In March this year the CAVAL Board approved the preparation of full design documentation, planning approvals and tenders for the construction of the Stage 2 CARM Repository (CARM2). Ernst and Young have reviewed the funding model for the project and the University of Melbourne, Monash University and RMIT University have all now agreed to make long-term prepayments to lease space in the facility over 30 years.

CAVAL has engaged Coffey Projects to manage the project and detailed designs are now being prepared to meet the specifications and standards for long-term medium and high density storage of books and paper publications on behalf of the library sector. With construction planned to commence in January 2009, it is expected the facility will be available for members and other libraries to take up space in 2010.

CAVAL is already in discussion with some other agencies for the specification of specialised fit-out to accommodate other collections such as museum artifacts and pictures on a more commercial basis to supplement the expected income from the facility.

The Kirtas 2400RA unit is an automated high speed image capturing device (21.1 Mega Pixel), specially designed to digitise books and journals. Training was provided by Kirtas representatives in May, and CAVAL staff are now providing demonstrations to interested libraries, archives and clients.

The same device is used by Microsoft’s digitisation projects, it automatically turns the pages of a book and captures its contents.

The electronic copies are then converted to full-text searchable PDFs.

CAVAL is the first organisation in Australia to own such a device, capable of digitising up to 2400 pages per hour. Additionally, it is being used by CAVAL’s Document Delivery department to deliver electronic journal articles from the CARM Centre directly to users’ desktops.

For any queries or to arrange a demonstration contact George Panagiotidis.
**RDA is coming**

In response to requests from Members and colleagues, CAVAL is pleased to announce a series of presentations on PREPARING FOR RDA: RESOURCE DESCRIPTION AND ACCESS.

The Joint Steering Committee for Development of RDA, formerly the Joint Steering Committee for Revision of AACR, is currently working towards a new code, "RDA: Resource Description and Access" - scheduled for release in 2009.

What are the implications of RDA for cataloguers and cataloguing from 2009 onwards, how will it differ from AACR2, and what issues will need to be addressed in preparation for the new standard?

Senior members of the CAVAL Cataloguing team will be travelling around the country in September and October to discuss the new code, outline its anticipated impacts on libraries, and suggest strategies for ensuring 'RDA readiness'. The team will present in Adelaide, Brisbane, Melbourne, Perth and Sydney, and questions and discussion will be encouraged.

**BRISBANE:** Friday 26 September, 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm.

**PERTH:** Friday 3rd October, 9.30 - 11.30 am.

**SYDNEY:** Monday 13 October, 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm.

**MELBOURNE:** Wednesday 15 October, 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm.

Broadly Limited capacity is available in each location and early bookings will be essential for what are expected to be very popular presentations.

**CAVAL Members - $44 inc GST; CAVAL Associate Members - $55 inc GST.**

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**CAVAL Launches Library Executive Leadership Program**

CAVAL is proud to announce the launch of Horizon - Australia’s first comprehensive executive leadership program for senior library and information managers.

CAVAL Horizon is an exciting strategic initiative of the CAVAL Board and breaks vital new ground for the library and information profession in Australia, New Zealand and South-East Asia.

CAVAL Horizon offers an integrated program of executive learning and development including two intensive residential programs over three and two days, career mentoring, individual and group projects, and post-program support through a strong community of practice.

CAVAL CEO, Janette Wright, says the program has been designed to prepare new and future leaders for the challenges facing our professions. It will feature a mentor program and a deliberate plan to establish and maintain a Community of Practice.

The first CAVAL Horizon residential program will be presented 21st – 23rd October 2008 at the Sofitel Mansion and Spa, Werribee Park, Victoria. The second residential will be presented in Sydney, 12th – 13th February 2009.

CAVAL Horizon will initially target a cohort of just sixteen senior level library and information managers including recently appointed Directors, Deputy and Associate Directors, or their equivalents.

The inaugural CAVAL Horizon program will aim to set a high mark for those that follow and strong competition for places is anticipated across the library and information sector.

To request a CAVAL Horizon information pack and application form, please email horizon@caval.edu.au or telephone Richard Sayers on +61 7 3491 7021.
Paul Genoni, Senior Lecturer in the Faculty of Media, Society and Culture at Curtin University is working with CAVAL CARM staff to better understand the potential space-savings that could be made by CAVAL member libraries. As a CAVAL Visiting Scholar, Paul has given a number of presentations and published several papers building on this research, including a paper to be presented at the forthcoming ALIA 2008 Conference entitled “Sharing and Saving: Calculations towards an Australian Print Repository”. Details are on the CAVAL website at http://www.caval.edu.au/research.

The CARM Centre is an established and developing component of Australia’s infrastructure for the storage of legacy print collections, and CAVAL recognizes that it is important that services are effectively integrated with other initiatives in support of the nation’s future research activities.

A study of monographs which had a Dewey Class number in the 600s, were published prior to 1990 and owned by one or more CARM member libraries was undertaken. The data was provided by the National Library of Australia and based on a search of the Libraries Australia database undertaken in April 2007. Analysis showed that there is considerable scope for a reduction in local, duplicated, high-cost storage.

CAVAL is managing a pilot project for the benchmarking of library statistics for Asian Academic libraries with sponsorship being provided by the iGroup, Asia. This is being facilitated through the development, setup and management of an online statistics service, similar to that which CAVAL provides for Australian and New Zealand academic libraries at http://statistics.caul.edu.au. There are 22 libraries participating in the pilot project, from 4 countries in the region – Malaysia, Singapore, Thailand and Hong Kong. The pilot site is at http://statsasia.caval.edu.au

The first quarter of 2008 saw the CAVAL Cataloguing Services staff members back into their busy workflows making sure that all project deadlines were met and that all items were delivered on time. It was very clear from the first day back this year that we faced an increasing level of activity in all areas of cataloguing and end-processing.

One of the highlights for the department was having seven students from Box Hill TAFE, currently undertaking their Advanced Diploma, visiting the department and looking at what cataloguing procedures we have in place and what tools cataloguers use in their daily job. They were especially interested in looking at which reference materials and technical tools are used by our cataloguers and end-processing staff. The students also enjoyed a quick CARM tour.

A special event in April at Yarra Libraries, “The Vietnamese Reading Month” was impetus for our Vietnamese cataloguer to have the new collection catalogued and processed in time. The successful and timely completion of this job would not have been possible without the help and dedication of the end processing staff.

We are pleased to announce that we were successful in tendering for projects that were due for renewal. And that is great!

Our success would not have been achieved in the time-frame allocated without all the hard work and endless efforts of the staff members of the Cataloguing and End Processing Department.

Lamis Sukkar
Manager, Cataloguing and Processing
CAVAL STAFF NEWS

Special Deliveries

We’re pleased to announce that Annalisa and her husband Tom are expecting a new arrival to their family in mid September.

And now we know Emily and her fiancé Luke are also expecting early January.

And we think it must be catching because Michelle and her husband Connor are also expecting in mid January.

Best wishes to Annalisa, Michelle and Emily.

It’s a good thing we are expecting Jaime back from maternity leave in September!

A Busy Time of Year!

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As I write, Richard Sayers, Director, Capability Development, is finalizing the venue for the second workshop in our CAVAL Executive Leadership program, Horizon, and the selection of facilitators for the sessions in October and February. We are very excited about this program and have had an excellent response to our initial announcements.

Our Visiting Scholar in 2007/8 was Paul Genoni of Curtin University and we’re very pleased to see the outcome of his investigations into the collections held at the CARM Centre on behalf of members. We look forward to building on this program with future research projects focused on print and off-site storage facilities.

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