

SLAV Branch Reports for the Annual General Meeting May 8 2021

Reporting on the 2020 year



SLAV Western Branch Report 2020

Our first meeting in Term 1 was to be held at Braybrook Secondary College, and due to the Covid Pandemic was postponed to Term 3.

After adjusting to online communication, in Term 2 we successfully met on Zoom with 24 members and discussed current issues and new ideas. With the continuing shutdowns in Term 3 we successfully met again on Zoom but fewer than 11 members joined. Most members felt isolated and confused.

Hope and I are overwhelmed with our own work responsibilities and are trying to entice other members to express an interest in running the Western Branch or even helping. However, we will continue to be joint conveners and continue to provide support to branch members whenever possible.

Milena Gates & Hope Do

SLAV 2020 Annual Report from Pakenham SLAV Branch

❖ Term 2 Meeting 2020

This face-to-face meeting planned to be held on 19th May 2020 was cancelled due to COVID-19. Instead, the topic of Book Week was discussed on via ZOOM and we had a good attendance of 11 library leaders across the branch. We had a great conversation sharing about how we are coping with going online in the challenging times we are all faced with.

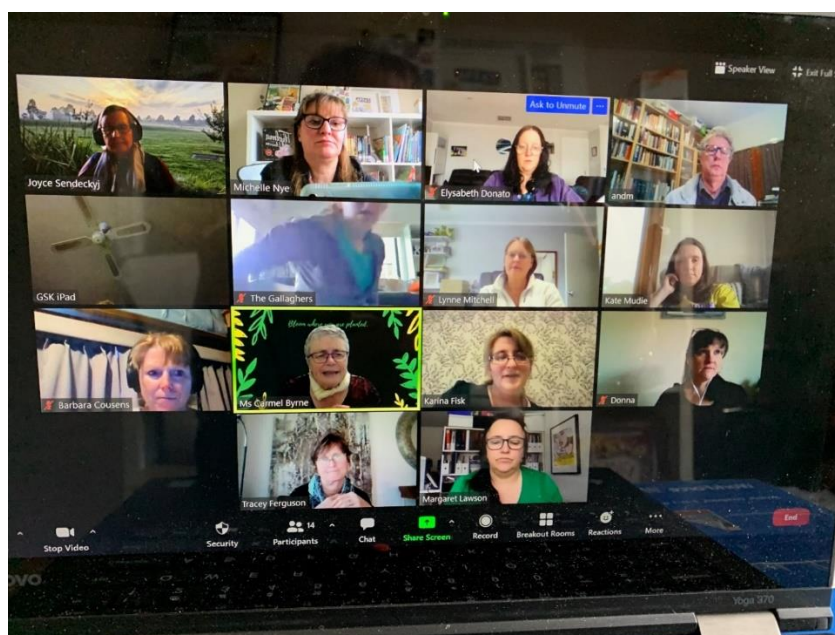


❖ Term 3 Meeting 2020

This AGM meeting was also held via ZOOM on 11th September 2020 and 14 library leaders were in attendance. We thanked Cassie Cardamone for her work on SLAV Council as a co-convenor and we have appointed Carmel Byrne, Tracey Ferguson, and I as Pakenham SLAV Co-convenors in 2021.

We discussed COVID-19 related issues pertaining to borrowing, lending rights, statistics, returning strategies and quarantining. There was great discussion about reading programs, reading

promotion and how we stay connected while working from home during this term of remote online learning.



❖ **Term 4 Meeting 2020**

This face-to-face meeting planned to be held on 11th November was also cancelled due to COVID-19. Instead, a total of 13 library leaders met via ZOOM on 9th October 2020 where we enjoyed a time of sharing wonderful ideas such as Twitch, Discord, Borrow Bags & reserves, cleaning books, promotion of online activities via teams, boe.bookcrafts from Instagram, therapy dogs, Miro the online whiteboard, Kiah the critical thinking tool, peer teaching and wider reading programs on TEAMS.

