



Branch Reports 2019

**Presented at the Annual General Meeting held
May 9 2020**

2019 SLAV Pakenham Branch Meeting Report

Term 1 Meeting: 18th March 2019

Held at: Beaconhills Berwick Campus - 20 attendees and 1 guest speaker

Discussion and demonstrations of the new website hosted by Wild Apricot. Communication of all Professional Learning Conferences, Learning Programs and Reading Forum Series. Shared about Master classes and workshops, the Digital Poster Gallery display at the Professional Learning Conference. We enjoyed a Sound Cloud demonstration and the Inside A Dog demonstration and discussion from Rebecca Henson, the Reading and Literacy Development Manager at State Library Victoria. She is responsible for programs designed to support the interests of children and teens in books, reading and creating stories, and engaging young people with the Library and its collections. Key programs include the Inside a Dog website for teen readers, the Inky Awards, and early childhood reading initiatives. She has a background in educational publishing, focusing on creating literacy resources for primary school students and teachers.

Term 2 Meeting: 11th June 2019

Held at: Rivercrest Christian College - 18 attendees 4 apologies

Topic: Learning that is transdisciplinary: Strengthening links between the classroom and the Library (DC). An International Baccalaureate Perspective. Speakers: Kate Sheils (Rivercrest Discovery Centre Leader) and Caryn Johnson (Deputy Head of Primary: Curriculum) shared how their Discovery Learning Centre authentically connects with in-class learning in an engaging, significant and relevant way. The IB Primary Years Programme (PYP) for children aged 3 - 12 nurtures and develops young students as caring, active participants in a lifelong journey of learning. Through its inquiry-led, transdisciplinary framework, the PYP challenges students to think for themselves and take responsibility for their learning as they explore local and global issues and opportunities in real-life contexts. The whole school community, including the Library, are viewed as partners in learning, and actively contribute to a holistic educational experience for all students within the school.

Effective inquiry lifelong learners where student agency is placed upon the students and they have a voice and a choice. Inquiry learning is a complex model it's nonlinear messy and fluid. Learning needs to be challenging and our role is to provide provocation and literature is the way we can hook them in and make connections. The person talking is doing the most learning. We were all encouraged to learn more about "Project zero thinking routines" and then actively took part in a task where we were challenged to incorporate something into our teaching this week. Teacher questions are provocations. Powerful ideas that have relevance can be investigated in this style of connected learning.

Term 3 Meeting: 11th September 2019

Held at: Pakenham Secondary College - attendees 5 apologies 6 guests 2

The future of books was discussed. Print books VS eBooks? There is no war raging, they are not in an epic battle to the death. The rise of eBooks will not extinguish the printed book. They both can serve you and your lifestyle. We heard about the latest research about eBooks and access to digital media. Bolinda and Wheelers Books presented to us all.



Term 4 Meeting: 21st November 2019

Held at: Bunjil Library - attendees 10 apologies 9 guests 1

Tim Cushelle, the Bunjil Library Youth Advisory librarian took us on a tour of Bunjil Library. We were engaged in a wonderful conversation with Tim about the spaces, designs and needs of the community. He shared about Library Link and the opportunities we have to visit the library with our classes to see the gallery, the library and take part in a school drama workshop. The recent master Lego workshop creations on display demonstrated just how many different community programs are run. We discussed Studiocity and Lynda PD access on the Casey Cardinia Library Corporation website and what access members have to them. Student membership is to be promoted.

For more information please check out the live videos on our event page on Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/PSLAV/>

More information on our Blog: <http://pakslav.global2.vic.edu.au/>

2020 Meetings

- ~~Term 1 Meeting – St Peters College on 2nd March – Topic: Databases – Hosted by Joyce Sendecky~~ – CANCELLED due to COVID-19.
- Term 2 Meeting – ONLINE ZOOM Meeting <https://www.facebook.com/groups/PSLAV/>
- Term 3 Meeting - Cranbourne Secondary on 11th September - Topics: Graphic Novels & Zines – Hosted by Barbara Cousens
- Term 4 Meeting - Bunjil Library – Topic: YA Programing – Hosted by Tim Cushelle

SLAV Geelong Branch Annual Report – 2019

Our first gathering was held on 6th March at Geelong Tech School. This event included the AGM of which all office bearers for 2019 were confirmed (these are the same as 2018).

