



NDLTD Board Meeting 9 June 2009, Pittsburg, PA Report by: Tony Cargnelutti – Australasia

Summary:

- As reported to the June 2008 Board meeting the ADT Program has reached maturity with original objectives met.
- Status as of June 2009: 41 contributing universities [of the 47 across Australia & New Zealand]. Remaining few in various degrees of preparedness.
- ADT repositories [PhDs & Masters by Research only] are being integrated as part of the content mix in all university repositories. As of end of 2008 all universities have developed open access repositories for all research outputs. This was mandated & funded by the Federal government with the initial 3 year funding program to end in 2009.
- Institutional repositories are at the core of the new Federal Government's Excellence in Research for Australia [ERA] process for evaluating the quality of research outputs across Australia. ERA trials begin in June 2009.
- CAUL the owner of the ADT brand and program has developed a new integrated support service for 2009-2010. This new service based at the University of Southern Queensland is called the CAUL Australian Institutional Repository Support Service [CAIRSS]. The service designed to support all repository managers across all the university sector irrespective of the content or the repository software – this obviously includes support for the ADT.
- Quote...*"The primary function of CAIRSS is to offer support for Repository Managers in the higher education sector in Australia. Following discussions with the Department of Innovation (DIISR) the Council of Australian University Librarians (CAUL) Executive, and the ARROW Management Committee, CAUL established the CAUL Australian Institutional Repository Support Service (CAIRSS), to provide support for all institutional repositories in Australian universities, regardless of the software being used."* ...from CAIRSS website:
<http://cairss.caul.edu.au/www/toc.htm>
- The development of the CAIRSS service can be seen at the CAUL site at:
<http://www.caul.edu.au/cairss/>