

2010

THE YEAR IN REVIEW

Members

CAUL welcomed new members Mary Davies from the University of Western Australia, Margie Jantti from the University of Wollongong and farewelled Linda Luther on her retirement from University of Tasmania. On behalf of CAUL, the president expressed sadness at the death of University of Southern Queensland member Alan Smith.

Executive Committee 2010

Cathrine Harboe-Ree – President

Ainslie Dewe – Deputy President

Imogen Garner – Treasurer

John Shipp

Heather Gordon – to September 2010

Judy Stokker – from September 2010

In attendance: Diane Costello – Executive Officer

Collaboration

- Two joint executive meetings of CAUL, CAUDIT and ACODE were held during 2010.
- CONZUL members continued to be welcomed to CAUL meetings, and the CAUL president attended a CONZUL meeting in Wellington. In addition the president met with the SCONUL chair and secretary in the UK.
- CAUL continued to have input to Libraries Australia through its representatives Linda Luther, Anne Horn and then Liz Burke when Linda retired.
- CAUL continued to liaise with ALIA National Office and the current ALIA president and CAUL member, Graham Black, from Central Queensland University.
- CAUL members on the Universities Australia Expert Reference Group on Copyright Derek Whitehead and Heather Gordon kept the membership informed on copyright.
- CAUL continued to provide expert advice to the NHMRC on opening up access to research outputs.

Higher Education Policy

CAUL continued to monitor higher education policy and wrote submissions in response to: An Indicator Framework for Higher Education Performance Funding: Discussion paper; the NeCTAR (National eResearch Collaboration Tools and Resources) consultation; and the Super Science – Research Data Storage Infrastructure Implementation discussion paper from DIISR.

Communication

The new CAUL website was launched in August 2010.

Planning

- CAUL drafted a new strategic plan 2010 – 2012.
- New advisory committees were established to replace a range of CAUL committees and working groups, namely:
 - » **CAUL Collection Sharing Advisory Committee (CCSAC)** – chair Shirley Oakley
 - » **CAUL Copyright Advisory Committee (CCAC)** – chair Derek Whitehead
 - » **CAUL Open Scholarship Initiative Advisory Committee (COSIAC)** – chairs Maxine Brodie and Judy Stokker
 - » **CAUL Electronic Information Resources Advisory Committee (CEIRAC)** – chair Andrew Wells
 - » **CAUL Statistics Advisory Committee (CSAC)** – chair Craig Anderson
 - » **CAUL Australasian Institutional Repository Support Service Advisory Committee (CAIRSSAC)** – chair Heather Gordon
 - » **CAUL Learning & Teaching Advisory Committee (CLTAC)** – chair Graham Black
 - » **CAUL Quality & Assessment Advisory Committee (CQAAC)** – chair Des Stewart.

Key Activities

- CAIRSS provided a major contribution to the ARC's ERA technical support.
- CAIRSS was reviewed and members of CAUL and CONZUL agreed to support the service for a further two years, 2011 – 2012, to provide support with common repository management issues, copyright good practice, software issues, open access and data management.
- CAUL issued a **Statement on Open Scholarship** to reflect the increasingly open nature of access to information, research, collaboration and the sharing and re-use of research data.
- The Australasian Digital Theses (ADT) program which began in 1998 ceased operations from the end of 2010. The content of the database will continue to be accessible from awarding institutions, via Google and the National Library of Australia's Trove discovery service.
- CEIRC work focused on pricing models, monitoring publishers' price increases, undertaking price negotiations with major vendors, and reviewing the list of subscriptions to reduce the number of low take-up offers.
- The CAUL Statistics Focus Group commenced a review of the CAUL statistics and ran a breakout session with CAUL members on changes to the methodology and the collected data elements. The motto "cheap, useful and fairly valid" still applies.

Staff Development

- CAUL Library Staff Development Conference 2010 attracted 45 delegates. There were 14 speakers and the evaluations were overwhelmingly positive for the program, speakers and the organisation of the event.
- CAUL International Travelling Fund was established in 2010 with funds from winding up UNISON. The inaugural award was presented to Annie Yee from RMIT.
- CAUL Achievement Award was won by Monash University data management coordinator Samantha Searle.

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HOT TOPICS 2010

Communication & Influence

- » **Copyright 4 CAUL** – by Derek Whitehead
- » **Universities Australia Strategic Review** – by Dr Glenn Withers, Universities Australia
- » **North American Academic Libraries: A view from Downunder** – by Janine Schmidt, McGill University

Contribution to Learning & Teaching

- » **Transforming Australia's Higher Education System: What the Australian Government's Reform Agenda means for disadvantaged students** – by Bruce Jennings, DEEWR
- » **Print Disability: A national service for accessible information** – by Julie Rae, Vision Australia
- » **LATN Survey of Indigenous library services in selected university libraries in Australia, New Zealand and Canada** – by Alex Byrne
- » **How UniSA Library staff got an ALTC Grant and how you, too can get one** – by Irene Dorskatch
- » **ACADEMIC INTEGRITY MODULE (AIM): ALTC Citation for Outstanding Contribution to Student Learning 2009** – by Greg Anderson
- » **The library contribution to the ALTC awarded 'First Year Biology Learning and Teaching Group project'** – by Ainslie Dewe

Contribution to Research

- » **The State of Two Nations: Open Scholarship in Australasia** – by Alex Byrne
- » **Research Infrastructure and Support in Australia** – by Clare McLaughlin, DIISR
- » **Research Infrastructure and Support** – by Paul Sherlock, CAUDIT
- » **Metadata Stores Program: enabling Discovery and Re-Use** – by Andrew Treloar, ANDS
- » **Institutional Support for Research** – by Philip G Kent

Information Resources

- » **Australian Access Federation** – by Heath Marks, AAF
- » **Collaborative Storage of Print Collections** – by Helen Renwick, The University of Auckland

Delivering Quality and Value

- » **Statistics "Thought starters"** – by Craig Anderson
- » **'Why then we rack the value': Building Value Frameworks for Academic Libraries** – by Vic Elliott
- » **Benchmarking** – by Paul Sherlock, CAUDIT Standing Committee on Benchmarking
- » **Why libraries have to demonstrate their value and impact? ...and how could it be done? Report back from the Innovative Research Universities** – Libraries Value and Impact Workshop, by Ainslie Dewe

CAUL ACRONYMS

AAF – Australian Access Federation

ACODE – Australian Council on Open, Distance and E-Learning

ALIA – Australian Library and Information Association

ALTC – Australian Learning and Teaching Council

ANDS – Australian National Data Service

ARC – Australian Research Council

CAIRSS – CAUL Australasian Institutional Repository Support Service

CAUDIT – Council of Australian University Directors of Information Technology

CAUL – Council of Australian University Librarians

CEIRC – CAUL Electronic Information Resources Consortium

CONZUL – Council of New Zealand University Librarians

DEEWR – Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations

DIISR – Department of Innovation, Industry, Science and Research

LATN – Libraries of the Australian Technology Network

NHMRC – National Health and Medical Research Council

SCONUL – Society of College, National and University Libraries

UA – Universities Australia