



QULOC News

Welcome!

Welcome to the first issue of QULOC News, a periodic newsletter to keep you informed of what is happening within QULOC. It has been a hectic start to the year. On March 21st, University Librarians and the six Working Party convenors met to review the QULOC Strategic Plan. This group reviewed the QULOC vision, purpose and values before performing a SWOT analysis and devising strategies. We will be preparing a draft plan which will be circulated to members for comment. Working Parties will then develop performance indicators at subsequent meetings throughout the year.

I hope you will take the opportunity to participate throughout the year in one or more of the excellent seminars hosted by our Working Parties.

Janice Rickards (Griffith), QULOC Convenor.

There is soon to be a new University in town!

The Northern Territory Government has announced the creation of the Charles Darwin University - an amalgamation of the Northern Territory University and Centralian College, which is mainly based in Alice Springs. The new University will also have a close working relationship with the Menzies School of Health Research in Darwin, and will have a partnership arrangement with the Australian National University in Canberra.

The new University will have four campuses: Casuarina, Palmerston, Alice Springs and Katherine, together with Study Centres in Nhulunbuy, Jabiru, Yulara, and Tennant Creek.

Academically the University will have two main components, an Institute of Advanced Studies, and Faculties that deliver both Higher Education and TAFE courses across the campuses and in the study centres, thereby continuing the strong NTU tradition of integrating HE and TAFE.

Vision

Charles Darwin University will seek to be a world class University contributing to world knowledge and serving the economic and social needs of the NT through education, research and community service.

So what's in a name?

Charles Darwin University is considered to be a distinctive and aspirational name which will identify the University as part of the world community of scholars and researchers. Charles Darwin is recognised as one of the world's scientists, whose original thinking created a new paradigm. The host city of Darwin is also named after Charles Darwin.

So how will this affect library services?

NTU Library is already well established to provide library services to both Higher Education and TAFE staff and students, and already has a

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presence at Casuarina and Palmerston. We already provide a high standard of service to individuals located off campus via our Off Campus Library Service.

The new University gives the Library a chance to investigate new ways of delivering services, and establishing new partnerships. The current Centralian College Library in Alice Springs is a combined TAFE/School Library, which will now have to be expanded to provide services to a third client group: Higher Education and Research staff and students. This will bring with it all the challenges of delivering services to distinct client groups from the one physical facility.

While the NTU has had a physical presence at Katherine for a number of years, both in the township and in the Northern Territory Rural College located about 10km outside Katherine, the delivery of Library Services has been primarily via Off Campus Library Services based at Casuarina, and a continuance of the old high school library that used to operate at the Rural College, but has not been staffed for a long time. Katherine also has a small medical library established at the local hospital by the Territory Health Services Library based in Darwin, and a small but very active public library located in the centre of the township. Perhaps there is an opportunity to deliver a very different, new library service to all the client groups located in Katherine.

Centralian College and the Northern Territory University Library are on different library systems: NTU is on Dynix, while Centralian is part of LINNET (Libraries in the NT network) which uses Virtua. We are about to begin a round of discussions as to which system will benefit all clients across the Northern Territory.

As you can see, a number of challenges are ahead for us. You can be assured that we will be seeking to benefit from the wisdom and experience of the various QULOC Libraries!

Ruth Quinn
Director Library Services
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Cooperative Resources Working Party Digitisation Project

During 2002 the QULOC Cooperative Resources Working Party worked on a project to identify important journal titles published in Queensland, northern NSW, and the Northern Territory that are not currently available in the information marketplace in electronic format.

The purpose of the project was to help facilitate the electronic availability of such titles by bringing them to the attention of database publishers and subscription agents, including Ebsco, Electric Library, Gale, Informit Online, Lexis-Nexis, ProQuest, SPARC, Swets Blackwell and to John Shipp, because of his role in the Information Infrastructure Advisory Committee to the government.

Well over 200 titles were identified, and from these a short list of about 20 titles was agreed upon as the most attractive to QULOC members. QULOC wrote to publishers and agents and presented the short list of titles as a priority. We hope our efforts will help improve the online availability of locally published journal titles.

Martin Borchert (QUT), Convenor, Cooperative Resources Working Party

The experiences of our non-metropolitan members

I am looking forward to this newsletter as a way of active communication/information between members of the various working parties within QULOC.

