UWA Research repository:

How collaboration contributed to the development of a CRIS (Pure)

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Profile

Students 24,470

Staff 3,559

A world top 100 university

Research income $195M 2014

Research publications 4,974 2015

6 Libraries

Research Support @ UWA

DVC Research

Office of Research Enterprise

Strategy, Planning & Performance

Graduate Research School

University Library

IT Services

Background to the Repository project

2013

Project commences

Focus: Metadata records and open access documents

Library driven with some IT support

2015

New function for Library = opportunity for collaboration

Project membership expands

Reassessment of function requirements

Scope broadens: wider research profile for University

Background to the Repository project

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2016

Profiles, grant data, altmetrics, open access publications, research publications metadata

Library, Office of Research Enterprise, Office of Strategy, Planning and Performance, IT Services

And …. Researchers!

Collaborative Activities

- Functional role change
- Project meetings
- Formal and informal meetings
- Staff secondments

Methodology

Sought to test whether **collaboration actually improves the outcome of repository implementation**

Ethics approval to conduct 11 semi-structured interviews
Interviews were transcribed, coded and analysed

Senior leaders, project team members, Repository and research services support staff

Questions covered collaboration
between the two areas

Themes

- The relationship between the Library and the Office of Research Enterprise

- Changes resulting from increased collaboration and communication
  - Change in scope and direction
  - Development of cross-departmental awareness
  - Changing understandings of roles and functions
  - Changing personal views and understandings
  - Further collaborative opportunities

- Early identification of business requirements

- Future directions

Collaboration builds better relationships

'…it has come around to be one of those things that have really cemented the relationship with the Library…a concept of continuing engagement between both our offices and the repository was a catalyst to happen…'
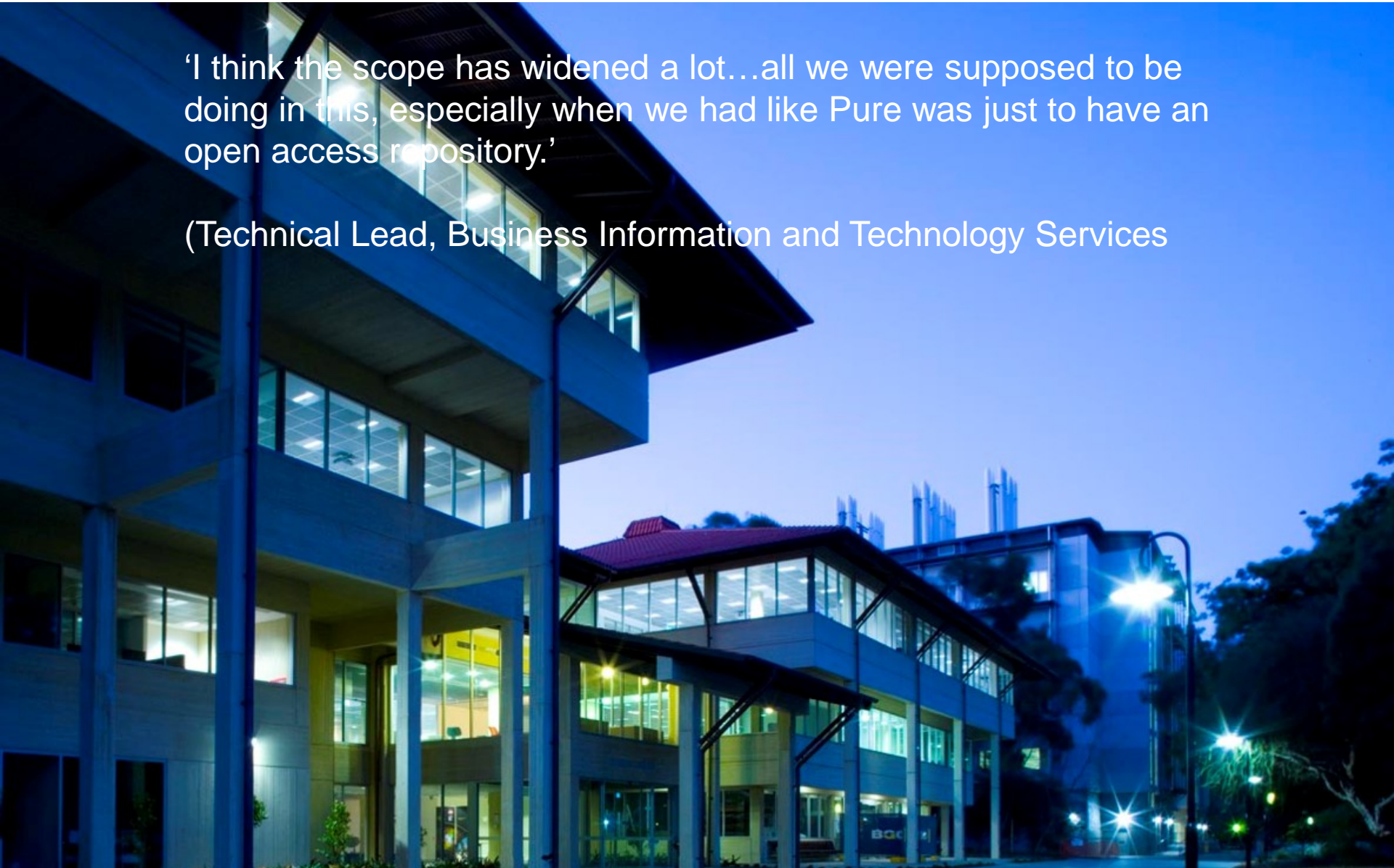
(Senior Leader, Office of Research Enterprise)

