

# VIC Chapter Report 2018

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The Victorian Chapter gathered for three meetings during 2018.

The March meeting was held at St Paschal Library in Box Hill. It included a presentation from Miranda Fyfield and Huw Sandaver about their attendance at the Rare Books Summer School Cataloguing Course held at the State Library of Victoria. Miranda's paper on the event appears in *The ANZTLA EJournal* #20 (2018).

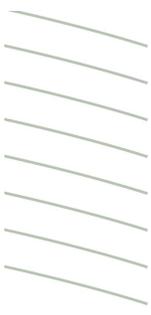
Huw provided an insight into the Goold project at Mannix Library. Cataloguing of books and other items has been time consuming due to the work involved in tracing the provenance of each book, and in recording any signatures. Signatures are binder's notations used in the absence of pagination. As an example, Huw showed us a hymn book published in Florence in 1706, prepared by the choir master of the Duomo, which contains signatures and cancelled pages. The latter are pages carefully cut out of all copies of an 'edition' of a book. Apparently, this was done in preference to the labour intensive work of changing the printing blocks used to print the book.

The August meeting was hosted by St Athanasius College, Eporo Tower Campus in central Melbourne. The final meeting of the year was held at Good Neighbours Café in Balwyn and provided a social gathering with delicious lunch to finish off the year.

Site reports for member libraries are presented below...

## Dalton McCaughey Library

New Chief Librarian at DML, Charlotte Clements, started on 12 February, along with new library dog, Rufus Clements. Rufus has spent a few days at the library and is settling in well. It seems a library dog is expected and, he is (mostly), happy to oblige.



The DML team is investigating a new library system. The preferred system, Koha, will save on system costs, provide more usability for reporting and collection management and provide an improved search experience for library members.

DML are also seeking a new staff member to take over from Ria when she retires.

### Alphacrucis College, Melbourne Campus Library

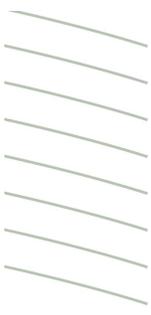
Harvest Bible College no longer exists. As of Dec 1 2017, we are the Melbourne Campus of Alphacrucis College (AC). AC is the denominational college of Australian Christian Churches (formerly AOG) but we have students from many different denominations. AC's spread of subjects is much wider than Harvest's used to be but the Melbourne campus (and library) will continue to focus on Theology and Ministry for the time being.

In mid-2017, Harvest packed up its QLD collection and shipped it to VIC for sorting & redistribution. That sorting has finally been completed and approx. 1,500 items were selected to stay in the VIC collection. The remaining 14,500 titles will most likely be shipped to the Adelaide campus library of AC. The process has allowed for a lot of catalogue correction and tidying – merging duplicate records, linking authority headings, correcting typos, downloading z39.50 records and adding contents of titles to enhance the level of cataloguing for the Melbourne collection.

Work on the library project of adding tables of contents to catalogue records continues and is progressing very well. At times it is proving difficult to help students understand we are running 2 libraries – 2 catalogues, 2 sets of (different) databases, 2 ways of requesting items etc – but we are getting there. [The Melb Campus library catalogue & databases are not yet integrated into a single Alphacrucis library catalogue; we are operating as 2 separate libraries within the one College]. The possibility of a new, combined-all-campus library catalogue is being looked into but we are still at the early stages of investigation.

### Leon Morris Library, Ridley College

We had our highest yet numbers of students studying online in Semester 3 (November 2017-February 2018), which increased library use over summer. Harriet Sabarez joined our library staff in January and is working 2 days a week. Plans for a building project, that includes extension and refurbishment of the library, are continuing to progress.



In addition to a full-on start to Semester 2, our main focus is on preparing for the proposed redevelopment of the library building which, if all continues to go to plan, will commence in late 2018. Alison and Ruth were both part of two planning days with library designer, Kevin Henna. Ruth continues to work on a full weed of the library and Harriet is busy boxing up journals to go into storage. Ruth appreciated attending the recent ANZTLA Conference and Alison is attending the APLIC Conference, July 30<sup>th</sup>—August 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Harriet added that they would be increasing the current library space and removing 75% of the current print collection. Some titles will go into storage, while others are being given away.

### St Athanasius Library

Over the summer, many of the foreign language books we had sitting on the donation shelves were catalogued and added to the Coptic Studies collection at Eporo Tower.

Preparations for second semester are well underway, and we are also purchasing for the Coptic Symposium that will be held in July.

Some PowToon instructional videos for students have been developed and will be released on the Library's Facebook page as the semester progresses. They will also be on display on the large screen in the Eporo Tower library when classes are being held on that campus.

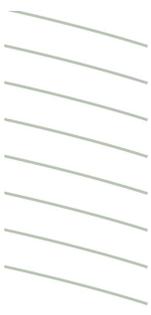
The start to Semester 2 has been quiet, with most SAC students now taking classes online. Deborah is currently investigating LibGuides in the hope of improving the Library's online presence.

Deborah is also working on re-cataloguing older books which are likely to be unique in Trove, in preparation for uploading the collection to Libraries Australia.

Gehan Aboud is now working at Eporo as a volunteer one night a week during semester. The new library is attracting more students than the Donvale campus due to its proximity to other universities, places of work, and homes.

### Melbourne School of Theology and Eastern College Australia

Eastern College Australia started moving some journals late last year. Then in November and December we made the transition from Mulgrave to Wantirna of around 85,000 items. A lot of packing and unpacking books, then dismantling the shelves and reconstructing the shelves, moving



Melbourne School of Theology books and shelves to make room for the Eastern collection at the other end. We worked very hard, with four extra workers. They said it couldn't be done in the time span, but we did the bulk of the moving before the students came back for the January summer school.

