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MEMBERS OF UNILINC as at 31 December 2014

Australian College of Applied Psychology	National Portrait Gallery
Australian Catholic University	NSW College of Law
Avondale College of Higher Education	NSW Police Academy
Board of Studies NSW	Raffles College of Design and Commerce
Campion College	SAE Institute
Catholic Institute of Sydney	Southern Cross University
Charles Sturt University	Study Group Australia
Christian Heritage College	Sydney Institute of Traditional Chinese Medicine
JMC Academy	Tabor Adelaide
National Art School	THINK: Education Group
National Gallery of Australia	Whitehouse Institute of Design

BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2014

Prof. I Goulter AM - Chairman	Independent
Mr. J Cameron	Australian Catholic University
Prof. P Drake AM	Independent
Ms K Johnson	Charles Sturt University
Ms F Lawton (until October 2014)	Australian Catholic University
Mr. D Leith	Independent
Mr. A Morris	Southern Cross University
Mr. A. Stephenson (from December 2014)	NSW Police
Ms J Volker	National Gallery of Australia
Ms R Wade	UNILINC Office

EXECUTIVE AND PLANNING COMMITTEE 2014

Prof. I Goulter, Ms. J Volker and Ms R Wade

TECHNICAL COMMITTEE 2014

Mr. T Cargnelutti - Convenor	UNILINC Office
Ms R Bahl	Australian Catholic University
Ms S Donnelly	Southern Cross University
Ms H Hyland	National Gallery of Australia
Ms A Loria	Charles Sturt University
Ms L Miller	New South Wales Police

UNILINC OFFICE As at 31 December 2014

Executive Director & CEO	Rona Wade
Associate Director	Tony Cargnelutti (p/t)
Information Technology Services Manager	Mohammed Moh'd
Library Systems & Implementation Manager	Bronwyn King
Accounts Clerk	Yuli Chan
Web Developer	Clare Decena
Library Support Coordinator	Helen Loosli (p/t)
Library Support Coordinator	Jenny Clarke (p/t)
Library Support	Tanya Holm (p/t)
Network and System Administrator	Ismail Sumrain (p/t)
Authorities Librarian	Teesha Forgas
Consultants (p/t)	Fred Piper, Glenda Henderson
Shelf Ready Services (p/t)	Sue Baglin, Adele Ganschow, Richard Goodwin, Wendy Hazell, Jana Huntley, Magdalene Lai, Katrina

Thirty seven years of serving Libraries.

**To provide quality products and services at a lower cost than
Members can achieve independently.**

**To stimulate and promote cooperative activities between Member
libraries**

CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT

In May 2014 the UNILINC Board resolved to proceed with the implementation of the next generation library system (Alma) with a view to Member libraries using the system from mid-2015. The remainder of 2014 was focussed on achieving this objective.

FINANCES AND AUDIT

Income in 2013 was \$2,385,097 (\$2,590,425 in 2013). The budget allowed for a deficit of \$60,000 covering contingencies relating to the implementation of Alma. The year end result was a considerably smaller deficit of \$13,736. Provision for depreciation was \$53,475. Cash reserves as at 31 December 2014 were \$2,157,927.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Company held its Thirty Sixth General Meeting on 29 May 2014. At that time Professor Ian Goulter, Mr. Dean Leith and Ms Joye Volker retired in accordance with Section 28 of the Articles of Association and, and having made themselves available, were duly re-elected. At the following Board meeting, Professor Ian Goulter and Ms Joye Volker were elected Chair and Deputy Chair respectively.

The Board met four times during 2014.

MEMBERS

The Company was very pleased to welcome Tabor Adelaide as its newest Member in May 2014.

On 23 December, the Australian Catholic University emailed its intention to withdraw from UNILINC at the end of 2016. The two years notice period gives the Company time to adjust its finances. The migration to Alma will facilitate the necessary adjustment and at that same time offer new opportunities. The UNILINC Board will be undertaking a planning session in September to review the long term implications of the withdrawal within the overall context of changes in the higher education sector and the opportunities offered by the new systems environment.

