

CAUL Strategic Plan
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Report to CAUL

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Section	II. Contribution to research
Action	Improve opportunities for cost-efficient purchasing and licensing of electronic information resources
Responsibility	CEIRC
Time-line	Ongoing
Activity since last report	Meeting held on November 9, 2006 (Melbourne), 30 January, 2007 (Sydney) and 18 April, 2007 (Brisbane).
Achievements since last report	<p>CEIRC 2006 Operational Plan</p> <p>This is completed, except for the development of a marketing plan. A draft marketing plan raised issues about the scope and purpose of CEIRC. These issues will be dealt with as part of the CEIRC 2007/2008 operational plan.</p> <p>Achievements against the CEIRC 2006 operational plan can be read at http://www.caul.edu.au/datasets/ceirc2006achievements.doc</p> <p>CEIRC 2007-2008 Operational Plan</p> <p>A draft plan was discussed by CEIRC on 18 April 2007. The most recent available version is available at http://www.caul.edu.au/dataset\$/ceirc2007operationalplanPK.doc. A revised version will be presented to CAUL Executive. A major action will be to review staffing and operational issues for CEIRC.</p> <p>CEIRC Membership</p> <p>CAUL Executive approved membership of BSES Limited (Bureau of Sugar Experiment Stations).</p> <p>Product and Vendor Negotiations</p> <p>At its January 2007 meeting, CEIRC met with Sage to discuss the preferred feature of a proposal to CEIRC members. Negotiations are continuing. Representatives of Taylor and Francis also attended this meeting to hear concerns about T&F systems and processes.</p> <p>Access to Fairfax business content has been removed from Factiva and will soon be removed from NewsBank. The terms and conditions for the new service from Fairfax Business Media do not suit the educational market, both in price and technical terms. Another part of Fairfax is offering a new service called the SMH (Sydney Morning Herald) Digital Archive. The licence terms do not suit the higher education environment. CEIRC is pursuing these issues as a high priority.</p> <p>Datasets Coordinators Meeting</p> <p>This was held on January 29 in Sydney. Members expressed interest in a workshop on statistics and measurement.</p>

Publicity, reports, publications since last report	Approved minutes are available at http://www.caul.edu.au/meetings/ and draft minutes are available at http://www.caul.edu.au/meeting\$/ceirc-meetings.html . Informal reports were emailed to CAUL list after November 2006 and January 2007 meetings
Plan for forthcoming activity	Workshop on statistics to be held in July or August. CEIRC is making arrangements with CAVAL to hold this event. Finalise scope and terms of reference of CEIRC staffing and operational review and seek CAUL approval, including funding. Next meeting in Sydney on June 28, 2007.
CAUL budget implications	No issues for normal operations. Funding requirements for CEIRC staffing and operational review not known at this stage.
Recommendations to CAUL	Note the report

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