

Minutes of the Children’s & Youth Special Interest Group held on Tuesday 4 June 2019, 2.00pm-4.00pm

Venue: MAV, Room 1201, Level 12, MAV 60 Collins Street, Melbourne 3000

Chair: Emma White Minutes: Rachael Alblas

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| **Item**  | **Minutes**  | **Action** | **By** |
| **1. Attendance & Apologies** | Attendance: Emma White (Hobsons Bay), Julie Hooper (Stonnington), Kerry Smith (Frankston), Bernadine Nolen (Melbourne), Vanessa Gigliotti (Greater Dandenong), Georgina Smith (Goldfields), Shiree Monson Wood (Boondara), Wendy Bronqueur (Monash), Kat Taylor (Hume), Rachael Alblas (Hobsons Bay), Kat Gronn (Boorondara), Nan Robson (Bayside), Robyn Burns (Whitehorse Manningham), Lorrie Stearns (Wyndham), Christine Vandor (Maribyrnong)Apologies: Deanne Verity (Geelong), Jacqueline Berkeley (Hume), Analise Wright (Mornington Peninsula)  |
| **2. Previous Minutes** | Previous minutes accepted.**Update** – SLV will not continue with Early Childhood Indicators self-evaluations. Where to next? Recommended external evaluation.PLV SIG workshop was well received. |
| **3. New Business**  | **PLV Strategic Plan 2019-2022**Each SIG has been asked to provide a presentation to the group. How can we continue to improve our SIG?**School Readiness Project**BackgroundDepartment of Education is providing extra support for kindergartens to help children to get the most out of their early learning. <https://www.education.vic.gov.au/childhood/providers/funding/Pages/srf.aspx> By the end of 2021 all 4-year-old kinders will receive this funding. A menu of options for kindergartens has been prepared (including a variety of offerings from external providers such as the Alannah and Madeline Foundation, staff PD opportunities, program support, etc.)PLV President Chris Buckingham, PLV Executive Katrina Knox, Manager MLS Anne-Maree Phabe, and CYS SIG convenor Emma White, met with the DET Project group to discuss ways public libraries could be involved with this project. Summary: Any project/menu item would need to be a statewide offering with support from all CEOs and library managers. We have missed out on this year’s menu, but could offer something next year. This would help to raise our profile both within libraries but also within education. Round table discussion summary* Focus on offering staff PD on storytelling and early literacy. This could involve champions across the state who would be able to provide this PD (both externally to kindergartens but also within libraries)
* Discussion about need for a statewide service induction and consistent training for EY staff. Option discussed included an online module highlighting best practice from around the state, followed by immersion and visits, and an emphasis on follow-up and feedback long term.
* Another option suggested was simply offering institutional borrowing rights and memberships for all kindergartens with bulk loans and increased loan periods.

Need to develop a clearer understanding of what and how we are already engaging with our local kindergartens. Subcommittee formed to develop survey for CEOs and library managers (with assistance and discussion with their CY staff) to find out what EY programs, outreach and inreach are already happening and map CY services across the state. This will inform what menu items would potentially be feasible and/or worthwhile offering. Survey to be launched at CY SIG Seminar on 26 July.**Subcommittee members:** Emma White, Bernadine Nolan, Robyn Burns, Julie Hooper, Kat Taylor, Wendy Bronqueur | Emma to get in touch with subcommittee.Survey needs to be ready for launch at CY SIG Seminar on Friday 26 July. |  |
| **4. Planning for Seminar**  | **Mapping your Community: Outreach, in-reach and uncovering partnership opportunities***Venue* TBC. Emma has approached Bunjil Place, but cost may be prohibitive. SIG decided to go ahead with this option.*Structure*Morning – speakers/talks and afternoon of round tables was best option. cid:307805f6-ecb4-4c9d-8328-214f160de361@KORP216.PROD.OUTLOOK.COM cid:302247cb-e4b2-4a7b-bab8-69ca7798ea1d@KORP216.PROD.OUTLOOK.COM*Why this topic?*Advocacy, partnerships and collaborations (establishing, continuing, supporting vs. carrying), outreach vs in-reach (effectiveness, cost/benefits, structure, evaluating impact), home schooling, school engagement (sticking points), external or unusual partnerships/community opportunities (festivals, community groups, Bunnings, immunisations, what do these look like? how do they work?)*Guest speaker (approx. 45 minutes)*Ideas suggested: Andy Griffiths (unavailable but happy for our next seminar)Gabrielle Dolan (authentic storytelling)Another author?SLV – how to engage with community groupsAlan Brough*Lightning talks*Call out for speakers. What is working well? How do you link into curriculum? What are you doing that is unusual or unique? What are you doing that others are surprised to hear about? How do you manage staffing? What do you wish the public knew about what you are offering (outside of the regular, well-known programs)?Three topics, three speakers for each topic. Roughly 10-15 mins each.1. Educational Engagement
2. Community Engagement
3. Unexpected Engagement

What? How? Aims? Measuring impact. Collaboration/partnership opportunities?*Round tables*20 minutes x 3 rotations. Focus on the above three topic areas. Try to get name and contact for follow-up after seminar.*Feedback and wrap-up*Important for all round tables to have a chance to feed information back to the whole room. Gives people an opportunity to hear something new and may spark an idea. | Emma to contact Cenza at CCL and confirm Bunjil.Needs to be bookedCall out for speakers (EOI) | ASAPASAP |
| **6. Other Business**  | **Round table: Membership and Library Fines for Children and Youth**There has been interest from other states about this topic.Many different approaches around the state, including;* No fines for junior items
* Fines for staff
* Differences regarding the amounts that staff can waive for patrons (dependent on banding level).
* Most of these decisions are out of our hands, and driven largely by budgeting constraints. This makes it difficult to have a unified, statewide approach to fines.

Membership requirements are also varying across the state. * Some services allow 16-year-olds to sign up without an adult, some allow under 18s who are living independently to sign up.
* One library service organises memberships for students through a local high school. The school send home membership forms, then scan and return to the library. Cards are sent to the school for distribution and students are told they can use their cards once they’re signed by a guardian.
* Homelessness and memberships also has different procedures and guidelines across services.

Internet and open WIFI is different – where services provide open WIFI access, membership is not necessarily needed by young people. Many services still require membership cards to access the Internet, as it is being done on council property.Summary A contentious issue with many external stakeholders.  |  |  |

**Future Meeting Dates**

 *Friday 26 July:* Seminar 9am to 4pm, Mapping your community: outreach, in-reach, and uncovering partnership opportunities, Venue: TBC

*Wednesday 18 September:* Meeting 2pm to 4pm, Venue: Room 1103, Level 11 at MAV

*Thursday 28 November:* Mini- workshop 1pm to 4pm, Make your collection work for you: Collection development and management, Venue: TBC