We are now readjusting our resources to suit the needs of the students. We started putting the journals in order and will be doing a stocktake. There is a lot of culling and sending literature to a better place. We are now feeling settled at the Library at MST.

We have two libraries merging into one. We have a shipping container load of books that has to be emptied by the end of the year and we are about halfway through. The books that are not emptied will have to be rehomed, or they go out with the container. As we process each book, we are checking the catalogue details, putting duplicates in another collection and then shelving them in the limited space we have left.

We are also merging the collections, one is the Pettee classification and the other Dewey, in favour of Dewey. All the items are being sorted into standard size books, folios and large folios. It is a huge job.

We are also trying to merge our online databases as a hub to be more streamlined for the users.

## Redemptorist Library; Social Justice Library and the Patrick Murphy Memorial Library

The Redemptorist Library has benefitted from a large number of new books on Systematic Theology; Moral Theology; Sociology and Pastoral Care; and Old Testament and Biblical languages in the last few weeks due to several members of the academic and research scholars moving to different houses in Glen Iris; Keysborough; Galong (NSW) and Auckland, NZ. This is to allow for expanded student numbers arriving from Indonesia and other parts of Asia for theological training at YTU. Some of the books are not held on the UDCat so make a valuable contribution to the overall collection in Melbourne; others are only held by DML but not by libraries in the Eastern suburbs. Books can be borrowed on ILL. Check the catalogue by searching for Redemptorist Library catalogue (note we use an old modified form of Dewey, the Lynn Murphy classification system, so the call numbers will be a bit unfamiliar and 'odd'.)

Having taught missiology and interreligious dialogue at YTU since 1984 Prof. Jacob Kavunkal SVD embarked this year on starting a new mission in Myanmar by invitation of Cardinal Charles Bo. Fr Jacob was trained in Pune, India, then achieved his Doctorate in Missiology from the Gregorian



University in Rome. He taught at the Pontifical Athenaeum, Pune for over 20 years and in Chicago, the Philippines and Sri Lanka before coming to Australia. Now retiring from teaching at YTU, he is leading this new Divine Word Missionaries venture in Myanmar. I will miss him greatly in the library for his advice and guidance in book selection.

The Social Justice Library would welcome more use, it is a well-resourced collection with only one small group using it. The catalogue can be accessed as above, both libraries on the same catalogue.

Patrick Murphy Memorial Library, Divine Word Missionaries - there are several key changes to SVD academics there too. Fr Jacob Kavunkal SVD is now teaching in Burma / Myanmar a new missionary venture for the SVDs. His replacement will arrive mid-year. Several of the older missionaries will move to the community in Epping, NSW and will be greatly missed. The library is busy with students well into their theology courses.

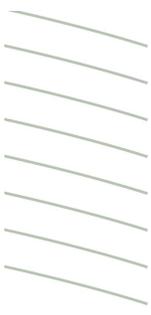
Since the last meeting we have had large donations of new books from Professor Anthony Kelly CSsR, of Australian Catholic University (Systematic theology); Rev. Dr. Michael Mason CSsR (Sociology and Pastoral Research) and Prof. Brian Johnstone CSsR (Moral theology). A great addition to the library and the whole University of Divinity theological collection. These residents of Kew have moved to Galong, NSW and Glen Iris to make way for several students from Indonesia and Thailand etc who will be studying at Yarra Theological Union once they have completed English classes. Kew monastery will be the centre of studies for Redemptorist seminarians.

## Mannix Library

Over the summer the library has commenced its first ever stocktake which is taking much longer than first anticipated!

We are obtaining quotes at the moment for new security gates and some compactus shelving.

The Library has created a new Goold special collection named after the first Archbishop of Melbourne. An Australian Research Council grant is funding a joint project between the University of Melbourne and the University of Divinity which is looking at Goold's contribution to the cultural life of colonial Melbourne, especially through his art collection, library and his patronage of architecture (i.e. St Patrick's Cathedral). A Goold Symposium was held in February which included papers on these key themes. Mannix Library has discovered over 600 items in its collection that previously belonged to the Archbishop. A number of items of interest were prepared by Huw and placed on display in the library as part of the Symposium.



Mannix Library has recently installed a new compactus in the Main Library. This has allowed us to move our rare books and Goold Collection upstairs from the compactus room on the ground floor. Current journal subscription volumes from 2010+ are being retained upstairs but anything pre 2010 has been relocated downstairs. These moves are part of a plan to create a Rare Books/Special Collections room within the Main Library.

The Library experienced a flood in June which resulted in the loss of several hundred books.

Kerrie attended the ATLA conference in Indianapolis in June and presented a paper on Collaborative Library projects at the University of Divinity.

We are currently exploring options for a possible new LMS for Mannix Library and new interface for the Library Hub.

## University of Divinity

Several new databases have been added to the Library Hub in 2018.

A new combined library catalogue has been launched – <https://divinity.on.worldcat.org/discovery> UDCat allows the simultaneous searching of the holdings of multiple University of Divinity libraries. The search can also be expanded to include WorldCat, the world's most comprehensive library database, enabling users to identify resources held in library collections around the world. At the moment UDCat includes the holdings of 6 libraries with several others expected to join over the course of the year as their holdings are added to Libraries Australia.

A brochure has been produced which includes information about all of the libraries associated with the University. It is also available online - <https://indd.adobe.com/view/432446da-6151-4544-8c3a-256ec177cba1>