



Branch Reports

SLAV AGM for the 2018 Year

May 4 2019

Geelong Branch

Our first gathering was held on 17th May at Belmont High School. This event included the AGM of which all office bearers for 2018 were confirmed (these are the same as 2017).

Convenor: Leonie Stephenson

Secretary: Rennai McCarthy

Treasurer: Louise Monotti

After the brief AGM, members participated in a writing workshop with Emma Homes (a Geelong based writer who has self-published four e-books and has had experience as a journalist and communications officer). Emma explained the process of creative writing whilst having us participated in activities. These included a 25 word true or false personal story – what a great way to find out more about our members, writing about a character who is important in your life and how to plan using a picture. What is the story you felt the picture was telling us. Start a start with the end in mind. Although some members were much better writers than others, a great time was had by all.

Wednesday 20th June, saw members gather at the Newcomb Secondary College to have a presentation from Kim at QBD Books, Geelong. Kim spoke about what QBD Books can offer schools with service, discount, bringing tubs of books to school (this offer was taken up quickly by member) and then showcased a number of Young Adult novels. This brought about a great discussion from all members.

Our Term 3 meeting had guest speaker, Susan La Marca visit. On August 8th, we ventured to Fisher Library, Geelong Grammar where Susan spoke about SLAV; where they are and what they are planning. She spoke about the partnerships being established and explained how SLAV is currently being run. Susan also promoted the upcoming PD's on offer. It was a great visit from Susan and we thank her for her willingness to visit our branch meeting.

Wednesday 14th November was our final meeting for 2018 with about 30 members in attendance. We ventured to Clonard College and their new Brigidine Centre which houses their new School Library. We explored this new learning environment with fabulous view

across Geelong. And, of course, take back new ideas for our own libraries. We then had a guest speaker, Rebecca Hanson from the Centre of Youth Literature , speak about the updated Inside a Dog website and how we can have our students use it as well as key teen programs ran by the State Library of Victoria, A worthwhile presentation.

During 2018, 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 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.

Lynn Swannell
Convenor/Secretary
SLAV Mornington Peninsula Branch
29/04/2019

2018 SLAV Pakenham Branch Meeting Report

Term 3: Wednesday 5th September 2018 (14 attendees)

We enjoyed visiting Nossal Secondary College and were warmly hosted by Kamla Reddy, the Director of the Information Resource Centre.

Eileen Cooney talked about how she has used Lib Guides in her library. LibGuides were demonstrated and are an easy-to-use content management system deployed at thousands of libraries worldwide. Used to curate knowledge and share information, organize class and subject specific resources, and to create and manage websites. It saw an increase the usage of resources and content by showcasing them in LibGuides. Benefits as listed were discussed:

- Create Subject, Course, or Topic Guides.
- Supplement Information Literacy Efforts.
- Conduct Library Instruction Programs.
- Manage A-Z Databases List.
- Create and Maintain Library Websites and Blogs.
- Build a Cloud-based, Secure Staff Intranet.

Term 4: Thursday 15th November 2018 (12 attendees)

We were privileged to have our tour of Bunjil Place Library led by the very passionate Library Manager, Nilupa Mahanama. This amazing Library has recently celebrated its 1st birthday and not surprisingly the number of patrons continues to increase. Some interesting facts about the Library.

At the conclusion of our very interesting tour of these amazing space and facility, we adjourned to a meeting room for a delicious afternoon tea (kindly provided by Susan La Marca).

Each of us gave a quick update on what was happening in our Libraries.

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

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

More photos can be seen on our Blog: <http://pakslav.global2.vic.edu.au/2018/12/01/term-4-at-bunjil-place-library/>

2018 SLAV South Western Branch Meeting Report

Thursday 6 September 2018

Venue: Quorum, Warrnambool

A small but very keen group of library staff attended the Term 3 South Western SLAV Branch Meeting in Warrnambool on 6 September representing the following schools: St John's Primary School (Dennington), OLHC Primary School (East Warrnambool), Mercy Regional College (Camperdown and Noorat), Warrnambool College, Mortlake P-12 College and Emmanuel College (Warrnambool). Discussion centred around: upcoming SLAV Workshops on RDA, cataloguing records and book covering basics, the VATE publishing/reviewing opportunities, SLAV membership, the Reading Forum series (with a thought that if one could be held in the country region some time that would be good), the SLAV Mentor and Mentee program and Australian Reading hour.