**NORTHERN METROPOLITAN BRANCH
AGM REPORT 2020**

Term 1: Meeting was held at Thornbury High on Thursday 27th February. We had a nice turn out with 12 members in attendance. The first order of business was to identify one Primary and one Secondary school to receive the SLAV's 60th membership initiative.

We then took turn sharing our 2020 vision for our library or profession. From our discussion, we all do lots of positive things even though some of us are facing difficult or challenging circumstances such as being under staff and budget with little support from the Leadership team.

Across the board, we all wanted to engage our students with reading, provide support for our staff, raise reading level, raise the profile of our role and that of our library and improve our own professional learning and skills in 2020.

Overall, we had a great discussion and thanks to Liz Campbell and her team at Thornbury High for hosting our first meeting. We love seeing the different set-up of libraries in our area and Thornbury High have the biggest and cutest Totoro character right next to their circulation desk that you just can't resist taking a photo of!

Term 2: Due to the COVID-19 restrictions, our Term 2 meeting was held online via Webex on Thursday 18th June. 9 members logged in to join the host, Reina Phung for a lively discussion on all things 'Library in the COVID pandemic'! 😊

It was wonderful to 'meet' and welcome our 2 newest branch members as a result of the SLAV's 60th membership initiative. Jessica from Bundoora PS and Dianna from Coburg High. It was also nice to see a few old members who hasn't been able to attend face to face meetings as they are usually the only one in the library and can't get away.

We then took turn sharing how we are surviving in our libraries during this unprecedented time with discussions on how we've managed students return to school, how we've quarantine return items, processes and procedures for social distancing, online reading lessons, and providing e-resources to the school community. As always, our meetings are very informal, but I really like the fact that we get a chance to 'catch-up' and share what we're doing in our libraries once a term.

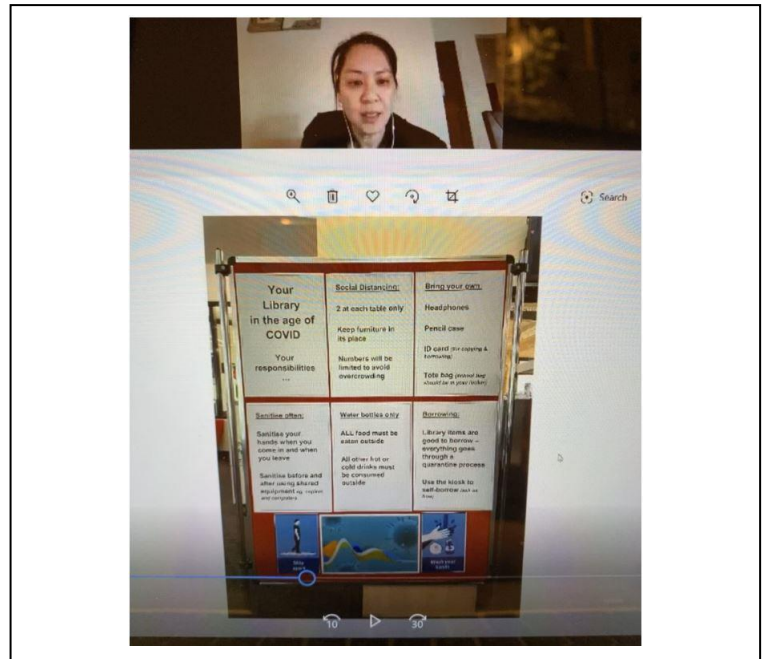
Term 3: Meeting was held online via Webex on Thursday 20th August organised by SLAV. It was the CBCA Book of the Year Judges Talk and it was a great online event which drew lots of members from all over Victoria to hear about the shortlisted books in each of the categories. Hopefully this online event can run each year during Term 3 before Book Week.

We did not have another online meeting for this term as I'm mindful that we need to limit our screen time as much as possible, however members were emailed and asked to write something for the 60th Anniversary edition of FYI in which I have received some wonderful comments.

