

VICLINK

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD AT ALTONA LIBRARY 8 AUGUST 2000

PRESENT:

Rosemary Abbey (West Gippsland); John Binnion (ERL); Michael Byrne (State Library Victoria); Dale Cousens (Upper Murray); Karen Cummings (Whitehorse Manningham); Graham Dudley (LGD); Ana Djprdjjevic (State Library Victoria); Brendan Fitzgerald (State Library Victoria); Stuart Hall (State Library Victoria); Barbara Horn (Yarra Melbourne); Neville Humphris (Moreland); Peter Hunt (Hobsons Bay); Elisabeth Jackson (Hume-Moonee Valley); Alison Katona (Mornington); Adele Kenneally (Glenelg); Con Lannan (Geelong); Lucia Lazzarotto (RVIB); Lynne Makin (Upper Murray); Peter Mansfield (Central Highlands); Colin Morrison (LGD); John Murrell (West Gippsland); Chris Payne (Mitchell); Deidre Pellizzer (Port Phillip); Jan Penney (North Central); Judy Peppard (State Library Victoria); Heather Phillips (Frankston); Julie Rae (Bayside Library Service); John Ruddle (Monash); Frances Savage (State Library Victoria) Gay Sussex (Maribyrnong) Jan Sutton (Goulburn); Trevor Trotter (Hobsons Bay); Karen Ward-Smith (City of Greater Dandenong); Alasdair Wardle (Casey Cardinia).

1. APOLOGIES:

Sue Kelly, Susan Orr, Craig Anderson, Russ Elwin, Gary Hardy, Anne Rasmussen, Trish Smyth, Cathrine Harboe-Ree.

Barbara Horn opened the meeting as the incoming President. She thanked everyone for their support and especially Alasdair Wardle in his role as President. The year had many significant achievements and she looked forward to another successful year.

2. MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 20th JUNE, 2000:

Moved: Peter Horn
Seconded: Chris Payne

That the minutes be accepted.

3. BUSINESS ARISING:

There was no business arising.

4. CORRESPONDENCE:

In:

ATO reply to GST and interlibrary loans query.

Application from Fay Nicholson re history of Victorian Public Libraries.

John Binnion re concerns on GST

Karen Ward-Smith re future directions.

Out:

To Pru Digby DOI expressing concerns on GST

Senator Alston re Copyright Amendment (Digital Agenda) Bill 1999.

Glenda Strong DEET re reading and public libraries.

Moved: Peter Hunt

Seconded: Alison Katona

That the correspondence be accepted.

5. TREASURER'S REPORT:

Report was received and accepted at Annual General Meeting.

6. LOCAL GOVERNMENT DIVISION:

Report circulated (Attachment 1)

Colin Morrison reported. Letter has been sent to all CEO's and Library Managers re funding agreements. Funding formula has been finalised and includes a component for isolation and social disadvantage. People should address any queries to Colin or Graham Dudley. Service agreements will be sent out soon and there will be approx 7 regional meetings. Infrastructure grants will close some time in October.

Adele Keneally asked about \$2million funding for country areas. Colin responded there was no further information at this stage. Meeting agreed that a letter should be sent to Mr Brumby querying this amount.

John Binnion asked if there had been a response from the ATO on GST and funding. Graham Dudley said there had been no response on this issue.

John Binnion requested a response re wording of Act on Best Value as it applied to regional libraries.

Graham Dudley reported. Library buildings audit is proceeding. Thanked members for work on annual statistical return and this will be sent out shortly. A quotation has been received from BiblioStat. A project on revaluation of collections will be undertaken by Jane King of Practico. Christine McLaren will be preparing a final summary of the mobile libraries project.

Chris Payne queried NSW Building Recommendations. Graham Dudley replied that he will check progress.