Discussion was also held about the benefits of being a SLAV member, Kevin Hennah SLAV PD and the Merchandising Library resources, having a series collection where the books are easily visible so that students can tell which book comes next in the series by looking at the spines, the booksellers each of the libraries use for purchases, wellbeing books, sending out a list of suggested Holiday Reads to school staff before the end of each Term, Book Week Wrap Up and author, Tracy Kruger who has written some picture books on farms and farming <https://www.spec.com.au/2018/07/tracey-set-to-release-two-new-books-for-children/>



L to R: Jackie, Louise, Margaret, Dianne, Maureen, Emily

Wednesday 28 November 2018

For the last meeting of the year we attended the new exhibition of author Paul Jennings at Warrnambool Art Gallery. The exhibition celebrates Paul's life as a south west author.

A small number attended with representatives from OLHC Primary School, Warrnambool East and St John's Primary School, Dennington as well as Emmanuel College, Warrnambool. Apologies were received from a number of schools – we had met as a Zone for Library PD in the week prior.

For more information about the Paul Jennings exhibition please visit:

<http://www.thewag.com.au/>

The exhibition is open now and will run until mid 2019.



SLAV 2018 Annual General Meeting

Eastern Metropolitan Branch Report 2018

Diana Kelly

Term 1: Norwood Secondary College – March, 8 2018

The Eastern Metropolitan Branch's first meeting was held at Norwood Secondary College in Ringwood. Around 20 people attended the workshop 'Cultivating Critical Minds: Online Research Skills for a Post-Truth World.' Sue Graham, the Education and Schools Program Manager from the State Library of Victoria conducted a professional learning workshop exploring strategies to help students become critical consumers of information. Sue demonstrated the databases on offer at the State Library that can support students, and people left with teaching strategies that they could take away to their contexts to help support their students with their research.



Term 3: Balwyn High School – August 28, 2018

Term 3's meeting was held at Balwyn High School. Hope Do from Loyola College presented to members, outlining the successful reading program for 7-9 students in her school. She also outlined a range of innovative approaches she has successfully implemented to support reading for pleasure throughout the college. Members were able to take away many of these strategies to trial in their libraries to help increase reading engagement with their users.



Term 4: Bucatini's Wine Bar – November 8, 2018

Term 4's meeting was the end of year branch dinner at Bucatini's Wine Bar on Thursday the 8th November. This was a relaxed opportunity to exchange practical ideas amongst peers and celebrate the end of the year. Those attending the end of year dinner appreciate it as an opportunity to review the year and discuss plans for the forthcoming year. As always, the opportunity to swap great ideas that have worked and visiting authors to recommend made for lively conversation. Professional conversation over a pleasant meal was a good way to move into the closing weeks of Term 4.

2019 branch meetings for will be held Term 1, Term 3 and close the year with the Term 4 dinner meeting.

Diana Kelly, Balwyn High School, Co-Convenor with
Julie Pagliaro, St Kevin's College
Camilla Elliott, Mazenod College
26 April 2019

Ballarat Branch Annual Report 2018

Branch Convenors: Julia Petrov & Leonie Darken – St Patrick's College

Term 1

March 21, Clayton's CBCA - Ballarat

Our branch supported a successful Clayton's CBCA night. The speakers were informative and entertaining and it was interesting to learn about their choices. It was great to see staff from lots of different libraries and teachers from different schools.

Due to a number of factors there was no branch meeting this term.

Term 2

June 6, Branch AGM - Lake View Hotel

Lots of interesting conversations and ideas were shared at our AGM. We have had one change in our office bearer positions. We thanked Marcia Phillips for her work on the Ballarat Executive, thanked Melissa Dunely for her ongoing service and welcomed Rosalie Corbett to the team.

Our focus this meeting was on resourcing the VCE and embedding information literacy into a range of subject areas. Melissa Dunley gave an entertaining and informative presentation of how she prepares the Year 12 English students for the research component of their oral presentation SAC. We discussed the various databases we subscribe to, how we promote them and support their access.

We also had a report from CBCA by Debbie Marshall.

June 2, CBCA Judge's Talk – Sovereign Hill

We continued our support of the Ballarat branch's CBCA Judge's talk. Hosted by Sovereign Hill, we were lucky to have 3 judges present a comprehensive and engaging summary of shortlisted books.

Term 3

September 12, Host – Ballarat High School

We were welcomed into a lovely meeting area that caught the afternoon winter sun which set the mood for a valuable meeting. Our hosts Ingrid Perkins and Rosalie Corbett described the new Year 8 reading program they are introducing in conjunction with the English faculty. They also gave us a brief tour of their library.

After an informative CBCA report we all shared our Book Week triumphs and trials. Megan Grant presented a visual summary of Book Week at Damascus College and other members discussed different activities that linked to the theme. Given the amount of work we all put in towards making Book Week special for our schools, it was great to have an opportunity to share ideas for others to use next time and to laugh over the things that didn't quite go to plan despite our best efforts.

