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Welcome to new CAUDIT CEO

As previously advised by the CAUDIT Executive Committee, new CEO Anne Kealley will be joining CAUDIT from today, 3rd Feb 2014.

Anne brings with her a wealth of knowledge and experience from her previous employment with Australian National University holding a number of senior posts including General Manager College Medicine, Biology & Environment and College, Physical and Mathematical Sciences, and Acting Director of Division of Information.

More recently, she has held the post of Associate Director Service Delivery & Engagement, a portfolio established under her leadership. She has been instrumental in many key IT initiatives, among those the establishment of the ANU Service Desk and work on Service Delivery Benchmarking.

Anne will initially be focussed on communicating with CAUDIT Member Representatives and will use the Autumn Members Meeting as an opportunity to engage with them personally.

The CAUDIT Executive would like to expressly acknowledge and thank Steve Johnston, CAUDIT Director, Strategic Procurement who has been Acting Chief Executive Officer during the recruitment process. Steve's commitment and professionalism has enabled CAUDIT to continue to deliver key services and has been an active participant in identifying new strategic directions and relationships.

Wireless Microphone Frequencies

Autumn Members Meeting - Save the Date

CAUDIT is in the process of finalising the agenda for the next Autumn Members Meeting being held from Wed 30 Apr – Fri 2 May 2014 at the Crown Promenade, Melbourne.

In keeping with previous meetings, CAUDIT guarantees a varied and stimulating range of topics for discussion with sessions aimed at delivering a 'bigger picture' of issues as well as allowing for an introspective look at how the topics relate directly to members.

Member Representatives are invited to bring a respected colleague from their institution so that they can participate in the event. This opportunity is only accessible for the Autumn Members Meeting.

Registrations will open shortly so keep an eye on the [CAUDIT website](#) and while you are there, download the iCalendar to save the date in your diary.

2014 Oracle Study Tour

CAUDIT Members and their staff who are attending the Alliance 2014 Conference in the US are invited to join their colleagues from the Oracle HEUG for a study tour incorporating the

The Australian Communications and Media Authority (ACMA) and the Government have been working for a number of years to 're-stack' frequencies used for analogue television, digital television and wireless microphones.

Analogue television services were turned off in December 2013, allowing for the creation of a 'digital dividend' – a range of frequencies made available to deliver 4G mobile broadband services.

From 1 January 2014 suppliers are no longer permitted to import, manufacture or sell wireless audio devices that use the old spectrum. From 1 January 2015 it will be illegal to use any wireless microphone or public announcement system that uses the old spectrum.

The ACMA wants to ensure that all community groups and businesses understand the change and know that they should do to prepare. A range of easy-to-understand resources are available on the ACMA's online wireless microphones hub (<http://www.acma.gov.au/Industry/wirelessmics>).

CAUDIT Top Ten

A new approach was used to develop the Top Ten Issues in 2013 and this approach is being further refined in 2014. Issues will be gathered from various sources including research groups (such as Gartner and Ovum) and other Higher Education IT Associations (such as EDUCAUSE and CUCCIO).

A committee will compile a short list of issues, followed by a voting process open to all CAUDIT Members.

If you are interested in participating in the Top Ten Committee, please register your interest with Steve Johnston (steve.johnston@caudit.edu.au).

CAUDIT Benchmarking Report on the Cloud

In late December 2013 sections of the 2013 Annual Benchmarking Report were uploaded onto a cloud service available from Tableau software known as Tableau OnLine. Initial access to this was provided to CAUDIT Executive Committee and Benchmarking Working Party members and now with 50 trial licenses available, additional CAUDIT members are invited to trial this interactive analysis site.

Test access to the full Tableau features of the CAUDIT Benchmarking website is currently available until Monday 10th February 2014. CAUDIT is negotiating with Tableau on licensing terms to enable CAUDIT to provide members with ongoing on-line and interactive access to Benchmarking system information, survey results and other key data sets.

Interested institutions are asked to contact CAUDIT Director Analytics and Strategic Initiatives (steven.wojnarowski@caudit.edu.au)

Identity Provider Enhancement Program

Under a CAUDIT initiative, the Australian Access Federation (AAF) will be undertaking an Identity Provider Enhancement Program. The activity has been funded by the Department of Education. The program's aim is to better understand identity management practices in the sector and to build upon the identities within the Federation.

Over the coming months, the AAF will be sending several online questionnaires about federated identity management for CAUDIT members to complete. This information will help the AAF to develop material to assist CAUDIT members with their connection to the AAF.

The first questionnaire has recently been circulated to institutional representatives and your responses are due by 28th February 2014. If you have any questions regarding the survey (or cannot locate the email) please contact AAF Service Delivery Manager, Dean Nottingham at dean.nottingham@aaf.edu.au or to read more about the program please [visit the AAF website here](#).

New Member Representative - CSU

Oracle Customer Visitor Centre (CVC), Stanford University and the University of Santa Clara.

The tour is being scheduled to commence on 3 March 2014, leading up to the Alliance Conference starting on 9 March and the tentative itinerary can be viewed on the [CAUDIT website here](#).

If you are interested in attending, please contact [Steve Johnston](#).

Windows XP

Windows XP support ends on 8th April 2014. It was recently announced that anti-malware support would be extended until 13 July 2015. It should be noted that this announcement does not change the end-of-support date. No more security updates will be made available and users are advised to upgrade to a more recent version of Windows.

It is possible that there are technical, support and logistical reasons why Windows XP may be required within a University after this date. If you have concerns with regards to this that have not been addressed, please contact your Microsoft Account Manager, or for further information, visit the [Microsoft website here](#).

CAUDIT's New Working Parties

CAUDIT is working to establish four working parties identified at the Spring Members Meeting in 2013. The working parties will focus on:

- Digital Literacy
- Partnerships/Engagement
- Wireless
- Research Support.

Over the next few weeks, these working parties will be forming to determine their terms of reference and goals for 2014. If you are interested in participating in a working party, please e-mail [Steve Wojnarowski](mailto:Steve.Wojnarowski).

CAUDIT Resources

Note: To access the following member only resources, you will be prompted to log-in using your institution credentials (username/password).

AusCERT has provided an update for CAUDIT Members on the AusCERT Service. To view this content visit the [CAUDIT website here](#).

CAUDIT welcomes Phil Roy as CAUDIT Member Representative for Charles Sturt University. Many CAUDIT Members will be familiar with Phil as he has attended Member Meetings in the past and we look forward to seeing him at the Autumn Members Meeting in Melbourne.

An update on negotiations with **VMware** was circulated to member representatives during January. Members can access a copy of this update by visiting the [CAUDIT website here](#).

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