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Welcome to the VATL e-newsletter. The e-newsletter is designed to keep Victorian TAFE library staff abreast with what's happening in VATL and the Executive.

It also gives Victorian TAFE library staff an opportunity to share information. So if you have anything you would like to promote or highlight, please send it to a member of the VATL Executive team and we will publish it in an upcoming edition.

We anticipate that the e-newsletter will be released 2-3 times a year.

WHO IS A MEMBER OF THE VATL EXECUTIVE FOR 2014

The VATL Executive for this year consists of Angelo Gasparini (Kangan), Paul Kloppenborg (William Angliss), Rachel Neumann (Sunraysia), Leanne Meere (Swinburne), Colin Sutherland (Chisholm) and Samantha Helfrich (Holmesglen).

VATL WORKING GROUPS

VATL has three working groups who meet regularly and run events on certain topics of interest.

Colin Sutherland leads the CASS group which covers Cataloguing, Acquisitions, Serials and Systems. The CASS group ran a workshop on 9 May 2014 at the NMIT Polytechnic in Prahran. Over 30 TAFE library staff. The day started with a presentation by Domenic Iannello from RMIT who gave an overview of how RMIT University manages its e-resources. This was followed by practical demonstrations by Elena Barger from William Angliss on Google Analytics and managing a library blog. In the afternoon, Lynda O'Meara from SAI global provided an overview of SAI and also answered many questions about Standards subscriptions and the various options. Susan Bodernam (NMIT) and Stephen Harrison (Holmesglen) then presented case studies of their Institute's discovery layers and how these were implemented. The day finished with a lively debate: Discovery Layer – Yes (Susan and Stephen) or No (Colin Sutherland (Chisholm)).

Samantha Helfrich leads the LIT group which focuses on literacy, information and technology. The LIT group is looking for new members to join the group. Membership on the LIT committee involves the planning and preparation of two workshops each year (one in the winter and one late spring). This is mainly achieved via email correspondence, with one or two face-to-face meetings to plan for each session. However, due to distance and conflicting work schedules, attendance at these meetings can be managed through remote access (Google hangouts, Skype, or web conferencing.) Additionally, there are some other projects that the committee may undertake, but again most of the communication for these will be via email.

If you are interested in joining LIT, please contact Sam at Samantha.Helfrich@holmesglen.edu.au

Angelo Gasparini leads the MIG (Manager Interest Group) which has undergone a repositioning. MIG was formed to bring managers of TAFE libraries together. Recent feedback from recent VATL strategic workshops indicated a need to provide TAFE library staff with learning and knowledge in the area of management, HR, marketing, communication and library spaces. The group will still be referred to as MIG however; the expanded title is now the Management Interest Group.

The newly formed MIG is desperately seeking members to join the group. Please contact Angelo at agasparini@kangan.edu.au if you can participate.

VATL really needs the support of library staff so it would be great if Sam and Angelo can hear from you soon.

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STRATEGIC PLAN

Every three years, VATL puts together a Strategic Plan. In late 2013, VATL ran a series of workshops to develop a plan for the years 2014-16. VATL wishes to thank TAFE library staff who attended the workshops held in November last year. Your input was valuable and much appreciated.

The VATL Executive collated the information and prepared a draft Strategic Plan which was discussed it at the last two meetings held in January and April. The VATL Executive came to the conclusion that rather than a plan, we should instead, embrace a Strategic Intent. This way, we can work to a direction rather than have actionable outcomes that has accountabilities, dates and outcomes that we will struggle to achieve through meeting only 3-4 times a year.

The Strategic Intent covers 4 key areas: advocacy, collaboration, professional development and communication.



The Strategic Intent document is now available for comment from Victorian TAFE library staff. The document is now available on the VATL website www.vatl.org.au and should also be forwarded to you by your Library Manager.

You can pass on comments to Angelo at agasparini@kangan.edu.au

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NEW DOCUMENTS

The VATL Executive have just added two new document to the VATL website www.vatl.org.au

The first document is the VATL Annual Report 2013. VATL would like to thank Paul Kloppenborg for putting the report together and all Victorian TAFE libraries for your contribution.

The second is a report titled *Information Literacy at NMIT* by George Eraclides. The extensive report was prepared by George in August 2013. We thank George for sharing this comprehensive document with the wider TAFE library community.

CONSORTIAS

The VATL Executive is regularly contacted by industry suppliers seeking to promote their products and services as well as expressing a willingness to establish consortia arrangements with Victorian TAFE libraries.

We have recently been contacted by the following organisations. If any Victorian TAFE library is interested in a consortia arrangement with any of the prospects, please feel free to make contact with Dawn or Roman. Alternatively, please feel free to discuss the opportunity, with Angelo Gasparini of the VATL Executive.

JSTOR

www.jstor.org & www.portico.org

Contact: Dawn Tomassi dawn.tomassi@ithaka.org

EUROMONITOR

www.euromonitor.com

Contact: Roman de La Gournerie ronan.delagournerie@euromonitor.com

UPCOMING EVENTS

LIT Workshop 2014

Thursday 26th June

Creating Online Content

10am to 3pm

Holmesglen Institute (Chadstone)

MIG Workshop 2014

Thursday, 7 August

Library Spaces and Hubs

10am to 3pm

Kangan Institute (Docklands)

FACEBOOK

VATL has a Facebook page. Feel free to visit the site and post stories about your library service, your team and what's happening in general anytime.

Just search **Victorian Association of TAFE Libraries – VATL**.