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From eText to eScholarship – a process of strategic positioning

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Elements
• new roles, responsibilities and relationships
• priorities, investment, risk
• collaborations
• staffing, expertise, skills and funding

Positioning
• digital innovation / leadership as Library strategy
• project collaborations in the semantic web
• eResearch expectations, NCRIS etc
• OA: new options, new opportunities
influences

• acknowledgements (Thompson, Cameron et al, Radford and Shipp)
• engaging / enjoying the university
• an intellectual enterprise
• collections – ‘now so very un-PC’
• leveling and levelers
• ‘its about the content, stupid’
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eText centre (1996)

- Licenced full text
- Local networking
- Skill development
- SGML / XML
- TEI
The Australian Cooperative Digitisation Project (ACDP) 1840-1845: Novels

Welcome to Australian Periodical Publications 1840-1845 - a digital library of Australian journals that began publication between 1840-1845.

The site has been developed as part of the Australian Cooperative Digitisation Project and one of the Project's key aims was to ensure access to and preservation of the selected titles through a process of preservation microfilming and digitisation.

From March 1996 to June 1997, the eMJA, in cooperation with the University of Sydney Library, conducted a trial of open peer review using the Internet. In fact, the website of The Medical Journal of Australia was first developed as part of that experiment.
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fundamentals for integration

• commitment to standards for archiving and re-use
• delivery capabilities - publishing services for books, journals, conferences, new forms
• stable open digital repository services
• project analysis and planning advice
• digital library collections and services
• business planning, legal compliance and eStore
• partnerships, collaborations and opportunism
Current activities

- Botanic taxonomic keys: online representation and navigation
- Digital repository metadata management: Research data collections
- Digital repository submission workflows: Collection review service
- eBot
- eFlora
- Guide to Library participation in externally funded projects
- Relational database preservation
- Research data and policy inventory
- Research data management
  - fish-bones (archaeology)
  - retracing the Ho Chi Minh Trail (anthropology)
  - theses and GIS data (geosciences)
  - Uzbekistan wall paintings (archaeology)
Adding value

• commercial scholarly publishing
• electronic and print
• HERDC points
• rights and licencing
• re-use of digital content
• repurposing of classics
• eTexts to PoD
• eStore and PoD services
• business services
Publishing and the repository

- archival storage
- print on demand
- managed exposure via open repository
- Google et al
- Open Conference and Journal Systems
- OA readiness
- experimental and multimedia
collaborations in the semantic web

• beyond social networking
• challenges for digital library collections
• new research possibilities, eg annotations
• new relationships between data sets/objects, eg RDF etc
• collaborative authoring etc
• new publishing/delivery options
eResearch expectations, NCRIS etc

- role in facilitating discussion of issues
- university policy and strategies for eResearch
- project support and advice
- data and information management frameworks
- secure trusted repository and data sets under library management
- HERDC / ERA storage
- institutional stewardship obligations for research data
OA: new options, new opportunities

- ARC rules, Accessibility Framework
- QUT, Harvard, NEH, Wellcome etc
- OA licence via repository services
- Publishing options: OA premiums, OJS/OCS
- Retaining copyright and IP
- Costs and cost shifting
- An Australian SPARC?
- "..science flood but knowledge drought"
- "..its about power, and it has consequences"
strategic positioning

adding value to scholarship
Thank you

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