Convenor: Leonie Stephenson

Secretary: Rennai McCarthy

Treasurer: Louise Monotti

After the brief AGM, members were given a tour of the new Geelong Tech School by Leanne Collins, Director of Geelong Tech School. Leanne spoke about the Tech School and how it works with all Geelong Secondary Schools – how it supports STEM within schools, the programs on offer and working with businesses for students to work towards a real life solution, the ways in which schools can use the Tech School, the resources provided to schools from the Tech School, the ways in which the Tech School can provide assistance such as buses, etc to the Geelong Schools. It was an informative and well worth tour of what the Geelong Tech school can offer our own schools.

In May, we ventured to St Joseph's College to listen to Joy Whiteside. Not only were we able to see the changes made by the St Joseph's library staff, we were fortunate to have Joy speak about Purposeful, Proactive Practice. This which was a condensed version of her SLAV presentation. The Zone of Intervention and Harvard Project Zero was where Joy started. She spoke about how she identified an area of intervention, set a goal/s and how she put that goal/s into practice. She discussed what she actually did to achieve this and how this has benefited the library, students and staff. Joy spoke about anticipating what staff need and how that need can be met by the library and its staff. Was an insightful talk which included input from other members on how they are being proactive.

The Geelong Branch organised two activities during term three. In early August, Belmont High School hosted the group and we appreciated the opportunity for our library colleagues to explore and share useful library resources and activities. The topics ranged from accessing inexpensive databases and digital resources, to how to get the best value out of author visits and successful ideas for book clubs.

Four weeks later, St Joseph's College hosted a follow-up workshop focusing on the publishing application Canva. Guided by Joy Whiteside, this hands on opportunity allowed participants to explore the possibilities of creating striking graphics to promote the library. Everyone made a start on designing themed bookmarks, with the impressive finished document (colour printed and laminated) appearing as if they were produced by a commercial printer. No doubt everyone returned to school keen to find time (!) to continue to play with this free and easy to use graphic design tool.

In Term 4 Geelong High School hosted the group to view and wander around their new Library space. And what a great space it is! We then gathered to discuss our top reads. We all shared our top or favourite reads from the past year, reads that had our students hooked especially

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those who classify themselves as non-readers, what's been popular at our schools and books we'd like to read.

During 2019, the SLAV Geelong committee members continue to work professionally to ensure a range of Professional Development was available to all members. I would like to thank the committee for their dedication, hard work and enthusiasm in providing the opportunities to our fellow members.

Leonie Stephenson

Convener, SLAV – Geelong Branch

SLAV Metro Eastern Annual Report 2019

Prepared for SLAV Annual General Meeting 11 May, 2020

Branch Co-Convenors:

Camilla Elliott (Mazenod College)

Diana Kelly (Balwyn High School)

Julie Pagliaro (St Kevin's College)

During 2019 SLAV Metro Eastern Branch held 3 meetings. The participation of members in attending meetings has increased significantly since SLAV Executive Officer Susan La Marca distributed an updated branch member email list. This enables the meeting notification and invitation to be sent direct to individual members. On average, about 20 members attended with the end of year dinner attracting 23 members.

The branch is managed by the three co-convenors who rotate responsibility for organising each of the branch meetings. Collegiality amongst the group has grown since communication has become easier. The Ning was retired as central means of communication in 2019 and will transition to a blog and Facebook in 2020.

