

CAUL Strategic Plan

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Report to CAUL

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| Section | CONZUL Report to CAUL |
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| Responsibility | John Redmayne, Chair, CONZUL |
| Time-line | October 2009-March 2010 |
| Activity since last report | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <u>CONZUL meetings</u>. CONZUL has met twice, in October 2009 in Christchurch , where “our visitor from Australia” was Graham Black (next ALIA President); and in March 2010 where our “visitor from Australia” was Cathrine Harboe-Ree (President, CAUL). We greatly enjoyed both Australian visitors, who also made very worthwhile contributions to the discussions at our meetings. 2. <u>Staff movements</u>. Adriana de Groot is the Acting University Librarian, Lincoln University. 3. <u>CONZULAC</u>. This is CONZUL’s book purchasing consortium. The previous contract was held by Blackwells, but this time YBP were successful. The contract runs for three years from 1 January 2010. Libraries have offered up a varying percentage of their monographs expenditure to be part of the contract (varies between 30% and 60%). 4. <u>CONZUL Sponsored Interest Group Meetings</u>. Two are being arranged for this year: (1) Digitization and collaborative selection of Pasifika materials (2) Library learning spaces (to which architects and university facilities staff will also be invited). Auckland, Massey and Canterbury, who employ Asian Languages Librarians, will also be holding a separate meeting for this group. A meeting of IR staff paid for by TEC (Tertiary Education Commission) project funding, will also take place. 5. <u>Library budgets for 2010</u>. Generally collection budgets are adequate for normal activity (including serial renewals, without the need to cancel), operational budgets are tight. The USD is at about 0.70 for us, which is a comparatively good rate. 6. <u>Storage Project</u>. The TEC project for a national shared store is proceeding well, with a workshop to take place in June, and a completed report by the end of the year. Funding was also made available over the summer for a number of small projects at each university to identify items which could potentially be held in a national store. 7. <u>Digitization of the A-Js (Appendices to the Journals of the House of Representatives)</u>. This is a collaborative project between the National Library of New Zealand and a number of sector groups. A trial database now exists, and the first ten years of appendices should be publicly available later this year. 8. <u>Library salaries survey</u>. This is a remuneration survey across the whole NZ library sector, led by LIANZA. For the first time all NZ university libraries took part. The mean salary for the NZ University |

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| | <p>Librarians was \$141,215 (compared with \$132,635 in 2008). In terms of mean average salaries for librarians, the special library sector (especially law specials) are the highest paid, followed by the National Library, and then Universities. There is then somewhat of a gap before the polytechnics, then publics, and with school librarians the lowest. In terms of gender ratios, the National Library (22%) and Universities (21%) have the highest percentage of male staff, while the schools, not surprisingly, had the lowest (2%).</p> <p>9. <u>National Library of New Zealand.</u> There are currently proposals to merge the National Library and Archives NZ into the Dept. of Internal Affairs. The consequences of this proposal and the impact on the National Library are not yet clear, although there are not any indications that the National Library is in favour. The proposals are part of a cabinet paper which has not yet been released.</p> <p>10. <u>Minister of Tertiary Education.</u> The Minister of Education, Anne Tolley, who has given a very mediocre performance so far, has had the tertiary part of her portfolio taken away from her. The new Minister for Tertiary Education is Steven Joyce, a multi millionaire (from the media sector) and with a reputation as a fix-it man for the government. Steven is, however, not without his merits, and in his other portfolios appears to listen and to make good decisions. The government budget, in late May, however, it not expected to bring any particularly good news for the tertiary sector.</p> |
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| Plan for forthcoming activity | The next meeting of CONZUL will be October 14-15, at the University of Waikato (Hamilton). Again we would welcome "visitors from Australia". |
| For information | LIANZA (the Library and Information Association of New Zealand Aotearoa) is having its centenary this year. To mark the occasion, the LIANZA Conference will go back to Dunedin ("At the edge: Te Matakaaheru ", 28 Nov-1 Dec 2010) |
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