Term 4: A small group gathered for dinner on Friday 11th December at the Old England hotel where we reflected on an 'unprecedented' year. It was nice to 'see' each other face to face again and we're just thankful that 2020 is nearly over!

Reina Phung & Milena Gates

Branch Co-convenors May 2021



Metro South SLAV Branch Annual Report for 2020 – for AGM & SLAV Head Office

Branch Convenor: Term 1: Robyn Stark, St Bede's College rjs@stbedes.catholic.edu.au

Term 1 meeting: Location: Brighton Grammar School Host: Lena Twining, Ruth Silva & Katrina Holgye

Theme: successful reading programs with a presentation by Reina Phung, Ivanhoe Grammar.

Reina Phung from Ivanhoe Grammar generously presented at the meeting on her day off! Reina presented about the reading program for Year 8's and explained the different challenges she runs and how they work. A few photos below from Reina's presentation. This presentation, which was similar to the one Reina gave at the SLAV conference in November. The branch was very grateful to Reina for giving up her time to present her work to us.



Term 2 meeting: Location: Online combined with Mornington Peninsula Branch Hosts: Robyn Stark and Lynn Swannell

Theme: Understanding what SLAV offers us

We combined online with the Mornington Peninsula Branch for the Term 2 meeting. Susan La Marca spoke to us about her role with SLAV and the range of professional development on offer to members plus the support available to members. The branches enjoyed meeting Susan and understanding more about the Association.

Term 3 meeting: Location: Online – CBCA Judges Talk

Theme: CBCA Judges Talk

The Term 3 meeting was combined with the CBCA Judges talk presented by SLAV to all members. An annual popular talk, this year having it online drew a bigger attendance from SLAV branch members and hearing about all the books is always popular.

Term 4 meeting: Location: Online Host: Robyn Stark

Theme: We made it!

Everyone was very glad to get to the end of what was a tough year for all. We took turns to discuss what we learnt from the year and hope to take into next year. There was also brief discussion on the Nov conference with positive feedback on the online platform used. Everyone wished a safe and happy break for all.

Thank you to all who have attended and supported the Metro Southern branch in 2020. We hope we can meet in person sometime in the 2021 year.

Finances

Money was spent on gifts for hosts of meetings for the 2020 year totalling \$50

Annual Report for La Trobe Branch AGM May 2021

In Term 1 we met at a restaurant in Traralgon and over a meal we discussed the Notables list and shared thoughts on those we had read. We were excited to welcome new members from South Gippsland.

In Term 2 we met online via Zoom and again were able to welcome new members, this time from West Gippsland and thus we discovered one of the (initially hidden) advantages of Zoom. At this meeting we shared how we had experienced lockdown and discovered that some had been given the opportunity to clean, weed and reorganise collections. Others felt very pressured by the demands of online teaching. It was an important opportunity to share approaches to quarantining books and reopening our libraries.

In Term 3 we joined the SLAV provided CBCA judge's talk and appreciated the insights from the judges. We followed this up with a second online presentation, this time just from Erin Wamala who spoke about the judging process from her viewpoint and answered members questions after giving her detailed reflections on the books on the Older Readers shortlist.

In Term 4 we again met at a restaurant and celebrated the opportunity to meet up face to face again after so many months of being isolated. This was a social occasion when we shared our experiences of the year.

Susan O'Malley

Latrobe Valley Branch Convenor

SLAV Peninsula Branch – AGM SLAV Council Report

SLAV Peninsula Branch continues to have great support from members for both onsite and online meetings. We continue to connect via our Facebook and Google Group – both of which became important as we worked from home and/or in remote learning environments within our schools.

Term 1 – Our meeting was held at MESC with branch positions were filled - Lynn Swannell (Convenor and SLAV Council Rep) and Patricia Bernardo (Treasurer). Lively discussions were held regarding managing library collections in P-12 /muliti campus schools and copyright licence. We also farewelled a couple of members who were retiring. Term meeting dates/venues were set although we were quickly changing these to online events.

