



Branch Report

SLAV Mornington Peninsula Branch – 2018 AGM Branch Report

Treasurer's Report attached - tbc

Term 1 – Toorak College – AGM

- 2018 Branch positions
 - Convenor/Secretary – Lynn Swannell
 - Treasurer – Patricia Bernardo
 - SLAV Council Rep – Cairistiona Tait
- Discussions regarding pros and cons of various library management systems currently available.
- Ideas/activities for library staff to implement with Grade 6 students and displays to generate interest and challenge students with their reading choices.
- Cairistiona informed members of SLAV Council meeting and change to new debit cards for each branch

Term 2 – Mount Eliza Secondary College, Mount Eliza

- Proposed venues for next meetings including Farrell's Bookshop, Mornington
- Updates to SLAV database and membership details
- Guest speaker: Dr Susan La Marca (SLAV Executive Officer)
- Susan outlined the areas in which she was keen to support libraries (professional learning, advocacy, publications and member involvement). She also presented a power point which outlined her vision for SLAV and the areas in which she was currently working. It was a most informative meeting and Susan was able to answer many questions and queries. We were very happy that Susan was able to visit us.
- Farewell to Mairi Stewart (Dromana) who was heading off on LSL and then retiring after many years as a valuable member.

Term 3 – Farrell's Bookshop, Mornington

- We were warmly welcomed by the staff of Farrell's Bookshop for our 5.30pm meeting at their store. Suzi, Ann and Romy were most excited to tell us not only about new and upcoming YA fiction (we mainly concentrated on upper Primary and Secondary levels) but

also about their impending renovations and expansion of the store. There was ample time to browse the shelves and make purchases before a small group headed out for dinner. It was a great meeting and the opportunity to socialise further was most appreciated. This will become an annual event on our branch network calendar.

Term 4 – Bayside Christian College, Langwarrin

- Proposal to invite the Library Technicians/Assistants Peninsula Support Group (LTAPSG) to amalgamate with our SLAV Mornington Peninsula branch was accepted and all members invited to join SLAV. Discussion ensued regarding supervision of students by Library Assistants/Technicians the individual school policies in place regarding this. Lynn Swannell will set up a 'Google Group' for our branch to enable better communication amongst members.
- Stocktakes – discussion of this issue and who/when/how with many making it an 'ongoing' task rather than an end-of-year chore. Some are still able to close their library at the end of year to enable a full stocktake but finding it more difficult to do so.
- General discussions regarding book fairs, donating books, security systems and venues for 2019 meetings.

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Convenor/Secretary
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