Details of meetings:

Term 1

28 February 2019

The Term One meeting was held at Mazenod College Library with attendees represented from Government and Catholic Schools. Guest speaker was Kerry Thomas from Clickview who shared upcoming new features and answered questions. Clickview is now being used by 84% of all P-12 schools in Victoria and will soon transition to a totally browser mode. Kerry gave us tips on using Library Editor, Workspace Sharing Options and Student Interactives.



This meeting was opportunity for members to tour the Mazenod College Library which has been designed and created as a new and dynamic library using the library commons model. Head of Library Camilla Elliott has successfully integrated areas for: reading, research, makerspaces, collaborative work hubs and study areas for senior students. It was evident that the students felt this space is for them and the library is being well-used.

Members enjoyed sharing information about their libraries. It was a great chance to hear about issues or concerns people would like SLAV to focus on in future professional learning forums and in "FYI".

Term 2/3 Meeting

28 August, 2019

Term 3 branch meeting was a tour behind the scenes at REALM, the Ringwood Branch of Eastern Regional Libraries. Fifteen members attended which was very pleasing especially as many were new faces to the branch meetings.

The opportunity to see behind the scenes at REALM attracted a large number of members to the meeting. It was truly enlightening to see the low number of staff employed and the effects of centralised tasks on branches. We were all fascinated with the automated book-sorting process. All stock arrives 'shelf-ready' so the skills required by today's public library staff is very much related to customer relations.



Prior to the tour by REALM Librarian, Felicity McGuire, we had a valuable discussion about the various roles, responsibilities and expectations relating to school library staff. Such grass roots discussions are invaluable for all concerned and help us plan forthcoming professional learning for members. It was strongly suggested that members develop a clear understanding of their employment award and job description.

The presentation by staff member, Jaminda, on the resources available to our school community through the public library system was particularly informing. Access to online training such as Lynda.com and other expensive resources was explained and is invaluable for school budgets. RBDigital provides access to magazines and audiobooks – another fabulous resource.



Term 4 Meeting 7 November, 2019

The End of Year Branch Dinner was held at Bucatini Restaurant, Nunawading as has been the practice in recent years. It was wonderful to have 23 members attending representing a broad range of schools. This meeting is scheduled for early November to avoid the rush towards school closure.

We were pleased to have this opportunity to invite Dr Susan La Marca to the meeting. Members appreciated meeting Susan as she's followed up many member queries during her time as Executive Officer. We listened in envy to her endeavours in attending the International Association of School Libraries (IASL) Conference in Dubrovnik, Croatia. The conversation over dinner was lively, and amongst the social, was an exchange of ideas on how to manage overdue books and end-of-year returns. We all took something away – whether it be a new strategy, idea, or perspective.



SLAV Bendigo Branch Report 2019

Branch Co-Convenor – Sharon Wallace

We held 3 Branch meetings at different School libraries and local cafes and participants shared what was happening in their Library.

We did not hold a network day in 2019

We will continue try and hold termly meetings in 2020

Our AGM for 2020 was scheduled for March 19th.

2019 Meetings:

Term 1 - AGM March 7th

Election of Office Bearers followed by General Business

- General discussion - staffing and Term 1 in each Library.
- Strathdale PS – Cheryl Fitzpatrick - .6 time to see students has drastically reduced
- Bendigo Senior Secondary College – Connie Greblo – all T/Ls are teaching and technical staff are part time.
- Lisa – Weeroona College – Lisa 5 days Ria 2 days
- Brenda – East Loddon .6 This year 12 Year 12s but no. increasing in lower Years 26 year 8s
- Sharon – CMC - Rachel Cross is the new Head of Library located at Coolock. Sharon is located at St Marys.

Term 2 - meeting cancelled

Term 3 – Meeting at Weerona College Library –

A sharing of Book Week activities

General discussion:

- **Sharon** – read email from **Christine** – Highview College Maryborough - who was absent but sent information about her Bookweek. See information below:

‘Super Hero Storytime’

During Children’s Book Week four of the Year 7 Book Club Members visited the St. Augustine’s Prep classes conducting a fantastic storytime session showing that **READING** is a super power. They read stories, sang songs and made a story come to life with an interactive story followed by a craft activity.

