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CARM2 Progress update

The CAVAL Archival and Research Materials (CARM) Centre originally opened in February 1997. The space in the CARM centre is now fully committed. As part of the CAVAL Strategic Plan, a case has been prepared for CARM2, a larger extension of the CARM building.

A feasibility study by Hincks and Associates Pty examined the case for the construction of CARM2 including the costs, the possibilities, the risks, financing and the construction alternatives. The study was primarily an economic analysis, in that it assessed the risks and implications for CAVAL in progressing with the construction of CARM2. The recommendations from the feasibility study showed a clear demand for a second CARM repository and that the best option would be a 5 level facility with approximately 27kms of shelving.

A registration of interest for Principal Consultant was sent to a variety of architects in February 2007. The CARM2 Project Control Group (PCG) was established to review the submissions received from architects interested in designing CARM2. The CARM2 Design Brief was completed by Graeme Murphy of Hamlet Management Pty Ltd after discussions with CAVAL staff. The final brief was made available to all shortlisted architects, and is now being used to cost the new facility. The PCG selected Coffey Projects as Project Manager through to the completion of the schematic design phase. H2O Architects were appointed as principal consultant while Currie and Brown were appointed as Quantity Surveyors.

A CARM2 Planning Workshop has been held with members of the CARM Advisory Committee, as well as other key stakeholders. Collection types were separated and identified, allowing participants to discuss implications resulting from the types of collections CARM2 will possibly hold.

The information from this workshop will assist with the funding prospectus for CARM2 to be completed later this month. This is to coincide with the completion of the schematic design phase. The draft prospectus will form the development of a business case for funding.

A PCG group meeting was held July 4th to highlight all works undertaken since the start of the project as well as to report on key issues and decisions required to proceed. Mark O’Dwyer from H2O Architects presented the Master Plan/Predesign report and highlighted various design options.

In order to finalise the decision on the building design options, a Value Management Workshop will be held on July 25th. This is an opportunity for all potential stakeholders to provide input to ensure that the final CARM2 design will meet their needs.
CLIC (CAVAL Library inter-library Consortium) comprises a group of six academic libraries using VDX (Virtual Document eXchange) software to manage busy interlibrary loan and document delivery operations that also include cross campus services and services to external, remote and offshore students.

The CLIC system recorded its 2 millionth transaction on the 22nd March at 9.34am. This is a significant milestone. The CLIC system is the 3rd largest ILL system (based on transaction volume) in Australia and New Zealand. Libraries Australia Document Delivery (LADD) and TePuna (National Library of New Zealand Document Delivery utility) occupying the first 2 positions.

CAVAL Cataloguing Update

May and June 2007 saw an increase in activity of all areas of cataloguing and end processing, as libraries seem to be tidying up their arrangements for the 2006-2007 financial year.

It seems that the flavour of this year, based on customer requests, is shelf ready items. CAVAL’s cataloguing staff have been busy completing and finalising shelf ready projects for a wide range of public libraries in Victoria and interstate.

On-site jobs have also increased in May and June, as many customers prefer to have their items catalogued on-site.

CAVAL is currently finalising a few new agreements, one of which encompasses a range of government bodies, and will be of great benefit to the Cataloguing department over the next few years.

It is important to note that the completion of the above tasks would not have been achieved in the time-frame allocated without all the hard work and endless efforts by the staff members of the Cataloguing and End-processing Department.

Training Notice Board

Acclaimed library futurist, Stephen Abram, returns to Australia in August for a series of Expert Forums in Brisbane, Sydney, Melbourne and Perth. Those who missed Stephen in 2006 will be pleased to welcome back one of the profession’s great “movers and shakers”. Members are invited to attend and learn what the future may hold for Library 2.0, 3.0 and beyond!

Managing Copyright Compliance in Libraries and Information Services - a practical half day workshop presented by Moyra McAllister of ALIA. Locations include regional Qld and all state capitals. ALIA/CAVAL members just $132 (GST inc) - register early to avoid disappointment!

CAVAL’s first e-learning program, Answering Family History Enquiries, is attracting considerable interest and sold out on the second delivery. The third delivery is currently filling quickly and commences 30 July.

The 2007 Training Needs Survey will be released in mid-July. Respondents will be selected at random to receive prizes of training vouchers valued at $110 (GST inc). Members are urged to promote this important annual survey within their institutions. Data collected will be used to inform the 2008 training program.

Need training not currently scheduled? Call the CAVAL Training team on 03 9450 5508 or email training@caval.edu.au and let’s see if we can make it happen!