

**NORTHERN METROPOLITAN BRANCH  
AGM REPORT 2019**

**Term 1:** Meeting was held at the newly built Nash Learning Centre at Parade College on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March. We had a nice turn out with 16 members in attendance. Director of Programs, Dante Gabriele explained the importance of using design thinking in planning for flexible and STEM learning spaces in the library. Adele Walsh, Head of Library gave members a tour of the library which consisted of three levels.

Members present then discussed what has been happening in their library so far. There were some great ideas from Macleod Secondary College, Epping High School and Ivanhoe Grammar. Melina from Keilor Downs showed us a before and after of her newly renovated library. It was a delight to see the beautiful spaces created. Reina also pointed out some features of the SLAV website such as the importance of each member to have their own login details, the Professional Learning page, Branches page and the Opportunities page.

**Term 2:** Meeting was held on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> June at Macleod College where Resource Manager Karen Egan, gave us a run down on the changes in her library. The library has undergone a slight renovation with the integration of both primary and secondary resources into the one main collection. New computers and technology have been installed with some rearrangement of shelves and class areas to maximise usages. We then moved onto our focus for this meeting which was Display ideas.

We had a fantastic night sharing so MANY creative ideas which we all took something away from to try back in our own library. We want to share more display ideas next term because we ran out of time!

**Term 3:** Meeting was held on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September at Marymede Catholic College. We had a small gathering of 8 members but as always there is so much to talk about. We discussed tips, challenges and the changes that will occur with the PRC next year. One member also discussed the difficulties of her current workplace and how down she was feeling about the situation. I think it helps that we were there to listen and empathise with what she is going through as she works alone in her current role. We gave her advices and tried to cheer her up and encouraged her to have a positive outlook. We also discussed the current trend of #LGBTQIA books and issues at our respective schools.

The second half of the meeting was centre on Alice Boer-Endacott talking about OzYA. Alice is the author of five independently published YA fantasy novels and the Secretary of the new [LoveOzYa](https://loveozya.com.au/) committee. Alice was keen to get our ideas on how OzYA can connect to the YA audience in our schools. Needless to say, we gave her a range of ideas to think about and take away. Alice also gave us insight into a few of the events/activities OzYA has coming up, one of which is a Book Bingo happening in the month of October with prizes to be won. All information can be found on their website <https://loveozya.com.au/>.

**Term 4:** Dinner on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December at the Old England hotel where we celebrated the achievements of our role and our library for another busy year. Reina thanked Hope Do for helping her to co-convene the Northern Metro Branch and wished her the best of luck at her new school and role. Another great year of collegiality!

Reina Phung & Hope Do

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