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Competency-based service reviews and workforce planning at Deakin University Library Paul Cardwell

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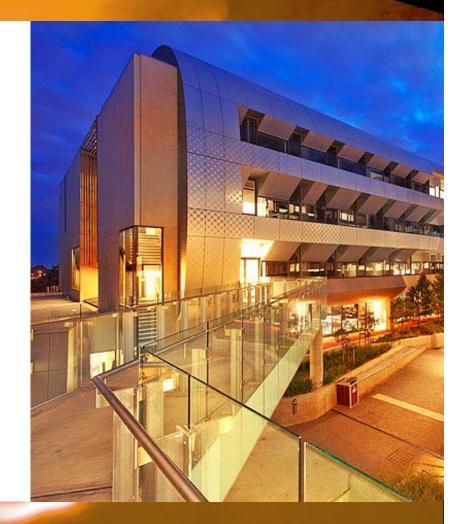
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- Deakin and Library planning processes
- Liaison Service Review
- Elements of reviews
 - Workforce Planning
- Staff Development Framework

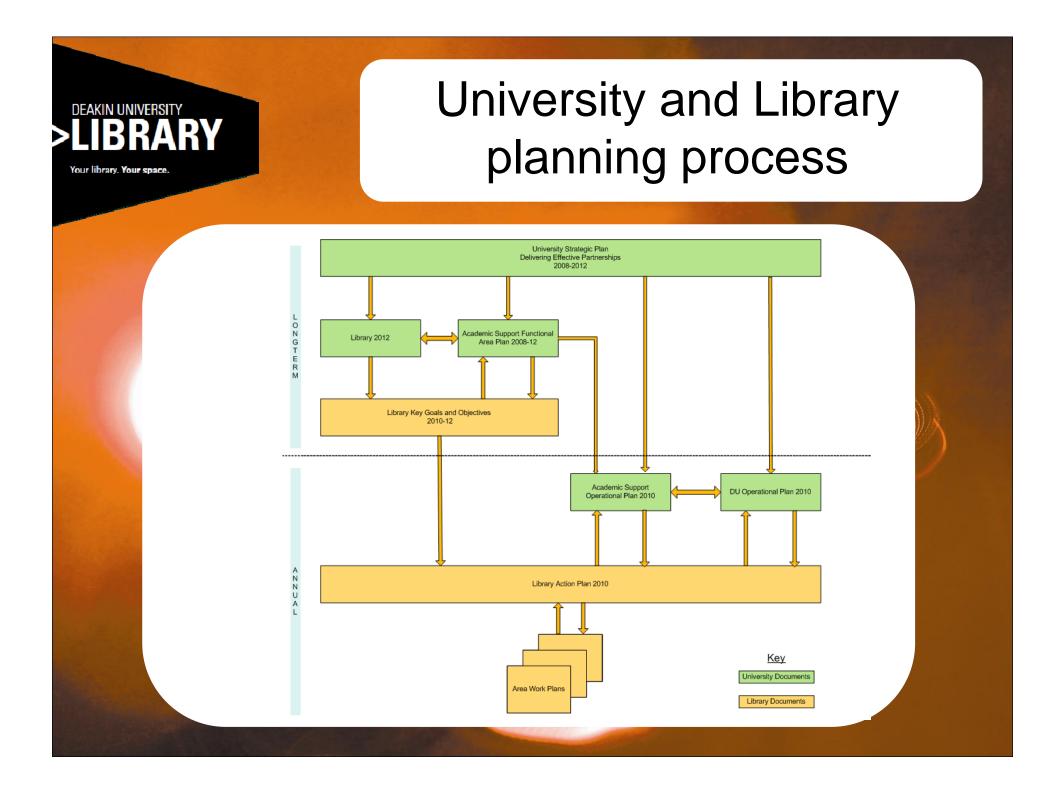
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- Four regional and metropolitan campuses
- 35000 students and 2900 staff
- Focus on distance and flexible education



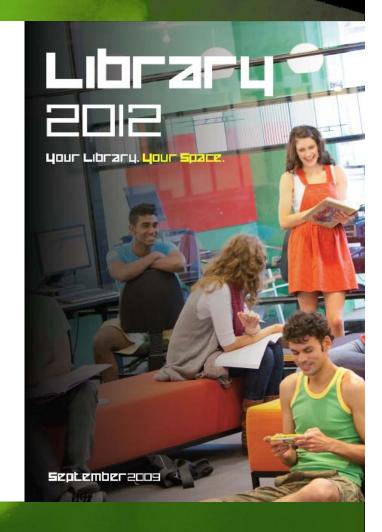


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- Review of Library 2008
- Introduction of Library 2012
 - -Strategic roadmap for Library services