Term 4

November 28, Host – St Patrick's College

For our Christmas breakup meeting we had an author / illustrator presentation by Karla Strambini about her picture book, *The Extraordinary Mr Qwerty*. We learnt about the different stages of production and some of the challenges in working with editors, graphic designers and international publishing houses. Ballarat Books were present to sell copies of Karla's book and they sold well. The meeting concluded with an informal gathering where we socialized and caught up with the news in each other's schools. The challenges of booklists were discussed as were the various ways we support the English department in selecting texts. A happy night, it was great hear from a local talent and to have the opportunity to catch up before the end of the year.



Latrobe branch SLAV report for 2018

Term 1 meeting was at St Paul's AGS where we listened to Bec Kavanagh speak about the Stella Prize and issues around gender in literature and reading.

Term 2 we met at Kosciusko St Primary School to hear Heather Zubek CBCA Eve Pownall award judge speak about the CBCA shortlist for 2018.

We also hosted a visit to Traralgon from Wendy Orr (author of Nim's Island series). During her stay of three days Wendy visited 6 schools as well as presenting to families at the Traralgon City library one evening.

Term 3 we shared our experiences with Book Week.

Term 4 we met at St Michael's Primary School and shared our highlights from the past year including reports on the SLAV conference and a visit from Kevin Hennah.

Each meeting we spend quite some time sharing ideas and resources as many of our members are untrained and need support through networking and how to locate resources.



NORTHERN METROPOLITAN BRANCH AGM REPORT 2018

Term 1: St Monica's College on Thursday 22nd March. The Sister Julian Quaine Library has recently undergone a major renovation so we were given a tour of the new learning space before the meeting starts. The meeting was highly productive and had a strong turnout. It started with a round-table discussion about our respective libraries, including what was new, the pressures, and the often lack of understanding regarding school libraries. Reina then conveyed news from SLAV requesting all members to update their details, our new partnership with IASL and the benefits it provides, the blossoming SLAV mentor program, the upcoming Reading Forum at Ivanhoe Girls' Grammar and finally a request for a new co-convenor to replace Alexia when she goes on maternity leave at the end of Term 2. Future meeting themes were discussed. Everyone enjoyed sharing ideas together and all agreed it could not be underestimated how important a space to discuss our library issues and problems were and to brainstorm possible solutions.

Our Term 2: Pascoe Vale Girls Secondary College on Thursday 14th June. We had 8 members in attendance and the meeting centred on digital library resources, what's good and what works. We also shared our ideas for the 2018 Book Week theme 'Find your Treasure'. The meeting was structured around the table giving everyone time to share and discuss their ideas and experiences. Thanks to Shirley and Mary from Pascoe Vale Girls for hosting our small group on such a cold and miserable night!

Our Term 3: Loyola College on Thursday 20th September. Thanks to Hope and the team at Loyola College for hosting. We had 9 members in attendance and the meeting centred on Hope sharing her fantastic experience in New Orleans for the American Library Association's annual conference and exhibition. We were all very jealous that Hope was only 10 rows away from inspirational Michele Obama, who was one of the keynote speakers. Hope came back with lots of ideas for her library and shared these with us. She implemented 'Book Buzz' which the students really liked. In the second half of the meeting we reflected on the successes of our Book Week programs and activities through photos and storytelling. It was great to see whole school involvement and excitement on happy children's faces. This made all the hard work and effort so worthwhile for all of us. We also showed members the new SLAV websites and gave out 'What a school library can do for you' posters.

Term 4: Dinner on Friday 7th December at the Old England hotel where we celebrated the achievements of our role and our library for another busy year. It was great to have Dr Susan La Marca joined us for dinner as a special guest to present a small gift for one of our retiring member Sue Patterson.

Another great year of collegiality!

