

SLAV Ballarat Metro Annual Report 2019

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Term 1 (27th February – Venue St Patrick's College)

The meeting confirmed our 2019 **Calendar of Events**

Our meeting was themed "A Shared Conversation". We gathered for the beginning of 2019, sharing news and interesting items around a casual conversation. News of schools gearing up for an exciting year. Schools represented in this conversation were St Patrick's College Ballarat, Damascus College, Ballarat Grammar, Loreto College Ballarat and the CBCA one of our partners in all things books and libraries in the Ballarat region. 11 people were in attendance. Bacchus Marsh Grammar have opened a whole new school. St Patrick's have moved collections locations and created a more open reading area due to the newly opened Year 12 Study Centre being located external to the library spaces. Loreto College have a new group of enthusiastic staff. Damascus College have STEM classes in the library. Ballarat Grammar have had a comprehensive weed and are excited at the prospect of a partial refit. Another general discussion was held around the topic of Booklists and book listing and your library's role in this process. Another topic of interest was how leaders have directed spending with regards to your Non-Fiction collection.

Term 2 (5th June AGM – Venue Damascus College)

Damascus College hosted our **AGM** and provided an enjoyable afternoon tea and supper.

The meeting was attended by 10 and the following positions were filled:

Convener – Leonie Darken

Executive Team Member 1 – Ingrid Perkins (Ballarat High School)

Executive Team Member 2 – Melissa Dunley (Ballarat Grammar)

The AGM was followed by a brief general meeting.

Deborah Marshall the Ballarat representative of the CBCA thanked the Ballarat SLAV Branch for its continued support in assisting to make the annual **Clayton's Evening** an ongoing success. The event was well attended, and guests were informed by well read "Judges" as they enjoyed a 2 course dinner. The success of this event as a pre-Book Week event is evident as it continues to enlighten attendees about the many books vying for the annual awards. The branch also continues to support the **Sovereign Hill / CBCA Judges Talk** event held at Sovereign Hill where the attendees hear three state judges' thoughts on the books likely to be winners of the coveted prizes. Our members' attention was drawn to OZTEL.net and ALIA schools recommending to them the ongoing benefits of membership in terms of staying abreast of current library discussions and news.

Term 3 (12th September – Venue Ballarat Grammar)

Melissa Dunley opened her doors to host our meeting and saw 14 members in attendance.

Ingrid Perkins and Rosalie Corbet from Ballarat High School gave an extensive report after they attended their first SLAV Council Meeting with Leonie. Melissa was happy to show us all her small refit. Although not exactly what she had hoped for, as she would have loved more control over what was provided, she is making the most of the new spaces. She moved her books stock extensively to fit into the reduced space and is purchasing new copies of old titles to rejuvenate the collection. A shared discussion was had about our success or failures of **Book Week**. Bacchus Marsh Grammar enthusiastically shared their experiences of their 2 weeklong Book Week.

Term 4 No Meeting Held – XMAS Breakup Social Get Together

No formal meeting was held, however, approximately 16 members attended a casual afternoon tea at a local establishment. Flowers were presented to Loretta Kaval to celebrate her retirement. Also to Leonie, thanking her for her efforts as Convener. People stayed and chatted long into the afternoon. A lovely way to end the year!