

VIC LINK ORDINARY MEETING

December 12 2000, 11-1pm
Fairfield Boathouse
Fairfield Park Dve
Fairfield, Melbourne

MINUTES

Present:

Graham Dudley, DOI; Colin Morrison, DOI; Tonya Lewis, SLV; Julie Rae, Bayside; Neville Humphries, Moreland; Alasdair Wardle, Casey-Cardinia; Michael Byrne, SLV; Judy Peppard, SLV; Pam Wansink, Vision Australia; Dale Cousins, Upper Murray; Lynne Makin, Upper Murray; Rebecca Toohey, SLV; Stuart Hall, Libraries Online; Brendan Fitzgerald, Libraries Online; Gabrielle Blair, Brimbank; John Binnion, ERL; Anne Rasmussen, Stonnington; Craig Anderson, Yarra Plenty; Alison Katona, Mornington; Gay Sussex, Maribyrnong; Angelo Gasparini, Darebin; Elizabeth Jackson, Hume-Moonee Valley; Jan Penney, North Central Goldfields; Chris Payne, Mitchell; Heather Phillips, Frankston; Barbara Horn, Yarra-Melbourne (Chair); Deidre Pellizzer, Port Phillip (Minutes).

Welcome to Gabrielle Blair, Brimbank Libraries and Pam Wansink, RVIB

1. APOLOGIES

Bronwyn Hughes, Sue Kelly, Catherine Harboe-Ree, Adele Kenneally, Elaine Richmond, Bruce Myers, Gary Hardy, Francis Savage, Ana Djordjevic

2. MINUTES OF OCTOBER MEETING

Minutes accepted:

Moved: Alison Katona
Seconded: Michael Byrne

3. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

NIL

4. CORRESPONDENCE

<i>Incoming:</i>	<i>Topic</i>	<i>Action?</i>
VLNC	Minutes	
Jennie Renfree APLN	Requests contribution to consultancy evaluating public libraries network.	Reply sent agreeing to \$1,000 contribution.
Dept of Justice	Appointment of Public Officer	(see Item 5 below)

<i>Outgoing:</i>	<i>Topic</i>	<i>Action?</i>
Barb Horn to lib managers	GULLIVER	

5. TREASURER'S REPORT – Chris Payne

- Chris has received financial records
- Cheques shall be written from today (around \$2,000)
- Invoices to libraries will go out at New Year including direct debit.

Public Officer Election

- VICLINK requires a Public Officer
- Each past president will become the Public Officer accordingly,

Action: Alasdair Wardle assumes the role for 2001 and will liaise with Chris

6. LOCAL GOVERNMENT BRANCH

Local Government Report - Graham Dudley

- Announcement of successful Infrastructure Funding Grant rests with the Minister.
- Update on *Best Value* is available on DOI Website and has been sent out recently.
- The Nestle competition results were announced with a terrific reading by Sigrid Thorton (results available on DOI Website). Both winners were from Victoria.

Colin Morrison

- VICLINK and CPLG will receive invitations to be involved in budget process
- Although Regional Library Corporations are not expected to submit Best Value Plan by December 31 2000, Colin and Graham advise that a 'pro-active' approach is best and that Corporations may benefit by submitting Best Value Plans to member Councils.

7. STATE LIBRARY VICTORIA

Libraries Online – Stuart Hall

- Stuart reported that the Libraries Online project is proceeding well.
- See attached Report.

Library Policy Development – Judy Peppard

- Mary Delahunty has approved commencement of library policy development.

AUSDOC – Judy Peppard

- AUSDOC stickers are no longer free.
- Judy (and VICLINK generally) is not satisfied with service provided by AUSDOC
- Judy will pursue alternatives once the audit that is presently being undertaken is complete.
- As Cinemedia uses public libraries as collection points, we need to include them in discussions.
- Anyone from VICLINK with views on this should email Barb

ACTION: Barb to arrange a meeting between VICLINK and Cinemedia. Alison Katona will help and Barb will expect views from VICLINK members.

Statewide projects

- **Presentations** will begin in 2001 by individual committees
- **Marketing** – wall charts are a good start to establishing contact with schools
- **VISION** – see statistics as requested last meeting in attached Report.
- **Baby Book Bags** – Workshop held yesterday with participants from schools and libraries. Report available February.
- **Local History Digitisation** – everyone should be prepared for the survey to be sent soon.