THE SHARED SYSTEM

The Shared System, comprising the library management system (Aleph) and the discovery service (Primo) delivers the full range of functionality required for effective library management and information service delivery whilst also facilitating resource sharing between Member libraries.

Some 11.2 million searches were conducted on Primo in 2014, a 13.9% increase over 2013.

As well as numerous smaller projects, major work completed during 2014 included implementing Tabor Adelaide to Aleph, Primo, SFX and Primo Central including data conversion from the previous system, replacing the hardware for Metalib for the Australian Catholic University, completing the integration of DigiTool and Research Master for Charles Sturt University, working with THINK to support the relocation of a number of libraries and assisting Avondale College on the implementation of RFID at its Wahrenonga campus.

However, the focus for 2014 was the implementation of Alma and Alma Primo. After several months of consultation with Member libraries and in depth analysis of Aleph and Alma data structures, the test data and loans policy migration was completed on 14 October 2014. This was followed by extensive testing of the data and configuration and reporting of issues to Ex Libris. UNILINC staff successfully achieved certification on 7 December 2014 at which time work commenced on configuring each of the libraries within Alma. An Alma support page was established Member libraries received monthly updates via email. There were numerous issues researched and reported to Ex Libris during this time, some of which have led to new developments within Alma due by mid 2015 when UNILINC expects to be using Alma.

UNILINC continued its active participation and involvement in the Ex Libris User Group community, with Helen Loosli as Deputy Chair of the Alma Product Working Group, Bronwyn King as Deputy Chair of the Primo Product Working Group and Jenny Clarke participating in the Alma Data Consultative Committee.

HOSTED SYSTEM PROJECTS

SFX linking system: UNILINC supports thirteen Member libraries in their use of Ex Libris SFX. Through SFX licensed scholarly information resources are made available to authorised students and staff using Primo. This will be replaced by functions within Alma.

DigiTool Institutional Repository: Charles Sturt University and the Australian Catholic University use DigiTool through UNILINC as an integrated research management system and repository which is fully compliant with the requirements of Excellence in Research for Australia (ERA) and Higher Education Research Data Collection (HERDC).

OTHER ACTIVITIES AND PROJECTS

Contract cataloguing: UNILINC specialises in cataloguing research and technical publications as well as material in languages other than English (LOTE).

Training: UNILINC conducted courses in the use of UNILINC systems and in the National Library of Australia Document Delivery system.

Reciprocal borrowing: The Reciprocal Borrowing Scheme and Interlibrary Lending Scheme continued to bring benefits to those participating Members.

THE OFFICE

Bronwyn King attended the meeting of the Primo Product Working Group held in Oxford in March 2014 and Helen Loosli attended the Alma Product Working Group meeting and Ex Libris Technical Seminar in Oxford in September 2014. In April 2014 the Executive Director & CEO attended her first meeting of the International Coalition of Library Consortia which meets each year this time in Portland and of which UNILINC is a long time member.

CONCLUSION

With the decision to migrate to the new cloud based library management system, UNILINC took a necessary step towards ensuring quality scholarly material is acquired and made accessible as soon as it is available. The company is determined to take every opportunity provided by this new system to deliver affordable and exemplary services to Members.

2014 was our 37th year, making UNILINC one of the longest lasting cooperative endeavours in higher education in Australia. The very idea of CLANN, now UNILINC, was an innovation at the time in 1987 and over the years since then the Company has lead the way in delivering the latest in information services to Members with a focus on full support and affordability.

This achievement was acknowledged in the 2015 Australia Day Honours with Rona Wade, the Executive Director & CEO of UNILINC for all but the first three of those years, being made a Member of the Order of Australia (AM).

Once again in 2014, the Company was blessed with excellent Directors and executive leadership and committed and hardworking staff in UNILINC Office and Member libraries.

I thank all Members for their continued support.