

Minutes of the Public Libraries Special Interest Group
Held: Wellington City Library, 9 August 2006.

Present: Jeff Cabral, Brian Anderson, Joy Tutty, Margaret Parbhu, Barbara Whitton

Apologies: Joanne Horner, Rose Barker

Minutes of previous meeting 13 June 2006

One amendment, Debbie Duncan was omitted from those present.

Treasurers Report

The 2005/06 accounts have been finalised and documents forwarded to Steve Graves. Appendix 1.

Review

Teleconference with John Garraway to discuss options and recommendations. Agreed to prepare paper outlining above to go out to all members with the report, prior to LIANZA conference.

Action: Barbara, Joy, Jeff.

Public Library Statistics

Andrew has forwarded a draft of this year's questionnaire for comment. The committee has questions around definition of a branch, FTEs, in-house statistics and some questions omitted last year that were to be reconsidered for this year.

Action: Margaret.

Library Week

Jeff showed us the artwork prepared for the posters etc which will be distributed for Library Week. Sponsorship gained from PSIS. Library Week will coincide with NZ Book Month mid-September to Mid October. An announcement will be posted on the listserv as to what libraries are to receive for promotion soon.

New Zealand Digital Content Strategy Workshop

Pubsig has been invited to nominate a representative to attend a workshop on 14 August 2006, National Library. Brian will be our representative.

Supporting Entertainment in Public Libraries

We have received a request from Rob Arlidge to comment on the suitability of providing LIANZA support for a magician who wishes to apply for a grant that will enable him travel around NZ libraries for a year to deliver a "Happy as Larry" Magic Show. Has already performed in Dunedin libraries. Will contact Dunedin to seek opinion.

Action: Barbara

AGM / Conference

We have a 45 minute slot at Wellington conference. Require financial and convenors report. Will see Jane Hill & Sue Sutherland about using some of their allotted workshop time for the Strategic Framework for discussion of the review.

Action: Barbara and Jeff.

Next Meeting – November to coincide with date set for next BIGPLANZ meeting.

Tuesday 14 November 2006

Venue to be decided