore Library on 22 April. Further information from Pia Butcher at Eastern Region.

pia@eastern.erl.vic.gov.au

13. Gulliver

Julie Rae reported. Statistics for Gulliver will be sent out shortly together with the likely costs for the next year. Costs will be increased due to changes in the exchange rate and consequent higher subscription rates to databases. The membership fee will be \$200 per year for Viclink members. Others will pay a joining fee of \$950 then \$250 per year.

A draft Business Plan for Gulliver was tabled for comment. Copies available from Julie Rae (jrae@chrlc.vic.gov.au)

14. Other Business

1. Building the capacity.....

Gary Hardy spoke briefly about the project Building the Capacity of the Public Library Network on which he is working with Tom Dennison. The objective is to produce business cases for a number of possible library ventures designed to increase the amount of funding and/or make better use of available funds. They will be

conducting a survey early in March and urged everyone to participate. They can be contacted as follows: tdenniso@bigpond.net.au or garyh@vicnet.net.au or 03 9903 1178.

2. Part time provisions in new Award

The question was asked whether libraries are paying overtime to part time staff when asked to work extra hours. None are doing this but have agreements whereby part time staff can agree to vary their hours when requested.

The meeting finished at 3.30pm.

NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 9th April 2002 at Ballarat. CPLG meeting in the morning, Viclink at 2.00.