

Viclink Workshop to discuss Statewide Projects

Ballarat Library, 1.30-4.30pm on 16th April 2002

Present: Lynne Makin (Upper Murray), Elisabeth Jackson (Hume-Moonee Valley), Barbara Horn (Yarra-Melbourne), Gabrielle Blair (Brimbank), Julie Rae, Ainslie Whyte, Tara Hossack (Central Highlands), Michael Bertie (State Library), Alison Katona (Mornington), Patti Manolis (Maribyrnong), Damien Tyquin, Nicole 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), 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), Deidre Pellizzer, Rose Nolan (Port Phillip), Craig Anderson (Yarra/Plenty), Angelo Gasparini (Darebin).

Introduction

Lynne Makin introduced the Workshop and outlined the program and aim – to develop priorities for Statewide Projects in 2002-2003 and beyond.

Library Board Perspective

Michael Bertie outlined the Library Board perspective as follows:

- About \$1.1m is available each year
- Money is allocated to Library Board which recommends to the Minister.
- Library Board is responsible for all libraries in Victoria – not just Public Libraries and oversees cooperation between libraries
- Part of the State Library's Mission is to develop the state network of information resources and libraries
- SLV's objectives include increasing the capability of the Public Library network and fostering interaction and partnerships between the SLV and Public Libraries.
- The Board is also concerned to get the best value out of available funds – biggest bang for the \$.

Listing of Ideas

The following were put forward for consideration:

Training
Consortium purchasing
LOTE cataloguing subsidy
Bandwidth and connections
Cross Platform Searching
Minority language group collections
Writers on the Road
Seeking additional funding /sponsorship
Courier service
Another Kalorama
Summer Reading Club
LOTE and Disability Needs analysis
Library management system – Statewide
Statewide Library card
Marketing
History of Public Libraries publication
Teenage/early 20's service development
Beginning with books
Public Library research
Digitisation
Measuring libraries and social capital
VISION
Viclink Inc
Localised surveys/analysis

Setting Priorities

It was agreed that a smaller number of projects than in the past would be supported in order that each project was large enough to make a difference. At the same time, it is possible to group some of the ideas above.

Vision service and the Courier service were included in the discussions and it was agreed that these would be supported but would be reviewed to see whether their objectives could be met more effectively by other methods.

After much discussion it was decided to support the following. Nominal funding was allocated to each and Champions volunteered for each project.

Project	Funding	Champion and LNU contact
1. Research into: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Needs analysis of disadvantage groups • Public Libraries and social capital 	\$200,000	Neville Humphris Patti Manolis Debra Rosenfeldt
2. Business case for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bandwidth and connection • LMS resource – statewide • Cross Platform searching 	\$60-70,000	John Binnion Peter Carter John Murrell Debra
3. Beginning with books	Relatively small amount. Finite timeline	Suzanne Gately Nicole Wiseman
4. Writers on the Road	\$100,000	Suzanne Gately Nicole
5. Marketing and Promotions	\$200,000	Christine MacLaren Pru Menzies Damien Tarquin
6. Training <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Include another Kalorama • Digitisation (subject to review) 	\$370,000	Peter Carter Tonya Lewis
7. Courier	\$80,000 \$10,000 for review	LNU
8. Vision	\$45,000 \$10,000 for review	Julie Smith Debra

Wrap-Up

These ideas will be fleshed out into projects by the LNU staff with assistance from the “champions” for consideration at Statewide Projects Meeting on 21 May.

Lynne thanked everyone for their participation and ideas.