Term 2 – Peninsula Branch and Southern Branch held a joint meeting online. Guest speaker was Dr Susan La Marca (SLAV EO) who outlined many issues that SLAV were dealing with mid-COVID, as well as the positive aspects of online meetings, forum and the new SLAV Book Club.

Term 3 – Members joined the online CBCA Judges talk with other SLAV branches in lieu of a branch meeting. We are all becoming much more familiar with this mode of meetings and all members reported back that they thoroughly enjoyed this, with requests to do it each year.

Term 4 – We held an informal online meeting to ‘check-in’ with members, talk about our return to a ‘COVID-normal’ workplace, how we had dealt with arrangements and plans moving forward.

We thank SLAV, and Susan, for their continued support of school library staff and the amazing professional learning opportunities made available to all throughout a most difficult year.

Lynn Swannell
Convenor
SLAV Peninsula Branch

28 April 2021

SLAV Geelong Branch Report - 2020

With 2020 being the year it was, we didn't manage to have a gathering in Term 1. Our AGM was held on the 27th May via Zoom. The AGM confirmed the following office bearers for 2020;

Convenor: Leonie Stephenson

Secretary: Rennai McCarthy

Treasurer: Louise Monotti

After the brief AGM, those attending spoke about how each school library was dealing and handling with Co-vid. What steps we had all taken place for remote learning and the services offered as well as preparing for when we return to school.

Term 3 saw the branch members participate in the CBCA Judges Talk. Members found the talk a great way to engage and hear from the Judges. Very positive responses from our members.

Throughout 2020, instead of running our own gatherings, we decided to continually promote the SLAV PD sessions to all our members and strongly encourage them to attend. We felt with the breadth of sessions and types of PD available this was just as wonderful and beneficial as having our own gathering.

We would like to thank SLAV for their offerings and adaptability during 2020 to still ensure all members were able to attend events and Professional Development. I would also like to thank the committee for their dedication, hard work and enthusiasm in providing support to each other and to our fellow members in 2020

Leonie Stephenson

Convener, SLAV – Geelong Branch

CENTRAL METRO BRANCH REPORT FOR 2020

Central Metro Branch Report - Term 1 (5.3.20)

Our first meeting for 2020 was held at Carey Baptist Grammar School (Donvale Campus). It ended up being a small group due in part to the blustery weather on Thursday afternoon. Those present were Di Ruffles, Anne Devenish, Sue Vickery, Karen Malbon, Katie Thomas and Siobhan Roulston.

We discussed the gift membership initiative and the two schools suggested were Macleod College and Taylor's Lakes Primary School.

The main focus of this meeting was to share ideas about how we promote our libraries to our school communities:

- Books and Blokes
- Stella Society
- Book Chat - parents facilitate group discussions
- Students invited to view and select new books for their library from a vendor's display
- Literature Festivals
- Author visits - late afternoon and evening events
- "In Conversation" series - scientists, chefs, politicians, authors, etc.
- Learning Conversations (Parent Teacher interviews)
- Book Reviews on LMS
- Peer Recommendations
- Library Instagram pages
- Library Twitter accounts
- School Box (Learning Management System at Melbourne Girls Grammar) - managed by a dedicated IT team
- Sector (Learning Management System at Camberwell Girls Grammar) - digitised school magazine, What's On, careers advice
- Year Book / Magazine articles
- Mail Chimp newsletter once a month to teachers and students (Melbourne Grammar)
- Bibliotherapy (Camberwell Girls Grammar) whereby teachers tell the Teacher Librarian which kinds of books they enjoy and then a pile of books is prepared for them to read over the school holidays.

A theme to be discussed at one of our future meetings is Augmented Reality.

Our next meeting in Term 2 will either be at Prahran / Richmond High or Methodist Ladies' College. Date still to be confirmed.

Term 2 Meeting

4th June, 2020

Attendance: Dr Susan La Marca, Di Ruffles, Kim Hauser, P. Roberts, Julie Pagliaro, Karen Malbon, Cate (from Strathcona?), Anne Devenish, Diana Kelly, Ruth Woolven, Stephanie Ward, Siobhan Roulston

Our second meeting for 2020 was held via a Webex conference.

