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2013 Benchmarking Data Collection Now Open



As of 24th June 2014 registered Benchmarking Updaters are able to access the upgraded CAUDIT Benchmarking System to provide their annual benchmarking data for 2013.

The expanded 2014 Benchmarking System includes new data fields resulting from recommendations by the Benchmarking Working Party (BMWP) in 2013 and endorsed by the Benchmarking Advisory

Committee (BMAC) earlier this year.

The collection window for 2013 data input closes on Friday 29 August 2014 with results presented at the 2014 Spring Members Meeting being held in October 2014 in Auckland, New Zealand.

A new [Benchmarking Resources page](#) has been created to assist Members and their registered Updaters (both experienced and new) with the information needs of the expanded CAUDIT Benchmarking System. The site includes links to key reference documents on the upgraded System:

- Instructions for New Updaters
- Definitions of Data Elements including Scope of IT
- Updater Check List

As the entry point for registered Updaters to the CAUDIT Benchmarking System this Resources page will feature updates and information alerts.

To further assist, CAUDIT Director, Analytics & Initiatives, Steven Wojnarowski will be holding a 'How to' webinar for Updaters during the week of 28th July. This is an opportunity for Updaters to ask any questions that have not been answered via the resources page or to get general support. Information on the webinar will be posted on the [Events page](#) of the CAUDIT website shortly.

SPUSC

The South Pacific User Services Conference (SPUSC) typically runs annually and is sponsored by individual host institutions. In 2015, SPUSC will be included within THETA 2015 with a dedicated SPUSC stream.

THETA 2015 will run from 11-13 May at the Gold Coast Convention Centre. Visit the [THETA website](#) for more information

ccEngage European Study Tour Report

As part of CAUDIT's engagement with Cisco, a study tour was held for invited CAUDIT Members: 2014 European Higher Education Study Tour Using Disruptive Technology to Deliver Sustainable Innovation.

CAUDIT, Cisco, Dandalo Partners and tour sponsors (NetApp and SAP) are happy to advise that the study tour report is now available for download from the [CAUDIT website](#).

Positions Vacant

For further information please contact Steven Wojnarowski via the Benchmarking email: benchmarking@caudit.edu.au

Professional Development Program for New Managers to go ahead in 2014

Following the call for expressions of interest circulated to member institutions recently, the CAUDIT program for New Managers has been confirmed and will run in 2014. Significant interest in attending the program has allowed for a wide geographical disbursement for the four two day workshop sessions.

The diversity of the locations will add increased benefit to participants as they take advantage of touring the host universities operations. It is anticipated that the face to face sessions for 2014 will be:

Session #1 23 & 24 July 2014 James Cook University - Cairns campus
Session #2 26 & 27 Aug 2014 Based in Sydney – host details to be confirmed
Session #3 9 & 10 Oct 2014 University of the Sunshine Coast – Sippy Downs campus
Session #4 26 & 27 Nov 2014 Based in Canberra – host details to be confirmed (including Graduation)

Final confirmation of the sessions and other program related information will be circulated to those who submitted their initial EOI. Anyone else seeking information on participating should contact steve.wojnarowski@caudit.edu.au as soon as possible. Places in the program are limited however a waitlist will be held for those who are keen (and have approval) to participate.

CAUDIT Procurement Update

Strategic Collaborative Procurement Workshop - CAUDIT conducted a workshop at the QUESTnet conference on Strategic Collaborative Procurement. The workshop was targeted at IT and Procurement Professionals within institutions to assist them with:

- Best practice IT Procurement – within your institution
- Making the most of Strategic Collaborative Procurement
- Terms and conditions, contracts and agreements
- Approaches to market – tenders, requests, quotations and best pricing
- Information about national offers currently in place; and
- An exploration of potential offers and areas of interest

Various sessions will be repeated as webinars in coming months, so please keep an eye out for session details on the [CAUDIT Events page](#).

Microsoft Survey - CAUDIT would like to thank those Australian University Members(90%) that responded to the recent Microsoft Survey. The information obtained will be invaluable in developing the new Microsoft Offer being prepared for October. To view the current [timeframe for the Microsoft renewal](#) visit the CAUDIT website.

US Study Tour

Arrangements are gaining momentum for the US based study tour which will be held immediately following the EDUCAUSE Annual Conference in October 2014. CAUDIT CEO, Anne Kealley is collecting a wish list from interested participants, on where they would like to visit during the tour. Some suggestions received to date include:

- University of Central Florida – Online technology and learning to respond to increasing demand and participation without increasing physical facilities.
- Full Sail University, Orlando - Innovative approaches to provisioning high-end A/V and IT resources for their students and staff.
- Arizona State University – The Top 10 Most Innovative Sustainable Buildings of 2014 - a light-filled LEED-Platinum building.

[Director, Digital Strategy - CSU](#)

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Do you have a position vacant? CAUDIT supports its members by listing their vacancies on the CAUDIT website. Send your vacancy info to cassandra.spencer@caudit.edu.au

Coming Events

[17 July - Engaging minds, 3rd Annual Future Gov Forum, Victoria](#)

[21 July - Information & Documentation & Information Technology, Standards Australia, Sydney](#)

[22 October - CAUDIT Spring Members Meeting, Auckland, New Zealand](#)

[27 October - eResearch Australasia 2014, Melbourne](#)

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- University of Georgia - Governance/strengthening decision-making, benchmarking, change, demand-management.

Please forward your ideas or comments to anne.kealley@caudit.edu.au

AeRO Update

AeRO hits the big 3-0 - AeRO now has 30 services, applications and tools with AeRO Tick accreditation! The latest organisation to receive the AeRO tick is the [Biodiversity and Climate Change Virtual Laboratory](#) (BCCVL). This and the other 29 services can be found the [AeRO IT User Support Project](#) website.

Ticketing hub for infrastructure providers - AeRO will be hosting a ticket and incident management exchange workshop for infrastructure operators (NeCTAR and RDSI nodes). The workshop will be held on the 24th of July in Melbourne and focus on developing a model for incident management among national providers of eResearch computer and storage infrastructure. AeRO encourages all infrastructure providers who have yet to receive an invite to contact enquiries@aero.edu.au

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