

VICLINK MEETING

August 13th 2002

General Meeting of Viclink held following the AGM

**Venue: Mill Park Library, 394 Plenty Rd.
Mill Park**

MINUTES

Present: Lynne Makin, Dale Cousens (Upper Murrumbidgee Regional Library), Elisabeth Jackson(Hume-Moonee Valley), Julie McInnes (Greater Dandenong), Suzanne Gately (Hobson's Bay), Elaine Richmond (High Country), Susan Orr (Campaspe), Craig Anderson, Anne Yerbury (Yarra Plenty), Anne Rasmussen (Stonnington), Cathy Mulcahy (Boroondara), Patti Manolis (Maribyrnong), Julie Rae (Central Highlands), Karyn Siegman(Bayside), Helen Balcam Graham Dudley, Colin Morrison (Dol), Damian Tyquin , Nicole Lowndes, Michael Bertie (SLV), Ann LeLievre (Murrumbidgee), Heather Phillips (Frankston), Gary Hardy (CCNR) , Jenny Ruffy (Monash), Alison Katona (Mornington), Russ Elwin (Wimmera), Peter Carter (Casey Cardinia), Stephen Dempsey (Wellington), Sharyn Sturre (Mildura), Anna Cook (East Gippsland), Chris Payne (Mitchell), Alyson Kosina (Viclink Secretariat), Adele Kenneally (Glenelg)

1. Apologies

Julie Smith (Gannawarra), Diane Woda (Brimbank), Bruce Myers (Swan Hill), Debra Rosenfeldt (State Library), John Binnion (Eastern), Karen Ward-Smith (Greater Dandenong), John Murrell (West Gippsland), Sue Webster (Glen Eira), Trish Smyth (Kingston), Sue Kelly (Mildura), Barbara Horn (Yarra Melbourne).

2. Minutes of meeting held on 11th June at Dept Infrastructure

Moved Russ Elwin, seconded Alison Katona, that the minutes of the last meeting be accepted. Carried.

Business Arising:

- Federal Government Inquiry into cost shifting – Barbara Horn to report on Viclink submission

Report held over as Barbara was not present

3. Correspondence

Outwards

- 27 June 2002 To DG Skinner and Associates, solicitors informing them that no further action is needed in respect of Viclink Constitution or Service Contract

- 4 July 2002. To Fran Awcock, State Librarian, expressing interest in the proposed re-alignment of the Library Network Unit
- 11th July 2002. Joint letter with CPLG to Hon. Mary Delahunty, Minister for the Arts, requesting a meeting to discuss Statewide Projects
- 6 August To Fran Awcock, CEO and State Librarian reiterating concerns regarding the Library Network Unit...

Inwards:

- 19 June 2002. From Susan Orr, Library Manager, Campaspe Regional Library enclosing signed Gulliver Memorandum of Understanding and giving notice of withdrawal from Gulliver which may be required due to budget constraints from July 2003.
- 20 June 2002. From Department of Human Services regarding State Government funding
- 20 June 2002 From DG Skinner, Solicitors of Albury asking for further instructions regarding Viclink Constitution and Service Contract
- 27 June 2002 From Alyson Kosina, Computer Systems Engineering, regarding Agreement with Viclink
- 3 July 2002. From Denis Napthine, Leader of the Opposition regarding library funding and outlining Liberal Party commitment to increasing public library funding
- From Gavin Jennings, MLC regarding public library funding
- 16 July From Fran Awcock, CEO and State Librarian advising that the realignment of the Library Network Unit is part of a review of the State Library designed to ensure that it is in the best position to meet its objectives and is not a matter for public consultation.

Moved Adele Kenneally, seconded Susan Orr that the correspondence be received. Carried.

4. Building the Capacity of the Public Library Network

Gary Hardy spoke briefly to the report. He is asking Viclink to do the following:

- Make a commitment to pursue the projects outlined in the report
- Complete a questionnaire to be circulated to all libraries

It was moved by Craig Anderson, seconded Peter Carter:

That a subcommittee be formed by means of self nomination to conduct the survey and decide how to proceed. Carried

Nominations for subcommittee to be sent to Elisabeth Jackson by Friday 23rd August.

5. Report on Ministerial Advisory Council on Public Libraries

Lynne Makin is the Viclink representative on this and Chris Payne represents CPLG. Chris reported on the work of the Council so far. It consists of Judy Maddigan MP, Presidents of Viclink and CPLG, Graham Dudley, Colin Morrison, Cr. Rod Fyffe representing the MAV, Clare Hargreaves, MAV (observer), Fran Awcock, Michael Bertie (observer) David Spokes (Port Phillip CEO), Cr. Vivienne Davidson (Chair of Wimmera Regional Library Board),

The first issue to be discussed is the form of the new triennial agreements.

6. Department of Infrastructure Report

The report was circulated.

7. Library Network Unit Report

Circulated with the agenda

8. CPLG News

Nothing not already reported

9. Viclink Executive Report

Executive Meeting on 8th July discussed the following:

- Deputation from Friends of Libraries Australia to discuss their plans and on going relationship with Viclink
- Discussion of Building the Capacity of the Public Library Network
- Discussion of Internet surveys being conducted by Gary Hardy
- Report from MAV Public Libraries Working Group
- Opportunities for Viclink input into realignment of Library Network Unit
- Appointment of auditor
- New bank account
- Arrangements for Viclink AGM

10. Treasurer's Report

Viclink has a new bank account with Macquarie Cash Management Trust. This will pay better interest.

Fees for Viclink have been set as the same as last year.

11. Viclink Subcommittees – Reports

Written reports were circulated. Anne Yerbury reported on behalf of the Collections Cooperative.

Reference Cooperative advised that an Internet usage survey will be conducted by CCNR (Monash) in the second week of September. Ref. Coop members are assisting with this.

12. Inter-library Loan protocol

Suzanne Gately reported that no comments had been received on the Interlibrary Loan and she moved (seconded Julie Rae) that it be adopted. Carried

13. Speaker – Bruce Myers

Bruce was unable to attend so his report will be held over until next meeting.

14. Other Business

14.1 Gulliver

Julie Rae reported that a very successful Gulliver Forum had been held on 1 August. This was attended by 66 people.

The CASL consortium has asked Gulliver to join. Various questions need to be resolved on this issue.

14.2 Local Government Act

Craig Anderson reported that Mark Hayes from Maddocks had given a presentation to Regional Libraries regarding proposed changes to the Act. He suggested that Viclink could organise a forum on this subject for the broader library community. Members should contact Craig if interested.

14.3 Library Finance Group

Russ Elwin reported that regional library financial officers had been meeting to discuss matters of concern. This will be discussed at the next Viclink Meeting.

14.4 Planning Workshop

Adele Kenneally asked if another planning workshop (like the one at Kalorama) is planned. There is finance available and another workshop will take place.

14.5 Public Libraries Australia

Michael Berrtie and Lynne Makin reported that the new organisation is progressing. It has set up a bank account and sent letters to organisations which pledged funds. It has been arranged that Lynne will work for PLA 2 days per week with UMRL receiving compensation. It should be operating by December.

NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 15th October at 2.00pm at the State Library of Victoria. Presentations of Reid and Ramsay Scholarships will take place after this meeting.