‘The AMAZING Highview Library Race’ on Wednesday 28th August seven of our dedicated lunchtime book club members hosted a Library Race, which was loosely based on the television show “The Amazing Race” but in this game teams had to complete challenges based on different subject areas. This was one of the activities that the Book Club Members had done last year and thought it would be fantastic to host and were all super excited that this was made possible.

As the classes arrived they were divided into teams of 3 to 5 students. Each team received a passport and a sealed clue that directed them to their starting point. The teams had to work

together and stay together throughout the entire race collecting passport stamps and points as they went.

There was a “Challenge” choice at each station. The teams had to choose one of the two activities to complete per station. For most challenges team were to work together. However, for some only one team member of the team could perform the challenge. After a team had successfully completed a challenge their passport would get stamped then directed to the next station.

Each challenge activity had a point value, so teams had to decide which activity was better suited to their strengths – or which will be easier to accomplish. The winning team was not necessarily the first to check in at the finish line, it was the team with the highest TOTAL points.

- **Sharon – CMC** – A quieter Book Week – Sharon at the junior site 1 day per week, rest of time at the senior site. Book Quizzes in all Reading classes on the Tuesday, Trivia at lunchtime and the annual Edible Book comp was held on the Thursday.
- **Cheryl – Strath PS** - Leigh Hobbs presented to the whole school and ran sessions with individual groups. He is a great advocate for PS Libraries. It was a n excellent day and Leigh had students enthralled.
- **Lisa and Ria – Weroona College** - both dressed up and had many activities happening during the week. Their biggest book week yet

Nibbles for staff – daily staff quiz – staff emailed a question each day

Who Am I comp for book Clubbers

Guess the Book quotes comp and more

Kathryn – BSE – Harry Potter reading comp, choose a new book and write a review, Book marks making activity, movie

Term 4 - dinner meeting at The National Hotel

General discussion of where each Library is at:

- **Brenda – East Loddon** – will cont. 3 days in 2020, looking at planning for new Library space, new building.
- **Connie and Julie – BSSC** – Julie has an article in the FYI magazine, first edition in 2020 – describing move into new library space. **Step up** for 11s into 12 and 10s into 11 starts soon – 10s from Weeroona complete their exams at BSSC. Currently clearing all DVDS – only keeping movies. Moving DVDs to departments or on clickview – movies on shelf for students to borrow.
- **Lisa – Weroona College** – Stocktaking – Ria will be doing book talks next year as they are opening up an extra room where classes can go. Given some \$ for Literacy so getting new shelving – levelled readers – Barrington Stoke – easy readers. **Fluer Ferris** is visiting during Book Week 2020 – author of Risk, Black, Wreck Found – super exciting news!
- **Sharon – CMC**- Cathy Samson new T/L staring at Coolock in 2020. Sharon Head of Library, while R Cross is on maternity leave, based at the senior site.
- **General Discussion:**

BSSC, Weeroona and East Loddon – mobile phones out of sight all day 2020 phone policy

BSSC – subscribes to Gale databases

Question raised for BSSC – as staff retire will they be replaced?

SLAV Central Metro Annual Report 2019

Prepared for SLAV Annual General Meeting 9 May, 2020

Branch Co-Convenors:

Di Ruffles (Melbourne Grammar)

Anna Davidson (Carey Baptist Grammar School, Kew)

Siobhan Roulston (Carey Baptist Grammar School, Donvale)

During 2019 the SLAV Central Metro Branch held four meetings. On average, about ten members attended each meeting with the end of year dinner attracting seven members plus our guest visitor, Dr Susan La Marca.

Details of meetings:

Term 1

Central Metro Branch Report (7.3.19)

The Term One meeting was held at Readings in Hawthorn on Thursday, 7th March. After introducing ourselves we enjoyed sharing information about our libraries and talked about events that are happening in our libraries. Alexis from Readings shared some new Primary and Middle School releases with us.

