



## Working Party Annual Report to the University Librarians' Committee

### Working Party: Information Resources and Access

Convenor: Carolyn Young

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#### Meetings Conducted this Year:

10 March, Griffith University, Queensland College of Art, South Bank Campus

19 May, Queensland University of Technology, Carseldine Campus

7 July, University of Queensland, Ipswich Campus

15 September, Bond University

4 November, University of Southern Queensland, Toowoomba

#### Current Membership and Changes this Year:

Convenor: Carolyn Young (QUT)

Mentor: Graham Black (CQU)

Phil Finnimore (SCU) and Colleen Cleary (QUT) each convened one meeting.

Membership at October 2006

Carolyn Young (Convenor)	Queensland University of Technology
Graham Black	Central Queensland University
Freya Bruce	Australian Catholic University
Gail White	Bond University
Chelsea Harper	Central Queensland University
Sonya Pennington	Charles Darwin University
Martin Borchert	Griffith University
Carolyn Tredrea	James Cook University
Neil Renison	James Cook University
Colleen Cleary	Queensland University of Technology
Robyn Smith	Queensland University of Technology
Phil Finnimore	Southern Cross University
Jack Bedson	University of New England
Jocelyn Priddey	University of Queensland
Heather Todd	University of Queensland
Claire Tittel	University of Southern Queensland
Catherine Brown	University of Sunshine Coast

#### How the Working Party has achieved their Strategic Goals:

##### Report on Actions from QULOC Strategic Plan 2003-2006 :

1.2.2 *WP members who are representatives on state and national forums may canvass and will report at each meeting on the activities of these forums and will represent the interests of the WP at these forums.*

- CAUL representative Graham Black and CEIRC Datasets Coordinator representative Martin Borchert reported activities at Working Party meetings.
- The Working Party convenor provided the QULOC Convenor with feedback from the Working Party on the National Licensing Proposal regarding Governance.

1.5.1 *Host WP meetings at various member institutions throughout the year.*

- Meetings were held at 5 institutions of which 3 are situated outside the greater Brisbane area. The November meeting utilized the access grid

facilities at University of Southern Queensland, Central Queensland University and James Cook University and as the agenda included a presentation by one of the members this was a successful mechanism to enhance participation in the meeting.

2.1.2 *The IRA Working Party to follow up progress on digitisation project titles with vendors.*

- The Working Party explored how QULOC might help in the digitization of the list of priority scholarly journal titles published in Queensland. It was agreed to proceed to put the editors in touch with prospective publishers who would be interested in adding more scholarly journals to their lists. Letters and emails were sent to RMIT Publishing, ProQuest, Thomson Gale and EBSCO proposing the digitisation of the accompanying list of 23 priority Queensland published serial titles. Many of the publishers contacted the editors on the list. The convenor prepared a draft letter which the QULOC Convenor sent to the editors of the titles to consider if they would be interested in digitisation of their publications to increase their reach and make them more accessible. The letter outlined the opportunities for digitization and listed a number of vendors for publishers to contact.

At least one title is now available in digital format and the Working Party will review the list of titles in October 2007 to further evaluate progress with digitisation.

2.1.3 *The IRA Working Party to keep a watching brief on other digitisation projects at a state, national and institutional level.*

- The Working party discussed a report on *Digital Amnesia: Challenges of Government Online* a seminar on preservation of government publications in digital formats attended by Colette Smith-Strong from Griffith University. As a result of the Convenor's recommendation the University Librarians agreed that QULOC will raise with CAUL the issues and problems of preserving government publications in digital formats. The Working Party is organizing for a key contact at the State Library of Queensland to keep QULOC briefed on future developments and to speak on this topic at a Working Party meeting in 2007. The Working Party has also added Preservation of Queensland Government Publications in Digital Formats as a standing agenda item.

2.1.4 *Working Party to collate data on the QULOC members' digitisation activities.*

Digitisation activities at each institution are reported upon at each meeting.

Summary of 2006 activities reported:

- Population of content to the Central Queensland University institutional repository aCQUIRe – launched in July 2006.
- James Cook University adding theses and encouraging academic staff to add papers to ePrints as part of RQF trial.
- Bond University selection of ProQuest Digital Commons and population of e-publications.bond.edu.au with 120 papers and 8 theses added.
- University of the Sunshine Coast population of epubs@scu
- Australian Catholic University decentralized population of copyright readings database to individual campus libraries.
- Charles Darwin University planned migration from Greenstone to HarvestRoad HIVE
- Queensland University of Technology implementation of ARROW initially to migrate its ePrints repository.
- Martin Borchert gave a presentation to the November meeting on the range of repository services and digitization activities underway at Griffith University including integration of digitized course readings, exams and learning objects

repositories via Learning@Griffith; building of a repository collection for 'print masters' used for bulk printing of course materials; integration of Griffith Research Archive (ePrints) with PeopleSoft research management system; implementation of LUNA Insight for digital art images collection; and selection of the Open Journal System OJS software for the Griffith ePress system.

#### 2.2.1 Pursue joint agreements where appropriate

- The Convenor reported on informal discussions regarding a possible collaborative store and the Collaborative Store Interest Group was added to the Working Party Standing Agenda Items.

#### 4.1.1 *WPs to meet 5 times per annum with submission of an institutional report at each meeting. Members to use email list serv to facilitate communication between meetings.*

- Prior to each meeting, members provide a standard report for their library on new and trial electronic databases and journals, current issues with products and vendors, new initiatives, consortia matters and digitisation activities. The template was revised for 2006 to include a section on Application of Information Resources and Access Statistics to also encourage discussion and information sharing regarding evaluation of usage of electronic subscriptions.
- The Working Party shared information on their institutional responses to the Queensland Treasury guidelines on Accounting for Library Collections.

#### 4.1.3 *WP to schedule briefings by outside experts at WP meetings to inform members about relevant industry developments and issues.*

- Belinda Weaver, Co-ordinator, UQ eSpace gave a presentation to the Working Party "The UQ Research Quality Assessment 2006" including details of lessons learned from this trial.

#### 5.1.1 *WP to host an event at least once every 2 years that aligns with QULOC Strategic Plan and WP's brief.*

- The Working Party had planned a seminar on digital repositories but as this overlapped the APSR Successful Repository Seminar the Working Party collaborated with APSR on the workshop. The Successful Repository Seminar cosponsored by APSR and QULOC was held in Brisbane on 29<sup>th</sup> June 2006 and was very well attended. The University Librarians accepted the Working Party recommendation that no further action be taken on the QULOC Digital Repository Seminar as APSR was likely to fill this role in future.
- A seminar on Collection Development aimed at Library Technicians and beginning professional staff was planned for 20 April 2007 and following approval of content the Events Proposal Application Form was completed for submission to the November 2006 University Librarian's meeting.

### **Attachments with Recommendations for Action**

**Attachment 1** Event Proposal Application Form for *Challenges in Collection Development and Acquisitions* is recommended for approval by the University Librarians.