

CAUL Achievement Award Nomination Form

Select the appropriate category or categories:

COMMUNICATION & INFLUENCE

To provide leadership in relevant higher education developments and information policy, and communicate activities to key stakeholders;

CONTRIBUTION TO LEARNING AND TEACHING

To facilitate the members' role in supporting and maximising learning and teaching outcomes and contributing positively to the student experience;

CONTRIBUTION TO RESEARCH

To facilitate the members' role in supporting and maximising research outcomes;

INFORMATION RESOURCES & SCHOLARLY COMMUNICATION

To maximise access to information resources and facilitate libraries' wider scholarly communication and information management roles; and

DELIVERING QUALITY AND VALUE

To promote continuous improvement and best practice in pursuit of internationally recognised high quality library services and operations.

Institution: University of New South Wales

Name/Team details:

Name: TOM RUTHVEN	Position: DIGITAL LIBRARY INNOVATION AND DEVELOPMENT MANAGER
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Nominees are aware of the nomination (yes/no): Yes

Nominated by:

Name: SUSAN LAFFERTY	Position: DIRECTOR, DIGITAL LIBRARY SERVICES
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Achievement statement

Introduction

Tom Ruthven has played an integral role in the creation of the current academic library environment in Australia. His work has directly increased access to scholarly information resources and enhanced the profile of academic libraries in the areas of scholarly communication, information management and data management. He has contributed to national and international programs through his periods of service at the National Library of Australia and The University of New South Wales Library.

Tom's leadership over many years has contributed to the transformation of scholarly communication in Australia. This contribution includes:

Representational roles:

Member 2009-, Primo Working Group, International Group of Ex Libris Users(IGeLU)
Chair 2009-, Primo Working Group, Australia and New Zealand Regional Ex Libris Group (ANZReG)
Member 2007-2009, Metadata Advisory Committee for Australian Repositories
Member 2002-2004, Research Libraries Group SHARES Executive Group

Professional Achievements

Tom's professional achievements over the past 10 years include:

- Led a data description project to feed the Australian Research Data Commons and developed a strong working relationship with Australian National Data Service and Intersect Australia Ltd.
- Contributing significantly to the digital library research field through involvement in national research projects, exchanging ideas with leading innovators such as GESIS in Germany and the Digital Curation Centre in the UK, and presenting papers and writing articles.
- Set goals for the Australasian Digital Theses program to facilitate the shift towards use of repositories to manage digital theses. Tom followed this through over several years, until the CAUL ADT server was finally decommissioned in 2010.
- Executive Officer, Australian Partnership for Sustainable Repositories 2004-2005.
- Organised the highly successful 8th IFLA Interlending & Document Supply International Conference at the National Library of Australia in October 2003.
- Led the Australian Interlending Benchmarking Study in 2000 and 2001 and promulgated results. The Study made key recommendations that led to the improvement of services and reduced the cost of interlibrary lending operations in Australia.
- Established the Copies Direct service, a web-based ordering service for individuals to obtain copies of most items held by the National Library of Australia.

University Librarian's supporting statement:

Tom has been highly regarded by his peers for many years. He built a national profile through his marketing and training roles with the Australian Bibliographic Network, then moving on to other roles in digital curation and interlibrary lending. He has been active in repository developments in recent years. I believe that much of Tom's recognition by his peers is received informally – other librarians contact him because he is knowledgeable and generous in his advice. I am happy to endorse his nomination.

Name: ANDREW WELLS

Signature:



Date: 31 October 2011

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Supporting statement from Howard Amos, University Librarian, University of Otago

I'm extremely pleased to be able to provide support for your nomination of Tom Ruthven for the 2011 CAUL Achievement Award. Tom has made a substantial contribution to librarianship in the development of research support services and research data management building expertise in data librarianship and collaborative platforms that support e-Research.

As UNSW project manager for the ARROW project (2006 – 8) Tom was instrumental in the establishment of the UNSW Library Repository Services team to provide support services for UNSW researchers. Building Library support services for researchers included a sustainable repository that support the University's response to ERA as well as the management of data for research projects, such as the Health Resource Hub (<http://www.med.unsw.edu.au/sphcmweb.nsf/page/HRHHUB>) and MemRe (<http://membranes.edu.au/wiki/index.php/About>). These last two projects supported substantial research collaborations across Australia.

Publications & Conferences

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