Camberwell Girls School will be conducting a two-week Literature Tour in the UK in April with 24 students from Years 8 - 12. The tour will begin in London and finish in Manchester. CGS also has two Literature Captains in place who run a Book Club based on genre reading and not a set text.

We discussed potential suppliers for books fairs. Suggested suppliers were Avenue Bookstore or Readings.

2019 Dates

Term 2 meeting - Trinity Grammar School, Kew

Term 3 meeting - Camberwell Girls Grammar (before Book Week - use CBCA Booking Form to invite judge to speak to us)

SLAV Central Metro Branch Co-Convenors

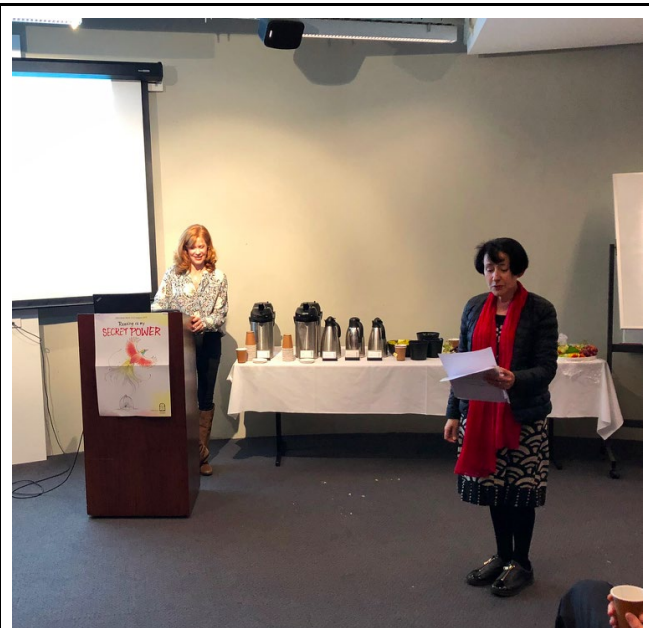
- Anna Davidson (Carey Baptist Grammar School, Kew)
- Di Ruffles (Melbourne Grammar School)
- Siobhan Roulston (Carey Baptist Grammar School, Donvale)

Term 2

Central Metro Branch Report (6.6.19)

Our Term Two meeting was held at Trinity College in Kew on Thursday, 6th June. We were fortunate enough to have the delightful CBCA judge, Jo Panckridge, as our special guest presenter. Jo talked to us about the books in the Older and Younger Readers' categories as well as the shortlisted Picture Books. Jo's passion for literature is inspiring and she gave us lots of ideas to share with our students as we investigate the shortlist in our own library lessons.

A big thank you to Erin Wamala for hosting our meeting in her stunning library and for providing the delicious muffins!



SLAV Central Metro Branch Co-Convenors:

- Anna Davidson (Carey Baptist Grammar School, Kew)
- Di Ruffles (Melbourne Grammar School)
- Siobhan Roulston (Carey Baptist Grammar School, Donvale)

Term 3

Central Metro Branch - no report filed (12.9.19)

This meeting took place at Camberwell Girls Grammar School. Head of Library, Anne Devenish, shared her wonderful experience of taking a group of students to the UK for a literature tour. It was so successful and well-supported that she will be planning another one in 2021.

Term 4

Central Metro Branch Report (14.11.19)

Our final meeting for 2019 was held at Rococo in Hawthorn where we enjoyed a good chat and lovely Italian meals. Those present were Deb Parkinson, Karen Malbon, Robin Zeidler, Di Ruffles, Anne Devenish, Ruth Woolven and Siobhan Roulston. We were very pleased that Susan La Marca was also able to join us. We discussed the importance of visiting other school libraries to pick up new ideas and procedures from each other.

Our Term One branch meeting in 2020 will be held at Carey Baptist Grammar School (Donvale Campus) - the date will be decided in the new school year.



