

## CASL Achievements and Activities 2004

N.B. Areas of special priority for 2004 are highlighted in square brackets.

<b>Key Priority 1 : Promote and advance the provision, awareness and use of library and information services</b>	
<b>Strategy</b>	<b>Achievements in 2004</b>
Promote the role of libraries in lifelong learning, specifically literacy.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. CASL submission to the Senate Inquiry into Progress and Future Direction of Lifelong Learning, June 2004 (Report from the Inquiry deferred in December 2004 to after the opening of the 41<sup>st</sup> Parliament – approx May 2005). <b>[Literacy]</b></li> <li>b. CASL Submission to the DEST Consultation into Adult Learning in Australia, April 2004. <b>[Literacy]</b></li> <li>c. Three literacy projects proposed to the July 2004 CASL Meeting by the CASL Partnerships Between Libraries and Education Working Group. Individual CASL Libraries followed up these projects, including Reading Rulz and Better Beginnings. <b>[Literacy]</b></li> </ul>
Enhance partnerships between the library, education and cultural sectors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Appointment of the Chair of CASL as an ex officio Director on the Collections Council of Australia, established February 2004, first meeting in November 2004.</li> <li>b. Working with Education.au Ltd to support their proposal to DEST to establish a virtual reference service for students. <b>[Advocacy]</b></li> <li>c. National Scholarly Communications Forum Round Table, June 2004, attended by CASL Chair and Director General, NLA.</li> <li>d. Agreement to participate in Netherlands-Australia 2006 digitisation project.</li> </ul>
Demonstrate the value of libraries in the economic, social and intellectual development of the nation.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Planning and development of “Travelling Treasures” exhibition, by CASL Public Programs and Communications Working Group, to visit each State and Territory during 2005-2007.</li> <li>b. Ongoing development of CASL Performance Measures. Formal links and information sharing established with CAUL Statistics &amp; Evaluation Section.</li> <li>c. Review of Public Libraries Statistical Returns by CASL Public Libraries Performance Measures Working Group, and investigation of options to enhance.</li> </ul>

**Key Priority 2 : Strengthen the national information infrastructure through cross sectoral collaboration**

<b>Strategy</b>	<b>Achievements in 2004</b>
Participate in the development of cross sectoral standards and systems	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. CASL Information Access Forum held in Adelaide, October 2004, to develop recommendations to improve the infrastructure supporting the access to information. Workplan to be developed in 2005.</li><li>b. Participation in the AICTEC Standards &amp; Interoperability Committee.</li><li>c. Participation in the IT-19 Standards Committee.</li><li>d. Membership of the AMOL Advisory Committee.</li><li>e. Maintenance and promotion of the Australian Pictorial Thesaurus.</li></ul>
Promote the extension of the online infrastructure for public libraries in rural, regional and remote communities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. AskNow virtual reference service established as permanent in March 2004. Focus in 2004 on procurement of upgraded software.</li><li>b. Memorandum of Understanding between CASL and Public Libraries Australia Ltd signed in November 2004. CASL Member nominated to the Board of PLA Ltd.</li><li>c. Contributing to PictureAustralia, MusicAustralia, PANDORA and the National Library's pilot of Information Australia.</li></ul>

<b>Key Priority 3 : Cross sectoral collaboration to improve access to information services for the community</b>	
<b>Strategy</b>	<b>Achievements in 2004</b>
Enhance access to Australian cultural collections	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. CASL National Audit Report on Indigenous Library Services and Collections, March 2004 <b>[Indigenous Library Services]</b></li> <li>b. Supporting development of National Policy Framework for Indigenous Library Services &amp; Collections, to be finalised in 2005 <b>[Indigenous Library Services]</b></li> <li>c. Contributing to Colloquium on Indigenous Knowledge &amp; Libraries held at State Library of New South Wales, December 2004. <b>[Indigenous Library Services]</b></li> </ul>
Extend the range of online information resources to the community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Support for National Site Licensing initiatives.</li> <li>b. Continuing increase in products available through the CASL Consortia.</li> </ul>

<b>Key Priority 4 : Formulate common plans, programs and projects for library services</b>	
<b>Strategy</b>	<b>Achievements in 2004</b>
Support collaborative projects across CASL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. CASL Stack Management Working Group papers on "Defining Stack Management" and "Survey of Current Work Expectations for Stack Staff in CASL Libraries".</li> <li>b. CASL Digital Issues Working Group papers on "Survey of Digital Projects in CASL Libraries", July 2004 and "Offsite Access to Licensed Databases and Document Delivery Services", October 2004.</li> </ul>
Develop a new national plan for Australian newspapers to ensure ongoing access	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Five-year plan developed by the National Library and supported by CASL Libraries.</li> </ul>

<b>Key Priority 5 : Represent the interests of libraries in matters of public interest</b>	
<b>Strategy</b>	<b>Achievements in 2004</b>
Present a single voice to government and other relevant bodies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. CASL Copyright Working Group submission to the CLRC Review of Crown Copyright, March 2004, and monitoring impact of the Free Trade Agreement.</li> <li>b. Submission to the AGIMO Review of Library Deposit Distribution Scheme, July 2004.</li> <li>c. Submission to National Broadband Advisor for the Education Sector, April 2004. <b>[Advocacy]</b></li> <li>d. CASL representative appointed to the ALIA Libraries &amp; Information Week Advisory Group.</li> <li>e. CASL representative contributed to the review of ALIA Education Statements, November 2004.</li> <li>f. Circulation of reports and information about the library sector to the Directors of the Collections Council of Australia, December 2004.</li> <li>g. Discussion Paper and investigation of CASL's options for Advocacy to the Education Sector, November 2004. <b>[Advocacy]</b></li> <li>h. CAUL President attended CASL Meeting in Cairns, July 2004. <b>[Advocacy]</b></li> </ul>

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