

CUMBERLAND COUNCIL LIBRARY ADVISORY COMMITTEE (LAC)

Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday, 12 March 2019 at 6.30pm at Wentworthville Library, 2 Lane Street, Wentworthville.

1. Open of Meeting

Clr Lisa Lake opened the meeting and welcomed all members to the Library Advisory Committee of Cumberland Council.

2. Record of Attendance, Introductions and Apologies

Attendance List:

Clr Lisa Lake	Councillor and Committee Member (Chairperson)
Allan Ezy	Committee Member
Diana Finch	Committee Member
Julie Thomas	Committee Member
Maria Teresa Ciaccia	Committee Member
Samantha Rich	Committee Member
Sue Stenning	Committee Member
Zelda Stowers	Committee Member

Council Staff in Attendance:

Nicole Byrn	Manager, Library Services (Minutes)
Robynne Winley	Library Systems & Technical Support Coordinator

Apologies:

Clr Ross Grove	Councillor and Committee Member
Mangat Bansal	Committee Member
Muhammad Mehdi	Committee Member

3. Conflicts of Interest

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

4. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Minutes of the last meeting held on 23 October 2018, were passed and adopted as a true and accurate record.

ITEMS CONSIDERED AND DISCUSSED BY COMMITTEE

5. Library Statistics and Trends

Collections

The Committee commented on the areas of collection that are over 90% of total are borrowed and what this represents.

- Junior readers – Wentworthville
- Junior school collection – Wentworthville
- Tamil Resources – Wentworthville

Council staff indicated that there are a number of factors contributing to this, including particular collections that are popular at Wentworthville, smaller collections that are read out

quickly, and shows that we may need to increase those collections, where there is availability.

Language resources are doing particularly well. Junior magazines are also very popular, and the committee asked if we could expand the Junior eMagazine collection via Zinio.

The large print collection at Greystanes has been read out and there was a request to rotate the collection to provide varied titles.

Programs and Events

- The Committee noted the number of children attending various Toddler Time sessions was very high and we should consider additional sessions in future.
- The Committee noted that numbers for baby rhyme time were dropping at Greystanes and that now there are new facilities at that Centre, it may be worth marketing again.
- Some committee members who attended recent author talks were disappointed at the numbers that participated. There was comment that a number of committee members that were previously on library newsletter lists have not been receiving anything, and this may be a reason for dropping numbers.
- Council staff explained the current process for content, mail outs and frequency.
- The Committee asked for this to be reviewed to provide a monthly newsletter with library specific content and sent to all on previous mailing lists.
- The Committee suggested an increase of homework help and reading buddies at Wentworthville Library. Council staff indicated that the Homework Help program was not overly successful when trialled at Wentworthville, however the reading Buddies certainly was and we are looking at recruiting more volunteers for this program.
- Council staff suggested that the Library Programs and Events Coordinator, Kirsty Plumridge, be invited to the next meeting.
- Cllr Lake talked about the Ekushey Corner project and the recent success of the launch at Auburn Library.

General Statistics

- The Committee noted that the last column on the visitation statistics represented the quarter and not YTD. Council staff will rectify.
- The Committee discussed the variations in collection sizes at locations.

Actions and Recommendations Arising:

- 5.1 Council staff to review collections that are 90% utilised.
- 5.2 Council staff to review number and titles of junior magazines available on Zinio.
- 5.3 Council staff to look at the rotation of large print particular at Greystanes Library.
- 5.4 Council staff to look at marketing of baby rhyme time at Greystanes Library.
- 5.5 Council staff to review the process of the library newsletter.
- 5.6 Council staff to look at the possibility of more reading buddies at Greystanes Library.
- 5.7 Kirsty Plumridge be invited to the next meeting.

6. Library Strategy

The Library Strategy was adopted at the meeting of 6 Feb 2019. The Committee noted the actions and timeframes and that the Strategy are reportable on a quarterly basis. Council staff thanked the Committee for the important contribution they have made to the development of this Strategy. Cllr Lake also indicated that there was a Draft Cultural Plan that reflects the Library Services and buildings as part of a wider strategy.

7. Library Fees And Charges

The Committee discussed the proposed Inter Library Loan fee. This service is charged for by most Sydney Libraries and varies in cost. Cumberland does not currently charge a fee, so there are increasing demands from customers outside the Cumberland area for access to items from other libraries. The Committee generally felt that it was appropriate to have a fee attached, although overall the proposed \$5 was considered high. There was also agreement that there should be a limit of the number of requests and/or loans for this service.

Actions and Recommendations Arising:

7.1 Council staff to review and adjust the proposed Inter Library Loan fee prior to public exhibition in May.

8. Current Building Projects and Proposals

- Auburn Expansion – an update on the expansion of Technology Services at Auburn Library was provided.
- Granville Multipurpose Centre – an update on the building project was provided.
- Proposal for a Cumberland Heritage Centre – the Committee was briefed on the recent Council notice of motion regarding a Cumberland Heritage Centre in the existing Granville Library building. Council staff will be providing a report outlining more details of the proposal in June this year. The Committee generally supports the idea of the Cumberland Heritage Centre and will be happy to engage further to provide feedback to the report.

9. Library Grants and Funding

Metropolitan Public Library Grant

The Library Service was successful in a grant submission for \$90,000 to improve and maximise existing spaces in our Libraries. This will include furniture, technology and some minor modifications for Regents Park, Lidcombe, Greystanes, Guildford and Wentworthville Libraries.

Current State Funding and Subsidies

- The recent campaign to ensure Public Libraries funding from the State is maintained and increased was discussed.
- Both current Government and opposition have announced packages for public libraries that will see this happen moving forward.
- The developers contribution funds (previously Section 94) was discussed in relation to its purpose and what this means for Libraries.

10. General Business

There were no general business items.

11. Close of Meeting

Meeting Closed at 8.00pm.

Next meeting: Tuesday, 11 June 2019 at Granville Library, 8 Carlton Street, Granville.