**Koha-Users (Melbourne) Notes on the Meeting held at the ATMC Library, Level 2, 399 Collins Street, Melbourne on March 20th 2017.**

Meeting opened at 6.05 pm by Moyra McAllister, who kindly agreed to convene the meeting while Siobhan Foster took notes.

Present: Kerrie Stevens (Harvest Bible College); Shannon Parsons (Australian Technical and Management College); Galina Brejneva (Bureau of Meteorology Library); Irma Birchall (Calyx); James Baker (Melbourne Athenaeum Library / Calyx); Bob Birchall (Calyx); Jill Bartholomeusz (Photography Studies College); Allison Belcher (Photography Studies College); Kathleen Fitzgerald (Australia Nursing and Midwifery Federation (Vic. Branch)); Moyra McAllister (Melbourne Athenaeum & Brotherhood of St Laurence); Siobhan Foster (Divine Word Missionaries and Redemptorist Libraries, Box Hill / Kew).

Apologies: Deborah Decru (St Athanasius Coptic Orthodox College of Theology); Tom Coleman (Athenaeum Library Melbourne); Nadine Sales (Brotherhood of St Laurence)

Moyra thanked Shannon for offering to host the meeting, and Shannon spoke briefly about ATMC which provides a pathway for international students seeking higher education in the fields of Business and Management in Australia and abroad. This educational institution works in association with three leading Australian universities that specialise in the fields of information technology and business: FedUni; Charles Darwin University and the University of the Sunshine Coast.

ATMC serves approx 2,500 students over 4.5 campuses in Melbourne and Sydney.

For information about the central library see the following link:

<http://www.atmc.edu.au/student-support/library>

**Libraries Australia**

Libraries under the University of Divinity network will be encouraged to join Libraries Australia in order to contribute data to the UD proposed new database. Siobhan asked Calyx if they are able to help prepare our Koha Marc records for compliance with Libraries Australia requirements. Irma assured us that the National Library of Australia has the Koha framework and that a match and merge has been set up for other Koha libraries.

In the first instance a test file is sent to LA. Once that is approved then batches of data can be sent at regular intervals e.g. quarterly. Sometimes libraries choose to send some part of their collection to LA e.g. a special collection.

Irma had prepared and showed us a demonstration of the procedure and *will send a link to her slide presentation.*

Membership of LA is approx. $500 for small libraries. Shannon said that sometimes a small library can use the NUC of a larger library and avoid the fee, this was her experience at RMIT and worth exploring for the UD situation.

Last year the Federal government threatened to starve Trove of funding, but it seems that funds have been found to ensure it can continue due to the worthwhile service it provides.

**Lost Items / Missing items**

Moyra noted that in a recent stocktake at the Athenaeum Library many missing items were noted. How can one record a bulk item change “Missing” in the Lost Status? It seems that this question has not yet been adddressed with a patch / support. It was agreed that it is important to retain records of missing items as they can be returned to the library after several years. This problem will be further investigated.

**Statistical Reports**

Libraries are often required or want to supply statistics to governing bodies etc. This can all be achieved through the Koha system of SQL Reports or their Guided Reports which can be adjusted to specific requirements. Kerrie will send advice on two SQL reports she has used for the ANZTLA Statistics requirement. Also James recommended a self-help tutorial on W3schools.com on SQL reports. Bob said to send Calyx details of the requirements and they can easily help set up suitable reports.

**New Koha Releases**

Bob reported on some features of new Koha forthcoming releases (link will be sent asap):

1. Inter Library Loans will probably come in the 17.11, rather than the 17.05 release as it is not yet signed off. Still in production *and libraries are needed to test it.*
2. Marc is a 1970s protocol and will be superseded in time. There are many items that are not Marc compliant, or exceed the 3,000 character limit. New independent schema will be released sooner or later with biblio\_metadata.
3. There are some speed boosts in the pipeline, one in March/April.
4. Coral is an Electronic Resource Management System soon to be upgraded on Koha from BibliLibre (France).

Meeting closed at 7.30pm and seven members went for dinner in Hardware Lane, next to the library. Next meeting to be announced later.

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