

SLAV Mornington Peninsula Branch - AGM 2019 Report - 1st May 2020

Branch Convenor/ SLAV Rep – Lynn Swannell (Mount Eliza SC)

Treasurer – Patricia Bernardo (Patterson River SC)

Current Treasurer's Report attached

The SLAV Mornington Peninsula branch had another very successful year with many meetings well attended each term. Lynn Swannell and Eileen Cooney (McClelland) both represented the branch at the SLAV Council meetings, reporting to branch members on discussions held and upcoming SLAV events. Branch Treasurer Patricia Bernardo kept us well informed on the branch finances at each meeting.

Our Term 1 meeting was held at Mount Eliza Secondary and once positions had been filled the main discussion revolved around reading programs and in particular the administration aspect of the Victorian Premier's Reading Challenge. We also acknowledged and thanked Cairistiona Tait for her contributions to the branch over many years.

We were fortunate to hold our Term 2 meeting at the Mornington Peninsula Shire Library where our guest speaker Helen Pocock (co-coordinator of Reading Program) gave us an overview their services throughout the four branches and mobile facilities. It was most informative and Helen gave an excellent presentation, which provided us with lots of resources to share within our own schools.

Farrell's Bookshop, Mornington has been our 'go to' meeting spot for Term 3. Once again, their staff did not disappoint with Suzy and Romy providing summary handouts on their presentation of the latest/popular fiction with a focus on 'male protagonists'. Discussion also ensued about engaging boys in reading, books as film, and titles with refugee or asylum seeker perspectives. The meeting concluded with browsing and purchases followed by dinner the The Grand Hotel.

The final meeting for 2019 was at Toorak College with another great member turnout. During this meeting we touched on Reading Programs and other programs that were led by library staff (writer's club, chess club, craft club, etc.) and how they were managed. We also spoke of our 'Goals for 2020' and what we felt was achievable given our individual staffing levels.

We concluded another great year for our SLAV Mornington Peninsula branch with dinner and drinks at '1001 Nights'.