SLAV Central Metro Branch Co-Convenors:

- Di Ruffles (Melbourne Grammar School)
- Siobhan Roulston (Carey Baptist Grammar School, Donvale)

SLAV Ballarat Metro Annual Report 2019

Prepared for SLAV Annual General Meeting 9 May, 2020

Branch Co-Convenor:

Leone Darken (St Patrick's College Ballarat)

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!

**NORTHERN METROPOLITAN BRANCH
AGM REPORT 2019**

Term 1: Meeting was held at the newly built Nash Learning Centre at Parade College on Tuesday 19th 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 20th 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 12th 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 6th 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

Branch Co-convenors May 2020

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'.



**SLAV Peninsula Branch
Current Expenditure 2020**

Balance brought forward 1/1/2019		\$ 23.86
YEAR 2019	Income:	\$
	Debit card	\$ 120.00 \$ \$
YEAR 2019	Payments:	
13/03/2019	Mount Eliza SC (SLAV Peninsula refreshments)	\$ 14.77
7/05/2019	Mornington Public Lib SLAV Peninsula refreshments	\$ 20.43
8/08/2019	Farrell's bookshop - SLAV Peninsula refreshments	\$ 29.93
26/02/2020	Retirement gift - Bunnings	\$ 26.96
27/02/2020	Mount Eliza SC (SLAV Peninsula refreshments)	\$ 45.01 \$ \$
	Sub total	\$ 65.13
29/02/2020	Current Balance TOTAL	\$ 6.76

SLAV South Western Branch Report for 2019 Year for Online AGM May 9 2020

Convenor: Margaret Sinnott

General: The SLAV South Western Branch met four times during 2019 with many topics explored. Thank you to all participants.

Term 1 2019: 14 March 2019

Our first SLAV Branch Meeting was held on Thursday 14 March in Warrnambool. Attendees represented the following schools: Portland Secondary College, St Patrick's Primary (Koroit), Mercy Regional College (Camperdown/Noorat), St John's Primary School (Dennington) and Emmanuel College (Warrnambool). During the meeting the latest news from SLAV Council was presented. Discussions were held on the following topics, with everyone contributing ideas:

Student Book Clubs, the Puffin Book Club, Inky Awards, Inside A Dog, Very Hungry Caterpillar (50 years), UNESCO Year of Indigenous Languages, STFU (Silent Reading Group), the SLAV Primary Conference (May 31), Graeme Base at the November Conference (November 29), ClickView in government schools, Storm Boy article in the latest Metro, covering of books, TED talk (Create a hero), I Survived..... books, VPRC, Squishy Minnie Bookshop in Kyneton opening a new store.



Photo: Maureen O'Loughlan (Mercy Regional College, Camperdown/Noorat), Janelle Collins (Portland Secondary College), Margaret Sinnott (Emmanuel College and SLAV South West Convenor)

Term 2 2019: 13 June 2019

Our Term 2 Meeting was held at Warrnambool Books, 169 Fairy Street, Warrnambool on Thursday June 13.

Schools represented at the Meeting were: Warrnambool College, King's College (Warrnambool), Mortlake P-12 College, Mercy Regional College (Noorat/Camperdown), St Joseph's Primary School (Warrnambool), Emmanuel College (Warrnambool), Brauer College (Warrnambool) and Our Lady Help of Christians Primary School (East Warrnambool).

The main part of the afternoon was spent hearing from Warrnambool Books about their First Aid Kit For Kids. They have developed a catalogue of 'go-to' resources to help promote wellbeing, build self esteem and provide information on a wide range of social issues. In the shop they have set up a cube display space that allows all of these resources to be in the one area for easy access.

<https://www.warrnamboolbooks.com.au/> Warrnambool Books website

<https://www.warrnamboolbooks.com.au/fakfk.html#loaded> First Aid Kit For Kids area. You can click on any of the subjects eg Anxiety and Depression and a list of books will come up. This list is updated regularly.