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People, culture and change

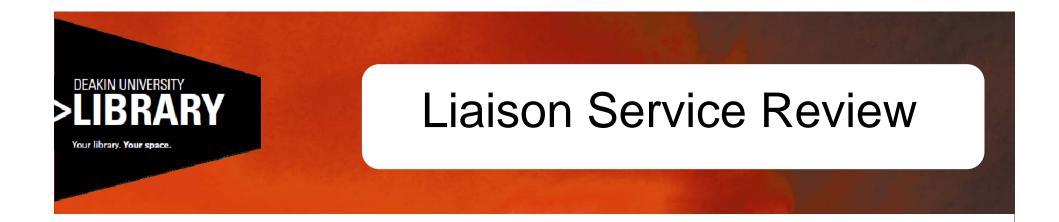
In order to develop a workforce with these characteristics, Deakin University Library will focus on the recognition and utilisation of existing staff competencies and the development of new competencies where gaps occur. Retention and further development of existing suitably-skilled staff will be of critical importance.

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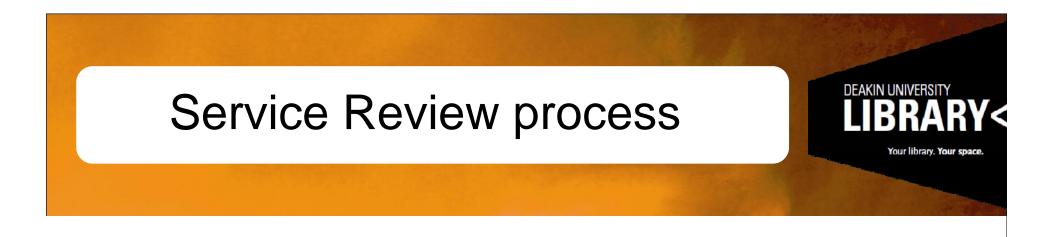
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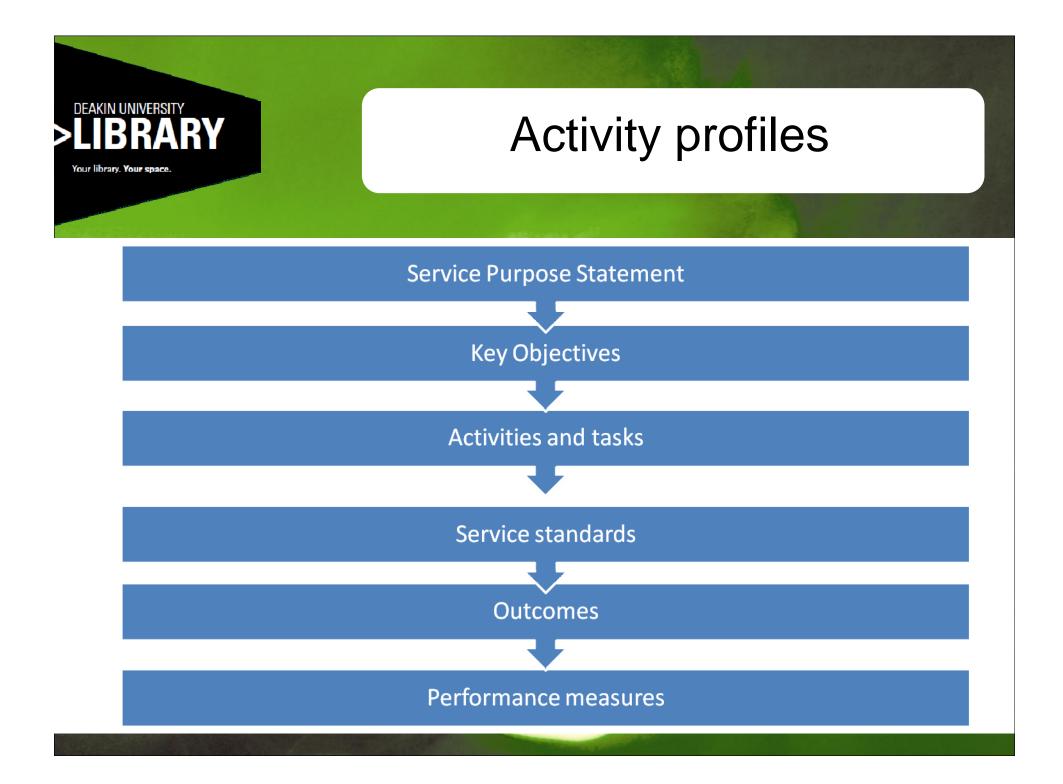
- National higher education environment
- Changes in the library and information industry
- Institutional initiatives of the University
- Factors internal to the Library