The meeting began with Dr Susan LaMarca highlighting the large number of professional development events SLAV has planned for 2020. The range of activities includes Masterclasses, online conferences and forums.

Members shared some of the positive outcomes from the Coronavirus shutdown of school libraries. The range of responses included:

- Daily newsletters emailed out
- House Readers' Cup held online
- A plethora of free online resources were made available by publishers
- Usage statistics showed an increase in the use of eBook, AudioBook and other online platforms
- Students and parents used online catalogues more than ever before
- A strong connection to students was forged
- Protocols were put in place before libraries reopened
- Everyone agreed that there was a lot of behind the scenes work involved in managing our libraries to support remote learning - "Necessity is the mother of invention"

The uptake to this branch meeting was fabulous and members agreed that holding the meeting online was very convenient and meant that more members were able to attend than usual.



Term 4 2020

Our final branch meeting for 2020 was held at the Auburn Hotel in Hawthorn East on Monday, 30 November. Seven members were present and we enjoyed a good chat and delicious meals. Those present were Deb Parkinson, Karen Malbon, Di Ruffles, Ruth Woolven, Di Kelly, Julie Pagliaro and Siobhan Roulston. We were all very happy to be able to meet face to face after being in lockdown for so many months. Many stories were shared of how we kept our libraries open and how we provided services to our school communities.

**School Libraries Association of Victoria
Ballarat Branch
Remote Annual General Meeting 2020
Minutes**

Thursday, 4th June, 2020

Date: Thursday 4th June 2020.
Meeting commenced: 4:10pm
Venue: Remote
Current Convener: Leonie Darken

Present:

Megan Grant, Rosalie Corbett, Jac Wheadon, Melissa Dunley, Sharon Hayes, Marcia Philips, Gwen McMullin, Fiona wood, Gail Severino, Julie Gall, Ingrid Perkins

Apologies:

Donna Byrne,

Items:

1. **Welcome:** Leonie Darken welcomed members to the meeting.

2. **Minutes of AGM 2019:**

Business arising -

Motion - that these be accepted.

Moved: Leonie Darken

Seconded: Rosalie Corbett

3. **President's Report** – as tabled via email by Leonie Darken

Motion – that the report be accepted

Moved: Leonie Darken

Seconded: Marcia Philips

4. **Finance Report**

As addressed by Leonie Darken.

\$1100.32 for 2019 and now (to be confirmed by SLAV).

All other expenditure has been reimbursed from SLAV funds.

Motion – that the report be accepted

Moved: Leonie Darken

Seconded: Megan Grant

5. **Positions Vacated and 2020 - 2021 Positions opened –**

Chaired by: Marcia Philips

Marcia Philips declared all positions vacant and called for nominations for positions for 2020-2021:

Co Convener 1:

Melissa Dunley nominated by Leonie Darken
and seconded by Jac Wheadon

Nomination accepted: Position filled

Co Convener 2:

Sharon Hayes nominated by Megan Grant
and seconded by Leonie Darken

Nomination accepted: Position filled

Executive Team Member 1:

Ingrid Perkins nominated by Leonie Darken
and seconded by Rosalie Corbett

Nomination accepted: Position filled

Executive Team Member 2

Jac Wheadon nominated by Rosalie Corbett
and seconded by Ingrid Perkins

Nomination accepted: Position filled

Marcia Philips announced all Office Bearers positions filled for 2020-2021 and handed the meeting to Melissa Dunley and Sharon Hayes:

No previous Minutes – last meeting was XMAS breakup

6. Council Representative's Report – Leonie Darken

- SLAV facing considerable financial challenges as a consequence of Covid19 shutdown.
- AGM – all positions vacated and then filled
- Possible risk of losing SPP funding

7. Sovereign Hill Education Services Report:

No report tabled.

Ingrid Perkins to follow up with Michaela Willeson-Yau.

