

# **COUNCIL OF NEW ZEALAND UNIVERSITY LIBRARIANS (CONZUL)**

## **ANNUAL REPORT 2002**

In its Strategic Plan 2003-2005, completed in December 2002, CONZUL's Mission is stated as follows:

CONZUL is the Council of New Zealand University Librarians and acts collectively for the common benefit of New Zealand universities.

### **MISSION**

- Provide leadership on library and information issues.
- Improve access to information resources fundamental to the advancement of teaching, learning and research.
- Work together on common issues which no one organisation is able to accomplish by itself.
- Strengthen and extend alliances with other national and international organisations.

CONZUL activities and initiatives in 2002 significantly progressed these intents.

### **MEETINGS**

CONZUL met in Wellington in March and June, in Auckland in July, in Dunedin in September, and in Hamilton in November. There was also a special meeting in Wellington in May with the Vice-President and Executive Director Asia-Pacific from OCLC. In addition, CONZUL members participated in a number of teleconferences throughout the year.

### **COLLABORATIVE PROJECTS**

#### ***CONZULAC Co-operative Acquisitions Project***

The aim of the CONZULAC Project is to achieve cost-savings and ancillary services by consolidating University Library orders for North American books through one vendor, selected by tender. The Project has been so successful that it is intended to extend the scheme to include U.K. publications in 2003.

Marilyn Fordyce from the University of Otago Library, who played a major role in the CONZULAC Project, was awarded the 2002 YPB Award for Collection Services for her work on the Project.

#### ***CONZULSys Shared Library Management System Project***

Four University Libraries (AUT, Otago, Victoria and Waikato) are collaborating in this Project to replace their existing management systems with the one system, selected following an extremely comprehensive and thorough investigative process. The Endeavor Voyager system, already utilised by Auckland and the National Library of New Zealand, was finally selected, with hosting of the four Libraries' separate databases on one server cluster by Datacom Systems in Auckland. Once the Voyager system has been installed in the four participating Libraries (in July and December 2003), it is intended to invite other interested libraries to join the Consortium.

### ***Big Picture Project***

Helen Renwick's report *The Big Picture: opportunities for potential areas for closer collaboration among New Zealand university libraries* was completed in June and presented to the NZVCC. The report made 33 recommendations, which CONZUL prioritised at its July meeting. A number of these are already proceeding or under further investigation.

## **LIAISON WITH OTHER ORGANISATIONS**

### ***Tertiary Education Commission***

CONZUL is represented by the Chair on the TEC Collaborating for Efficiency: Sharing of Library Services Sub-Group. This group, which includes representation from university, polytechnic, wānanga and CRI libraries and the National Library, is working on a number of projects which parallel those identified in the Renwick *Big Picture* report: technical infrastructure, Māori responsiveness, electronic resources, e-learning, collaborative technical services, and shared national storage facility for low-use research materials.

The Chair also attended meetings with TAMU, and with the Chair and Deputy Chair of TEC.

### ***New Zealand Vice-Chancellors' Committee***

CONZUL and the Chair worked closely with the Executive Director on a wide range of issues, including the *Big Picture* report, electronic site licences, administrative support for CONZUL, relationships with TEC, and issues facing the tertiary education sector.

### ***The National Library***

Staff from the National Library attended a number of CONZUL meetings, and there is considerable co-operation and consultation between CONZUL Libraries and the National Library on a wide range of issues, from Interloan services to electronic resources.

CONZUL also has representation on the National Library's Te Puna Advisory Committee, and on the Joint Standing Committee on Interloan (JSCI).

Representatives from CONZUL attended the National Digital Forum, sponsored by the National Library, in May.

### ***Council of Australian University Librarians (CAUL)***

CONZUL maintains a close relationship with colleagues in Australian University Libraries. CONZUL members are on the CAUL email distribution list; and attend meetings of CAUL in Australia. In September a joint meeting of CAUL and CONZUL was held at the University of Otago, to look at the wonderful new Library, and to explore issues of common interest.

### ***CAUL Electronic Information Resources Committee (CEIRC)***

CONZUL is represented on the CEIRC Committee, which meets four to five times a year in Sydney. All CONZUL Libraries participate in and benefit from a number of the Consortium licence agreements negotiated by CEIRC with vendors and publishers of electronic resources.

### ***Australian and New Zealand Institute for Information Literacy (ANZIL)***

CONZUL representatives assisted in the establishment of the Institute, the purpose of which is to provide support for organisations, institutions and individuals in the promotion of information literacy and, in particular, the embedding of information literacy within the total educational process. CONZUL accepted and endorsed the Information Literacy Standards developed by CAUL.

### ***Scholarly Publishing***

CONZUL has affiliate membership of SPARC, the Scholarly Publishing and Academic Resources Coalition, and of ISCA, the International Scholarly Communication Alliance, thereby signalling its support for the international initiatives being taken to progress new models of scholarly publication and communication, and to provide equitable access to research publications.

CONZUL is also a signatory to the Budapest Open Access Initiative, the aim of which is to make research articles in all academic fields available free on the Internet.

The Chair attended a meeting of ISCA in Ohio in March. Alan Smith attended a meeting of the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA) in Glasgow in August.

### **CONSORTIUM SUBSCRIPTION TO ELECTRONIC RESOURCES**

In addition to the New Zealand University Libraries' participation in database licence agreements negotiated through CEIRC (see above), CONZUL negotiated New Zealand-only agreements with ISI (for Web of Science), Knowledge Basket (for NewzIndex, NewzText and related databases), and the National Library (for Te Puna and Index New Zealand).

Unfortunately, attempts to negotiate wider licence agreements for ISI Web of Science and Elsevier ScienceDirect on behalf of the Universities, CRIs and larger polytechnic libraries were unsuccessful.

Isobel Mosley, with assistance from Janet Copey, prepared a proposal on national site licences, covering the University, CRI and other research libraries, for presentation to the NZVCC.

### **SUBMISSIONS**

CONZUL made submissions on the Ministry of Education's draft Tertiary Education Strategy, and on the National Library Bill.

### **OTHER INITIATIVES**

- Use of Ariel for electronic transmission of documents requested on Interloan between the University Libraries.
- Charging for Interloan.
- Inclusion of table of contents data in records in the Te Puna database, financed jointly by the University Libraries and the National Library.
- Further investigation of a shared national store for less-used research materials.
- Staff training and consultation, including a meeting of Interloan / Document Supply Librarians at Massey University Library in July.

- Publication of the annual *New Zealand University Library Statistics*, incorporating additional KPIs.
- Development of recommendations regarding the compilation of e-metrics.
- Circulation of a questionnaire regarding Knowledge Management at each University.
- Copyright issues, including copyright licence agreements.
- Representation at a meeting of University e-Learning Directors in November.
- Response to a Treasury paper *The Valuation of Cultural and Heritage Assets*, including library collections.
- Development of the 2003-2005 CONZUL *Strategic Plan*.

## **PEOPLE**

Grace Saw, University Librarian at AUT, left in March, and was replaced by Ainslie Dewe. John Redmayne replaced Helen Renwick as University Librarian at Massey.

CONZUL expressed their sadness at the death of Peter Durey, former University of Auckland Librarian and a stalwart member of CONZUL.

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*Chair, CONZUL*

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