- Library Review recommendation
- Began without agreed process
- Treated as pilot for ongoing process
- Lessons learned



- Permanent review team
- Reference team
 - Representative of each of the other areas
 - Identify process links and opportunities for improvement





- Skills identification
- Current capabilities audit
- Workforce profile gap analysis
- Future capability and staff development targets
- Workforce strategies



- Must align with University
 Workforce Planning
- Skill sets based on required skills identified in Activity Profiles

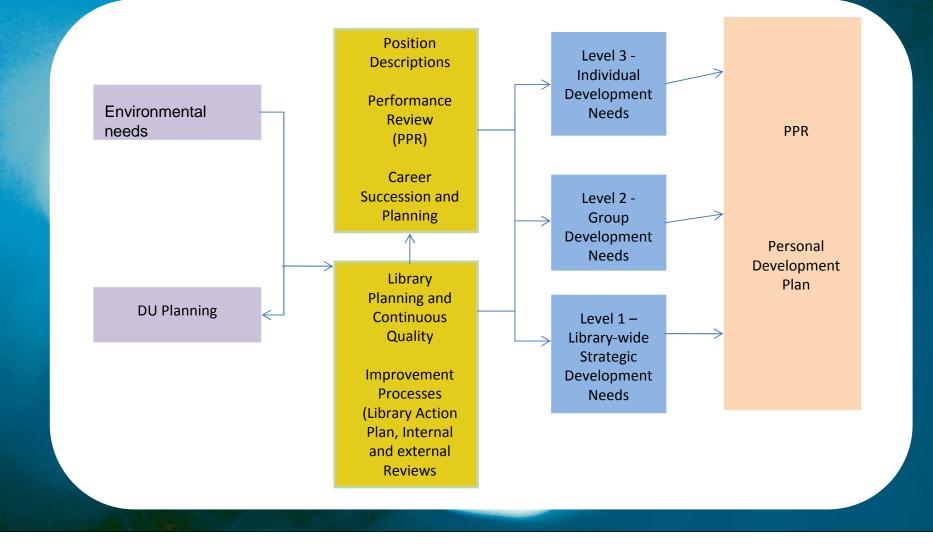


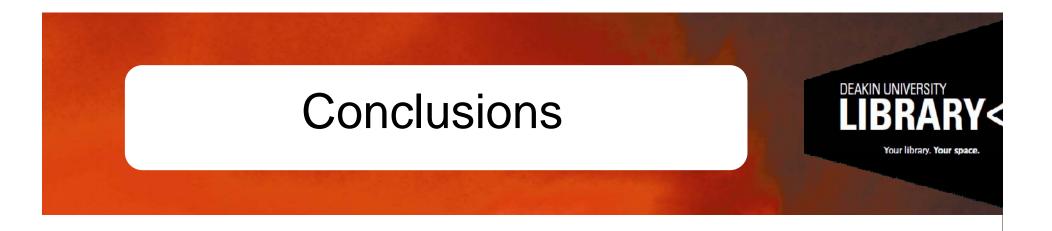
- Competency standards
 - -Sufficient for current work
 - -Training required for current work
 - Training required for future developments
 - -Skill held, not currently used
 - -NA

Staff Development Framework

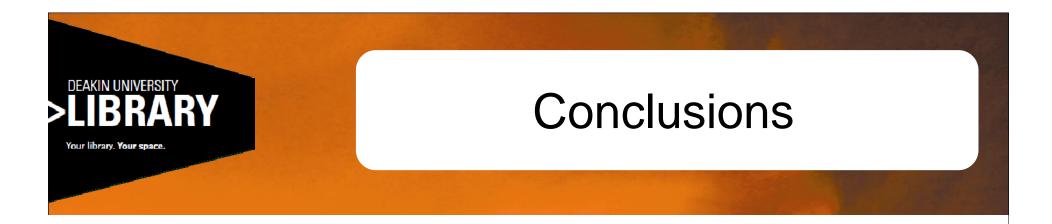
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- Delay with skills audits
- Difficulty in 'stopping the world turning'
- The benefit of a flexible approach



- Balance between individual and organisational needs
- Benefits of documenting strategic links at all levels
- Setting a baseline of standards and performance measures