Screenshot:



They can also email the catalogue of books that are in the First Aid Kit For Kids.

books@warrnamboolbooks.com.au

Discussion at the SLAV Meeting also took place about: Press Reader, RB Digital available from the Corangamite Regional Library, Australian Copyright Council PD that was held recently in Warrnambool, VLibrary PD planned for Warrnambool later in the year, Library programs – sequential,CUST – Cultural Understanding and Safety Training

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Term 3 2019: 29 August 2019

Attendees:

Jackie Elliott	Mortlake P 12 College
Janelle Collins	Portland Secondary College
Marg Sinnott	Emmanuel College, Warrnambool
Louise Taggart	Our Lady Help of Christians Primary School, East Warrnambool
Maureen O'Loughlan	Mercy Regional College, Camperdown/Noorat
Celina Brown	Warrnambool College, St Patrick's Port Fairy/Koroit
Emily Lloyd	St John's Primary School, Dennington



Discussion took place on the following topics:

Book Week, Book Fairs, Australian Reading Hour, magazines being purchased by schools, SCIS subscriptions, IFLA Public Library of the Year Awards, International Games Week, Indigenous Literacy Day

Term 4 2019: 17 October 2019

A small number of people attended the SLAV South Western Branch Meeting at Blarney Books, Port Fairy where we were able to view the exhibition ***Get The Picture – Australian Children's Book Art.***

We also attended the Book Launch of Robert Gott's new book ***The Autumn Murders***, done by local author Jock Serong.

We discussed library job descriptions and roles and work satisfaction.

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Branch Convenor: **Term 1:** Sue Osborne, St Francis Xavier College **Term 2 onwards:** Robyn Stark, St Bede's College rjs@stbedes.catholic.edu.au

Term 1 meeting: Location: Mentone Girls Grammar School Host: David Feighan

Theme: Libguides

David explained the role of Libguides at MGGS. He showed us how he goes about creating a subject guide and the key points to consider before creating a guide. This includes:

- ensuring all subject guides follow the same format so users are familiar with where to look for information
- including curriculum linking tabs - so staff and students can see which part of the curriculum the information belongs to
- how to include a timeline - David showed us how he created a timeline for Shakespeare's Romeo & Juliet
- the importance of including material at different literacy levels – MGGS uses 3 levels.

This was Sue Osborne's last meeting as Convenor of the Metro South branch due to her move to St Francis Xavier College in Beaconsfield. The branch appreciated all of Sue's hard work and wished her well in her new role. Robyn Stark agreed to take on the Convenor role for the remainder of 2019.

Term 2 meeting: Location: Sandringham College Host: Chelsea Quake and team

Theme: Information Literacy

Chelsea demonstrated to us how Information Literacy has been embedded into the Curriculum for the 2019 year for Year 7's. The library team is working with the Health Learning Area to teach these critical Information Literacy skills to the students. Chelsea posed a range of questions which were discussed by the group – focusing on the importance of the skills and the approaches schools were taking. Documents were placed in a shared google drive for members to access.

Term 3 meeting: Location: St James College, East Bentleigh Host: Jane Viner

Theme: Renovating the Library

Jane took us on a tour of the recently refurbished library at St James College. She also discussed the process of designing the new space, packing up the old library and setting up the new library. The library is a vibrant space and it was interesting to see the amount of work that is involved by a range of parties in renovating a library.

Term 4 meeting: Location: St Bede's College, Mentone Host: Robyn Stark

Theme: Review of the 2019 year

The discussion at this meeting focused on how the 2019 year was for us all including:

- top borrowed titles and trends in YA (Sports books/Biographies of sports players/Fantasy – anything by Rick Riordan or Anthony Horowitz/War – Morris Gleitzman/Horror – Stephen King/anything by authors Tristan Bancks, Roald Dahl & Michael Gerard Bauer.
- Wins in library world

Thank you to all who have attended and supported the Metro Southern branch in 2019.

Finances

Money was spent on gifts for hosts of meetings for the 2019 year totalling \$40