I find that teleconferencing to the Lending and Document Delivery Working party meetings quite difficult at times. I don't feel that I am getting much from a meeting at times because of the noise levels. It is hard to contribute at times because of this. You don't always hear all of what a person is saying, so may miss part of the conversation. Perhaps there may be a way that this can be improved?

Happily I was down in Brisbane in October last year attending the "Developing Great Management Skills" workshops, so it was good to be able to meet others and do a bit of networking and actually be able to 'put faces to names'.

I will be attending the 8th Interlending & Document Supply International Conference at the National Library in Canberra in October so am looking forward to perhaps catching up with other members of QULOC who may also be attending.

Barbara Cotton
Off Campus Library Services Supervisor
Northern Territory University Library

My experience is that phone conferencing is very difficult - sometimes you cannot hear anything people say and it seems to cut out a lot. This means that it is hard to concentrate and contribute. On the positive side, it is a much easier forum so this means I feel less shy to ask questions or contribute. When I have emailed individuals with queries they have been very helpful and friendly and saved me a lot of time to reinvent the wheel.

Heather Moorcroft
Reference and Research Services Coordinator
Northern Territory University Library

Note from the ed. I am pleased to report we are currently investigating the feasibility of using videoconferencing for some working party meetings. Many of the videoconference systems of QULOC institutions are now IP compatible; ie: we're no longer constrained by paying for connectivity via ISDN but we can make calls across the AARNET network and indeed across the 'public' Internet if necessary. This results in a noticeable cost saving. We'll keep members posted. – Rae-Anne

Note in your diaries - Forthcoming QULOC Events

Event	Date	Time	Venue
University Librarians Forum	24th July	1.30pm to 5.00pm	Griffith University, Nathan Campus
Endnote Symposium	31st July	9.30am to 4.30pm	University of QLD
E-topia: everything you want from a single search	14th August	8.30am to 4.45pm	QUT, Gardens Point
Faculty Librarians Workshop	30th September	Full day	Griffith University, Mt Gravatt Campus
Management Skills Development Programme	1st - 3rd October	2 1/2 days	Griffith University, Mt Gravatt Campus
Faculty Librarians Workshop	21st November	Full day	Australian Catholic University

Your University Librarians invite you to attend...

“The University Librarians Forum 2003”

Once again, QULOC presents you with this unique opportunity to gain an insight into the big issues and big picture of the library and information world through the eyes of our University Librarians. Learn more about changes in scholarly publishing, libraries, staff roles and the future vision for libraries and the profession.

24th July, 1.30pm to 5.00pm

Cost: Free

The Information Skills Working Party and Endnote Reference Group invite you to attend...

“Endnote: In-Service for Librarians”

Build your knowledge of EndNote. Find out what EndNote can, and can't do. Share your knowledge and tips with other EndNote trainers. Find out what other institutions teach and how they do it.

31st July, 9.30am to 4.30pm

Cost: Free

Registrations close: 18th July

The Cooperative Resources Working Party invites you to attend...

“E-topia – everything you want from a single search”

Single search interface solutions allow clients to simultaneously search multiple e-resources in a common environment and link to full-text and related resources more easily. This workshop provides an overview of the current digital library environment and expands upon new alternatives. Three libraries with existing projects will share their experiences and a panel of librarians will discuss why their institutions have chosen to not yet follow the single interface and linking solutions route.

Participants will have an opportunity to view a number of single interface and linking solutions product demonstrations.

14th August, 8.30am to 4.45pm

Cost: \$77.00

Registration closes 1st August

The Staffing Issues Working Party invites you to attend...

“Developing Great Management Skills”

Have you ever had to manage a project? Or coach someone? Or maybe you want to understand more about how organisations really "work", that is, develop your political nous?

These three workshops will continue on from last year to enhance your management skills through effective learning activities and networking with others in similar roles in university libraries. You can participate in one, two or three of the workshops. Workshop 1 - Project Management (\$140 half day); Workshop 2 - Coaching and Mentoring (\$200 full day); Workshop 3 - Strategic Leadership (\$200 full day) or just \$500 for all three workshops.

This is an opportunity to participate in high quality management development training for a fraction of the usual cost.

Book early – numbers limited to 20 participants!

1st to 3rd October

Registration closes 24th September

Further information can be obtained from the Events page on the QULOC web site.

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Contributions on QULOC-related activities or matters are most welcome.

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