7. STATE LIBRARY OF VICTORIA:

Report circulated (Attachement 2)

7.1. Statewide Projects

Judy Peppard reported. She explained the background to funding changes to the Statewide Projects. The Committee had evaluated achievements very carefully and decided that some new projects needed to be funded and some reduced. She thanked the Project Steering Committee for their work.

7.2. Statewide Projects Steering Committee

Barbara Horn reported as the Viclink representative on the Steering Committee and said that she would be happy to talk to people who wanted further explanations of the decisions.

7.3. Marketing project

New advertisements for library services will be on radio and TV in the near future. Adele Keneally queried progress on the Rural Libraries Forum. Judy Peppard responded that work is about to commence on this.

7.4. Libraries on Line

Stuart Hall reported. Rollout of satellite dishes and touchscreen monitors was proceeding. Monitors will be owned and insured by the State Library.

7.5. Gulliver Reference Group

Julie Rae reported. Multimedia funding for Gulliver Databases will cease at the year. Group is looking at consortia implications, including costings. Julie responded that the group will report to each Viclink meeting.

8. CPLG:

Adele Keneally reported. A submission has been made to help CPLG members attend meetings. There have been discussions with NSW country libraries to look at shared interests.

9. SUBCOMMITTEES

9.1. VICLINK Executive - Suggestions for guest speakers most welcome. Strategic Plan to be revisited. People interested in being on a support group for the History of Victorian Public Libraries Project should contact Gay Sussex as soon as possible. 4 people are needed. Alasdair Wardle planning a possible reading seminar for Australian Library Week 2001.

9.2. Reference Co-operative - Graham Dudley reported that Jane King is working on a new approach to reference statistics collection.

9.3. Collection Development – seminar to be held on electronic acquisitions.

9.4. Children's Subcommittee - No report received.

9.5. Technology 2005 – John Binnion reported that this group is looking at legal aspects of Internet access. A number of Acts impinge on this area.

9.6. Viclink Statistics Subcommittee - John Binnion reported. Clear definitions have been agreed. Formulas will be built in to query some figures and a lot of work has been done on the financial area.

10. ROUND ROBIN

Hobson's Bay - Library Manager is in an acting position in Community Services. Trevor Trotter is acting.

Mornington - new positions advertised. Possible redevelopment of Mornington Branch.

Frankston - Seaford Library and Tourist Information Centre to be developed. Possible that Carrum Downs Library will be moved. Olympic Internet site is being well used.

Whitehorse Manningham - Brian Haratsis is reviewing management

Monash - director has left.

Goulburn - looking at new library building funding.

West Gippsland - New library opening in Foster. Reduction of mobiles by one. New library computer system is working well.

Bayside - possible redesign of Beaumaris Branch.

RVIB - RVIB is going national.

Moreland - launch of Bookstart Kit with Maternal and Childhealth. Also launch of Drug Information displays.

Eastern Region - Books are Magic program has been launched.

Greater Dandenong - Library department has absorbed Heritage and Museum. More PCs for Internet access.

North Central Goldfields - reviewing budget problems.

Central Highlands - working on Best Value and community consultation.

Geelong - completed public consultation program on reorganisation of library service. Final report to Board next week. Queenscliff Branch to be renovated. Greater

Geelong is to renovate Corio library.

Gleneilg - workshop to discuss the future of the organization.

Mitchell - possible renovations for Seymour library

Upper Murray - 2 new libraries planned. Mobile libraries conference planned for next year.

Hume-Moonee Valley - Councils are reviewing whether to stay in the Region . Brian Haratsis is reporting.

Casey-Cardinia - Possible two new libraries. Opening hours have been extended.

Yarra-Melbourne - New service agreement has been finalised. Extension to Carlton Library has been completed. Macroplan is working on concept of a Central City library.

11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

Barbara Horn congratulated Lynne Makin on reaching the finals of Telstra Business Woman of the Year, in Victoria.

12. NEXT MEETINGS:

10th October Local Government Division. Corporate Centre, Level 2, Nauru House.