Reina Phung, Alexia Gibbons & Hope Do

Branch Co-convenors May 2019

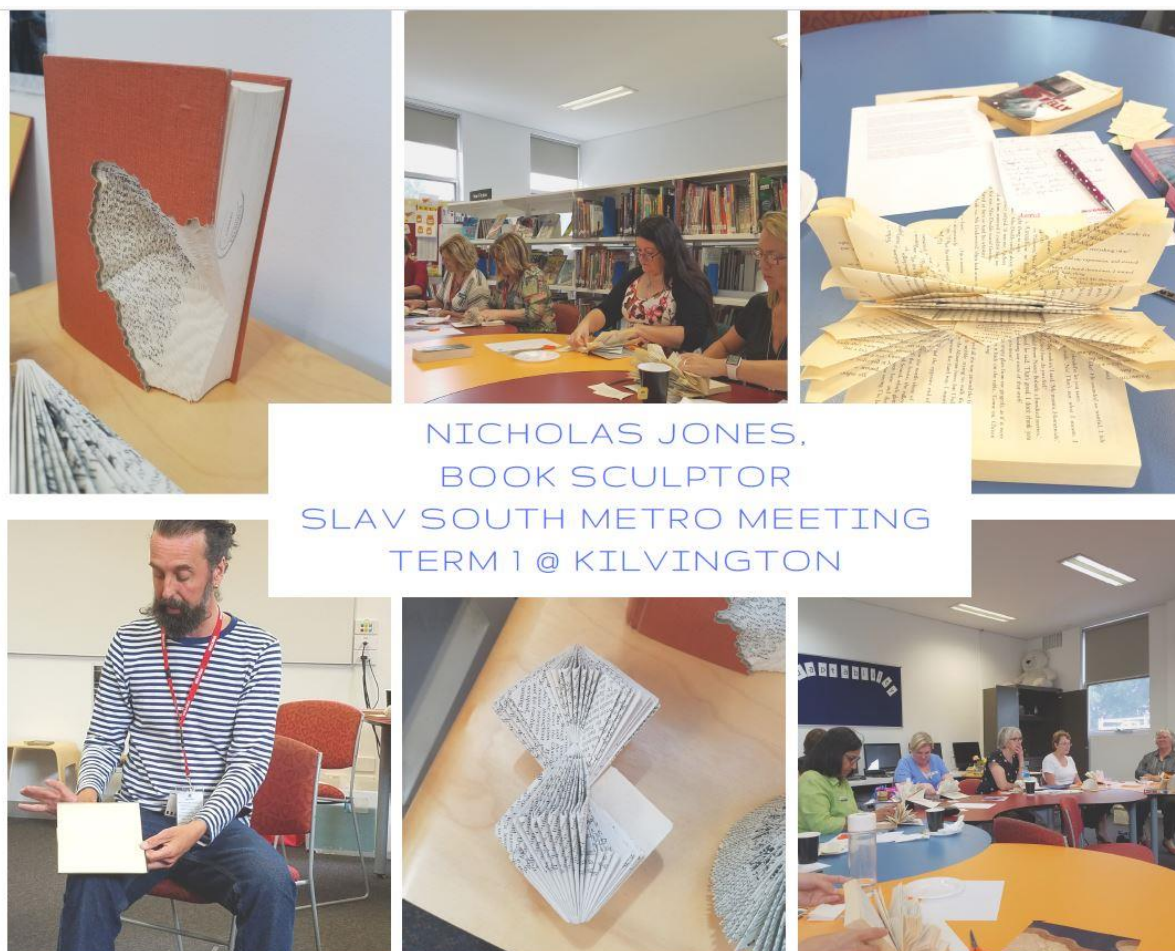
South Metro SLAV Branch Annual Report for 2018

Branch Convenor for 2018 was Sue Osborne, Haileybury College Brighton.

Term 1 meeting was held at Kilvington Grammar School, Ormond, with our host Jane Viner and her library staff.

Our special guest was Nicholas Jones, book sculptor extraordinaire. He provided a short presentation on some of his book sculptures created for special occasions or situations. He spoke of his time at the State Library of Victoria as guest artist in residence. He uses old/ recycled books to create works of art.

He then walked everyone through the steps to create our own sculptures using old books. The art is in the way you fold each page to get the effect you want. See attached for photos.



Term 2 meeting was at CBC St Kilda with Joyce Sendeckyj and her staff as our hosts. This was the same day as a Publisher and STEM resources expo at the school, so members were able to attend this prior to the meeting.

Joyce then gave a tour of her library. Our author chat was courtesy of Ford Street Publishing. He spoke about how he developed ideas for a story and the illustrations.

Joyce then gave a virtual tour of the library's part on the new Learning Management System CANVAS and how they were using it to encourage students with research skills, bibliographies and note taking etc,

Term 3 meeting was cancelled as so few could attend. However, an email meeting was held with members sharing their Book Week activities and displays, what worked and what didn't quite.

Term 4 was our dinner meeting and AGM. This year it was held at Bentleigh RSL on 28 November. It was an opportunity for members to farewell Sue Osborne who had been our very capable convenor for 2018, and Joyce Sendeckyj, a previous convenor, and administrator of our branch Ning, as both were moving on to new schools in other regions.



Sue Osborne with flowers presented to her by South Metro Branch November 2018

South Metro Branch dinner November 2018 at Bentleigh RSL



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