



Branch Report



NORTHERN METROPOLITAN BRANCH AGM REPORT 2018

Term 1: St Monica's College on Thursday 22nd March. The Sister Julian Quaine Library has recently undergone a major renovation so we were given a tour of the new learning space before the meeting starts. The meeting was highly productive and had a strong turnout. It started with a round-table discussion about our respective libraries, including what was new, the pressures, and the often lack of understanding regarding school libraries. Reina then conveyed news from SLAV requesting all members to update their details, our new partnership with IASL and the benefits it provides, the blossoming SLAV mentor program, the upcoming Reading Forum at Ivanhoe Girls' Grammar and finally a request for a new co-convenor to replace Alexia when she goes on maternity level at the end of Term 2. Future meeting themes were discussed. Everyone enjoyed sharing ideas together and all agreed it could not be underestimated how important a space to discuss our library issues and problems were and to brainstorm possible solutions.

Our Term 2: Pascoe Vale Girls Secondary College on Thursday 14th June. We had 8 members in attendance and the meeting centred on digital library resources, what's good and what works. We also shared our ideas for the 2018 Book Week theme 'Find your Treasure'. The meeting was structured around the table giving everyone time to share and discuss their ideas and experiences. Thanks to Shirley and Mary from Pascoe Vale Girls for hosting our small group on such a cold and miserable night!

Our Term 3: Loyola College on Thursday 20th September. Thanks to Hope and the team at Loyola College for hosting. We had 9 members in attendance and the meeting centred on Hope sharing her fantastic experience in New Orleans for the American Library Association's annual conference and exhibition. We were all very jealous that Hope was only 10 rows away from inspirational Michele Obama, who was one of the keynote speakers. Hope came back with lots of ideas for her library and shared these with us. She implemented 'Book

Buzz' which the students really liked. In the second half of the meeting we reflected on the successes of our Book Week programs and activities through photos and storytelling. It was great to see whole school involvement and excitement on happy children's faces. This made all the hard work and effort so worthwhile for all of us. We also showed members the new SLAV websites and gave out 'What a school library can do for you' posters.

Term 4: Dinner on Friday 7th December at the Old England hotel where we celebrated the achievements of our role and our library for another busy year. It was great to have Dr Susan La Marca joined us for dinner as a special guest to present a small gift for one of our retiring member Sue Patterson.

Another great year of collegiality!

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