Collaboration improves the product

'I think the scope has widened a lot…all we were supposed to be doing in this, especially when we had like Pure was just to have an open access repository.'

(Technical Lead, Business Information and Technology Services

Collaboration facilitates better understandings

'A lot of Library staff came over and were quite integral to ERA15 which was great and then that means that when staff went back to the Library they could take that information back…and share that so that everyone has a wider understanding of what ORE does and vice versa as well. And ORE knew what the Library did in terms of the Research Repository, what open access really meant, what the mandates are…'
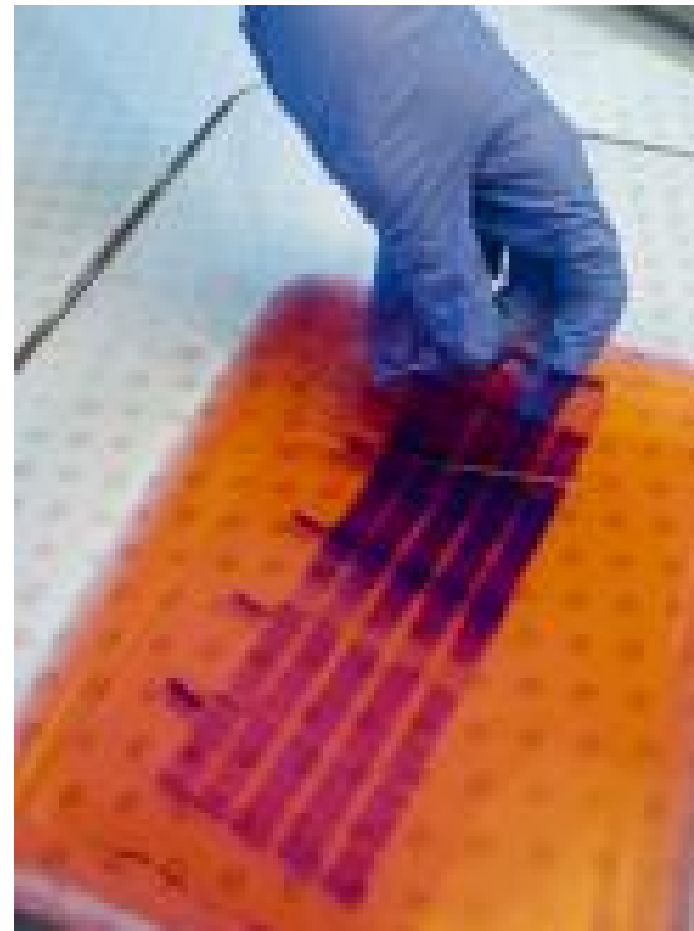
(Staff member, formerly of Office Research Enterprise)

Collaboration changes views

'…certainly opened my eyes to the real potential that the Library has to help to support a much greater part of the research lifecycle. Having that relationship with the Office of Research Enterprise has helped because I think they really have helped us understand what the key issues are for researchers and the context of research.'

(Senior Leader, University Library)

Early identification of business requirements is key

'Collaborating with the Research Office emphasises the benefit of collaboration at an early stage and we're seeing that with ORCID and a few other projects that we're working on…when we are all involved upfront, we all understand what we're doing, we agree on what the scope is and we all sponsor the project together…leads to a much better outcome.'

(Senior Leader, University Library)

Collaboration builds a shared vision

Data sets

ORCID integration

Researcher interaction

Media mentions

ERA

Further automation

Conclusion

Strategic collaboration and communication helps shape the direction and build support for repositories.

A strategic university-wide approach to implementation is essential.

Questions?