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CAUDIT Autumn Members Meeting Update

THE CAUDIT Autumn Members meeting is gaining momentum with development of the Agenda producing an intelligent and engaging host of topics and speakers. The two major themes of the event are:

Day One: Digital Strategies

Day Two: Teaching, Learning, Research and the Student Experience.

During Day Two members and their invited guest will receive an update on the CAUDIT Working Parties established as a result of the work done at the 2013 Spring Members Meeting (further information on the Working Parties can be found further down in this newsletter). A key session for the day will also be the development of the CAUDIT Top Ten issues for 2014.

Speakers include: William Confalonieri, CDO of Deakin University and 2014 itNews CIO of the Year on Deakin's eStrategy; Denise Carson, UXC Connect on Enterprise Mobility & Wireless; Professor Aidan Byrne, CEO of the ARC; Dr Tim Cahill, Director, Excellence in Research for Australia (ERA); Michael Barber, VC Flinders University; Sendur Kathir, CIO Uni of Melbourne on the uCloud initiative. We will also have a presentation on Tableau for benchmarking.

The focus of Day Three is: 'the business' - i.e. the CAUDIT Annual General Meeting along with updates from AARNet, AeRO and CAUDIT Staff. The 'business' will also include the election to fill the roles of President, Vice-President and Treasurer. Note that AAF will also be holding their Annual General Meeting at the beginning of the day.

CAUDIT CEO Anne Kealley has advised that we will also be joined at dinner on the Thursday evening by at least one of the Victorian University Vice Chancellors.

If you have not yet registered it is recommended that you do so soon to ensure that you secure accommodation at the venue as limited rooms are being held. [Visit the online registration page today.](#)

Discount for CAUDIT members

Engaging minds through innovative use of technology comes under the spotlight at this year's FutureGov Forums in NSW (5th June) and Victoria (17th July).

FutureGov Forums are invitation only gatherings of senior IT officials from government, education and healthcare.

The Forums are built around Interactive Discussion Table (IDT) format, exploring innovations in technology to enhance performance. Delegates engage in informed, candid, and thought-provoking conversations, sharing their front-line experiences, and technology pitfalls to avoid on a number of issues ranging from cloud adoption and cyber security, to workforce mobility and open data.

CAUDIT has secured up to 15 places at each forum at a special rate of \$95 per person (normally \$1095) for member institutions to use. Conditions apply.

[Find out more...](#)

Nominations for iAwards now open

Nominations for AeRO User Support Project



The Council of Australian University Directors of Information Technology (CAUDIT) and the Australian eResearch Organisation (AeRO) invite you to nominate a suitable 'expert representative' for membership of the User Support Project's University

IT Research Support Expert Group.

AeRO commenced its User Support Project in 2013 and established a Project Control Group (PCG) currently chaired by the National eResearch Collaboration Tools and Resources (NeCTAR) Deputy Director, to oversee the Project's delivery. AeRO includes major stakeholders in the effectiveness of IT support for researchers: state-based eResearch organisations like QCIF, NCI and Intersect; RDSI; AARNet; CSIRO; CAUDIT on behalf of its university IT members; and others.

Early draft terms of reference for the Expert Group are available from the [CAUDIT website](#) along with details on how to nominate.

CAUDIT Procurement Update

In March, the CAUDIT VMware agreement was finalised for another three years and negotiation with Microsoft for the next three-year agreement commenced. The Microsoft agreement is the longest running and most important of our agreements. Every University in Australia purchases directly from the agreement, and it is used as the basis for agreements in New Zealand.

Since the last agreement was established the landscape has changed dramatically, and we expect that to be reflected in our discussions with Microsoft and the final agreement. The recent announcement of Office for the iPad demonstrates the move away from software licenses, to cloud-based subscriptions. In coming weeks, CAUDIT will be working with its Members, Microsoft, Large Account Resellers and the University Software Licensing Collaboration (USLC) to identify key issues for negotiation. It is an ideal opportunity for your institution to get involved with the USLC to ensure that we are able to create an agreement that reflects the requirements of the sector.

To contact USLC visit the [Communities page](#) on the CAUDIT website.

CAUDIT Benchmarking



The CAUDIT Benchmarking Advisory Committee (BMAC) will meet on 10 April 2014 to finalise recommendation priorities (originating from the Benchmarking Working Party recommendations in 2013) for upgrading the CAUDIT Benchmarking System.