Remote User Authentication – Stuart Hall

- There is no one solution to the vexing problem of authentication.
- Tanya pointed out that the CAVAL study may help

Business Information Service

- Business Information service at the State Library has changed its name to **Express Information** and will be fee paying only.

Other News

- VISION will no longer conduct training; it will be taken up by Statewide Training Committee
- Library staff are welcome to spend time at VISION.

- Although the Summer Reading Program has ceased some libraries are continuing a reading program

March Forum – Barb Horn

- The Working Group consists of Barb Horn, Lynne Makin (CPLG); Graham Dudley (DOI) and Judy Peppard (SLV)
- Ana is investigating a venue that will be about one hour from Melbourne as this is deemed to be the most convenient for everyone
- Main ideas/goals:
 - Develop library policy
 - VICLINK and CPLG to work on future directions
 - Individual managers to do a bit of 'visioning' beyond the operational (3-5/10yrs)
 - Greg Cook will facilitate
 - Planning meeting with Greg was very positive and his input is helping to shape program

Program so far:

Day One

- Minister for Local Government invited for first session.
- Hugh McKay for 'visioning'
- Strategies afternoon
- Emphasis on inter action and discussion not 'talking heads'

Day Two

- Review
- Alliances, strategies

Day Three

- Planning with strategies

- Be sure to put it in your diary!
- Library managers are encouraged to bring 'one of their finest' with them.
- Judy wants numbers before Christmas so as to book venue.

8. CPLG

Funding is presently under discussion regarding:

- CPI
- Refunding the 1% cut from the last State budget
- Should Library money separate line item in State budget

See attached paper

- CPLA (NSW) – CPLG held a very positive meeting identifying common issues:
 - Mobiles – looked at issues
 - Technology
 - A strategy is being worked on to present to Federal Government so as to influence directions such as 'Networking the Nation'

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

VICLINK Executive

VLNC

- Barb attended last meeting – discussion points have been raised elsewhere today.
- Alasdair gave an excellent presentation on his recent study tour
- Prue Mercer made a presentation on electronic reference services at SLV.
- Minutes will be on Virtual Libraries site.

CASL

- A Steering Committee driven by Public Libraries Unit NSW is preparing a consultant's brief to evaluate the potential for a formal network of Australian public libraries (see Correspondence).

Induction Kit for New Managers

- The need for an Induction Kit has been identified

Action: Julie Rae and Deidre Pellizzer

Funding Campaign Update – Alasdair Wardle

Group met this morning - Lynne Makin, Deidre Pellizzer, Julie Rae, John Binnion, Alasdair Wardle (Barb Horn an apology).

Issues raised:

- Campaign by CPLG and VICLINK and other players including VLGA
- Timing – we need to take advantage of Colin's news this morning on budget process.
- Actions - enlist Local Government and Boards and seek strategic advice on how to proceed.

Reference Co-operative

No report

Collection Development

- 2 workshops run this year concentrating on customers and Best Value
- August workshop – “vision vs reality” including vendors presentations
- Next year:
 - Email seminar including Ramsay-Reid report/outcomes
 - Collection development and electronic resources

Over 50 people attended workshops this year; Barb thanked and congratulated the group on their fantastic work.

Technology 2005 – John Binnion

Points of discussion:

- Legal issues of internet use
- Privacy vs ‘policing’

Children's Services

No report

GULLIVER - Julie Rae

See attached Report

- Funding formula for subscriptions will be discussed in Feb 2001
- Marketing Committee will publicize Gulliver
- Once project is well-established, further consortia will be sought with special libraries etc.

Julie suggested that VICLINK committees generally develop a ‘purpose statement’ .

10. OTHER BUSINESS

- Julie Rae – Be aware that Papers will be sought for the ALIA Public Libraries 2001 Conference, Melbourne Nov 2001
- Barb Horn – Discussions are underway on a City Library site.

11. NEXT MEETING:

Tuesday February 13:

State Library Victoria

Board Room

Level 3, Pitt Building, entry via Door 4 Latrobe Street

Lunch at 1pm

Meeting 2pm – 5pm

FORWARD MEETING DATES:

April 10

June 19

August 14

Oct 9

Dec 11