8. CBCA report:

No report tabled. – Leonie to follow up with Debbie Marshall

9. Other Business:

- a) Revisit Calendar – agreed best day for branch meeting, Thursday.
- b) Shared experiences of moving to remote learning and then returning. Members shared their experiences. Policies included: number limits, partial closures including lunch, before and after school, sanitising stations, quarantining of books for 3+ days, people counters at the door as part of meet and greet, “pick and borrow” rather than browsing, screens employed at Damascus and Loreto (and to be installed SPC), seating capacity reduced at some schools, with a limit of 2 students rather than 4 at tables. Loreto’s curved screen somewhat problematic. Staffing: all staff worked either remotely, onsite or a combination

of both. Games: all schools are continuing with games in the library at this stage.

- c) Lib Guides: Leonie Darken reminded members of the August Masterclass. Megan Grant found the last one helpful.
- d) Audiobook provision. Members discussed the SLAV Book Club and felt it particularly useful in building the teacher/senior reads collection.
- e) Other Business
(none)

Next Meeting – 12th September

Meeting Closed at: 5.15 pm

SLAV METRO EASTERN BRANCH ANNUAL REPORT 2020

Prepared for SLAV Annual General Meeting 8 May, 2021

Branch Co-Convenors 2020:

Camilla Elliott (Mazenod College)
Diana Kelly (Balwyn High School)
Julie Pagliaro (St Kevin's College)

2020 was a year to be remembered as we made rules on the run and adjusted to the COVID-19 pandemic. In a life-changing year, we shared our practice and the systems we were adopting to continue to provide learning support for our schools whilst working from home or in locked-down conditions. Life changed for everybody. The branch lost our co-convenor Diana Kelly this year as she moved schools to the Metro South Branch for the start of 2021. Thanks to Diana for her generous support of the branch. We wish her success in her new school.

Term 1

The Term One SLAV Eastern Branch Meeting was held at Wantira Secondary College Library, on Thursday 12th March with over 20 attendees, represented from: government, catholic, primary, and secondary schools. The focus of our meeting was “What’s being read in your school and how are you promoting it?”



There was a terrific range of responses, ideas and examples to this question and a friendly and informative conversation followed.

Thanks to Karlene Hall and staff of Wantirna College for generously hosting the first branch meeting for 2020. Little did we know what was ahead and that this would be our last face-2-face meeting for the year.

Terms 2 & 3

On 11 May, 40 members came together on the Zoom branch meeting for a CBCA Judges Talk presented by CBCA judges Karys McEwan (Richmond and Prahran High Schools) and Ruth Woolven (Kew Primary School) to discuss both the senior and junior fiction CBCA shortlist. We were still settling into video-conferencing which was to become very familiar over the coming months. Karys and Ruth presented an inspiring session that was well appreciated.

Members had a further opportunity to attend the CBCA Judges Talk when it was presented to all branches by SLAV HQ in Term 3 via WebEx video-conferencing on 20 August.

In celebration of SLAV's 60th Anniversary, our branch nominated two schools for a gift membership – Healesville Secondary/Primary College (Maida Mitchell) and Montrose Primary School (Andree

Johnson-Clarke). We welcomed them to them to the Metro Eastern school library community.

Term 4

Each November we look forward to dinner at Bucatini's Restaurant to close the year but 2020 was to be different. On 5 November, we had a wonderful meeting online via Zoom. The videoconferencing format has provided the opportunity for easier attendance by many members and we had an active conversation with a relaxed vibe. A number of members are new to their schools and positions and familiarity with the format was such that most were happy to join in the discussion. It was a very positive end to the year.

Congratulations!

Congratulations to our SLAV Eastern Metro co-convenor Julie Pagliaro who was 2020 recipient of the SLAV John Ward Award presented at the SLAV Reading Conference in November. Julie is a deserved winner and we thank her for the active role she plays in our branch and the association.

Camilla Elliott

Co-convenor SLAV Eastern Metro Branch

4 May 2021