The purpose of the Benchmarking Advisory Committee is to provide advice and guidance to

CAUDIT and the Director Analytics and Strategic Initiatives [DASI] on all aspects of the CAUDIT benchmarking system, its coverage and processes to produce and disseminate quality and timely information to service the immediate and future requirements of CAUDIT and its members in alignment with CAUDIT strategic objectives as set out by the CAUDIT Executive.

Outcomes from the meetings will be circulated to members in future issues of the CAUDIT eNews.

The Benchmarking Advisory Committee comprises:

- Philip Costley, University of Western Sydney
- John Dixon, Federation University Australia
- Brian Greene, University of Western Australia
- Michael Kirby-Lewis, UNSW
- Paul Sherlock, University of South Australia
- Michael Thompson, University of Southern Queensland

Nominations for the 20th National iAwards are now open to all segments of the ICT industry including [tertiary student projects](#) and [postgrad research](#) and [individuals](#). Deadline Monday April 28. Visit www.iawards.com.au for further information.

Coming Events

[CAUDIT Leadership Institute Online Q&A with Liz Gosling - Thurs 17 April 2014](#) - circulate this to anyone who you think would be interested in participating in the 2014 event.

[Tenable Network Security Webinar - Wed 23 April 2014](#)

[Microsoft Data Centre Tour - Melbourne - Tues 29 April 2014](#)

[AWS in Education - Melbourne - Tues 29 April 2014](#)

[CAUDIT Autumn Members Meeting - Melbourne - Wed 30 April - Fri 2 May 2014](#)

[Engaging minds through an innovative use of technology - Sydney - Thurs 5 June 2014](#)

[Engaging minds through an innovative use of technology - Melbourne - Thurs 17 July 2014](#)

CAUDIT Enterprise Architecture Symposium - 2014

The Caudit Enterprise Architecture Symposium 2014 will be held from 24 – 26 November 2014 in The Great Hall, University of Sydney.

Over the past 150 years the Great Hall has been used for a wide variety of events including, conferring of degrees, musical and dramatic productions, banquets, public lectures, book launches, balls, exams, commemoration, memorial services, antique fair, Chancellor's Committee annual book sale and so much more.

Join the EA Symposium 2014 and experience a snapshot of the wonderful architecture of the Great Hall and some of the events that have taken place there over the past 150 years. This venue is only given for significant events. Further updates including registration will be provided by the EA Community soon.

Staff from CAUDIT Member institutions can [connect with the Enterprise Architecture community on LinkedIn here](#).

THETA 2015 Update

Preparations are well underway with the formalisation of the THETA15 Committee

- Ann Walters, University of Newcastle
- Alan Eades, The University of Melbourne

CAUDIT Working Parties Update

Membership of the four CAUDIT Working Parties has now been finalised - thank you to those who have volunteered to contribute their expertise to the groups. Inaugural meetings are scheduled to take place during April 2014 to confirm their respective Terms of Reference and plan work programs.

Digital Literacy: Develop a national standard for basic digital technology literacy and skills in higher education and identifying best practices and case studies for up skilling and technology learning in higher education.

Partnership & Engagement: Initiating, establishing and maintaining Partnerships and Engagement with undergraduate and postgraduate/research students, academic and professional staff and external agencies with best practices and case studies identified.

Wireless: The deployment and management of wireless technology across campuses and identifying best practices and case studies to meet the highly expectant demands of all the key players – undergraduate and postgraduate students, researchers, academic and professional staff.

Research Support: ICT support and services for university researchers identifying best practice models and case studies of university research support.

It is intended that these Working Parties complete their work and report back at the CAUDIT 2014 Spring Members meeting in October.

being completed. The first meeting of the Committee is due to be held at the Gold Coast (the proposed location of the conference) on Friday 4 April. The program committee is already bursting with ideas to thrill and excite delegates.

Claim the date: **11 – 14 May 2015**

The 2015 event is being hosted by Griffith University. THETA is the biannual collaboration between CAUDIT, CAUL and ACODE. The conference is unique in that it attracts a comprehensive range of practitioners and senior decision makers across the whole spectrum of Information Technology, Teaching and Learning, Library and Knowledge Management in tertiary education.

Further details will be circulated in future issues of CAUDIT News.