

VICLINK MEETING

April 16th 2002
12.00 noon Lunch
Meeting 12.30-1.30 pm
Ballarat Library
Doveton St.
Ballarat

MINUTES

Present: Lynne Makin (Upper Murray), Elisabeth Jackson (Hume-Moonee Valley), Barbara Horn (Yarra-Melbourne), Gabrielle Blair (Brimbank), Helen Balcam, Colin Morrison (Local Govt. Division), Julie Rae, Ainslie Whyte, Tara Hossack (Central Highlands), Michael Bertie (State Library), Alison Katona (Mornington), Patti Manolis (Maribyrnong), Damien Tyquin, Nilole Wiseman, Tonya Lewis (Library Network Unit), Peter Carter (Casey –Cardinia), John Murrell, Chris MacLaren (West Gippsland), Russ Elwin (Wimmera), Debra Rosenfeldt (Library Network Unit), Dale Cousens (Upper Murray), Susan Orr (Campaspe), (Library Network Unit), Jan Penney (Nth Central Goldfields), Suzanne Gately (Hobsons Bay), Neville Humphris, Tim Bruwer (Moreland), Marg Morkham (Corangamite), Sue Kelly, Sharon Sturre (Mildura), Karen Batiste (Kingston), Stephen Dempsey (Wellington), Peter Mansfield (Geelong), Julie Smith (Gannawarra), Bruce Myers (Swan Hill), Anna Cook (East Gippsland), Karen Ward-Smith (Greater Dandenong), Chris Payne (Mitchell), Adele Kenneally (Glenelg), Elaine Richmond (High Country), John Binnion (Eastern).

1. Apologies

Jenny Ruffy (Monash), Carole Ingwersen (LaTrobe), Heather Phillips (Franksont), Anne Rasmussen (Stonnington), Trish Smythe (Kingston)

2. Minutes of meeting held on 12 February at State Library

Moved Suzanne Gately, seconded Julie Rae that the Minutes be accepted. Carried

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3. Correspondence

- From DG Skinner and Associates, Solicitors, of Albury regarding correspondence with Deputy Commissioner of Taxation. Subsequent correspondence has been received indicating that Viclink does not meet the requirements for tax deductability.
- Letter of support from Viclink for the application to the National Communications Fund.

- Applications for Secretariat position.

4. Treasurer's Report

No report as no movement of funds. The new Secretariat will be handling the payment of accounts in future/

5. Draft Viclink Constitution.

Now available on the Infonet. Postal ballot in about two weeks

6. Gulliver/Bruce

Gulliver is the core databases while Bruce is a selection of additional databases available to Gulliver members. Julie reported that there has been a lot of interest from libraries interstate to join Gulliver.

7. Viclink Executive Report

Lynne reported that the following had been discussed at last Exec meeting:

- Constitution
- Secretariat
- Statewide Projects
- ILL Protocol – this has been re-drafted by ILL group

8. CPLG News

CPLG had also discussed Statewide Projects

9. State Library of Victoria Report

Library Network Unit

I&J Management has been engaged to review the Training Program and will be conducting extensive consultation

10. Department of Infrastructure Report

There is no news to report at this stage from next year's budget
Any increase in funding will be paid 50% to all libraries and 50% according to population growth.

Beyond the Branches applications will be reviewed in the next few weeks with announcements at the end of May.

Applications for the third round of Living Libraries will close on about 12th September.

Printed version of Annual Survey will be available soon, electronic version is on extranet.

Library Policy is still with Ministers. We expect a resolution soon.

11. Viclink Subcommittees – Reports

Reference Cooperative has a proposal for changes to the surveys – to begin next financial year. Will be sent to Viclink Members

It was suggested that convenors of Subcommittees should be invited to the next Executive Meeting to discuss reporting requirements and need for annual plans and budgets.

12. Other Business

(1) MAV Library Working Group. Barbara Horn reported that she has attended a meeting of this group. The MAV has taken on the library funding issue and is approaching the Minister to discuss:

- A new base line for library funding
- A budget line for public libraries in DoI budget
- Consolidating responsibility for libraries in one Department – preferably Arts

It was resolved that Barbara will draft a letter to be sent from Viclink to all MPs

The meeting closed at 1.15pm

NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 11th June. Venue to be arranged.