

Trove Strategic Advisory Committee



Key Messages

11 July 2025

Current Projects

TSAC members met online. A paper providing a progress update on the Trove Partners Resource Sharing and the Trove Metadata Manager (TMM) projects was presented.

The implementation of the new Trove Partner Resource Sharing (TPRS) service is on track to be released in a staged transition from mid-May to August 2025: Reciprocal service launch (May 2025), ILL system interoperation launch (July 2025) and Pay for Peer service launch (August 2025).

In April 2025, a new cataloguing service was launched, which included the migration of the Australian National Bibliographic Database (ANBD) into a modern database system. This multiyear initiative brought about significant changes, including the adoption of the BIBFRAME standard, the implementation of a new algorithm for merging records from various partners, and the introduction of updated cataloguing tools.

Phase 2 of TMM development commenced in April 2025 and is scheduled to conclude in September 2025.

TSAC discussed the increased communication and engagement activities delivered to prepare partners for system and service changes, as well as the challenges of communicating service changes to ensure messaging reaches the "right person at the right time".

The Committee agreed there is a need for communication and visibility around known issues within the projects as systems and services are being released. Other engagement strategies were suggested and being explored.

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New communication pathways - established July 2025

To keep partners informed, new communication pathways were established along with a dedicated process for reporting issues, enabling faster responses and more effective troubleshooting. A central resource—the Trove Partners Cataloguing known issues register—was created to provide updates on known and resolved issues, as well as ongoing system improvements.

Authorities Update

Research findings on authorities were presented, informed by engagement with key institutions and contributions from Trove Partners. TSAC discussed the evolving role of authority control in metadata management, highlighting the need for consistent records, national collaboration, vendor engagement, and consideration of emerging technologies like linked data. Sector inclusivity, the role of Library of Congress subject headings, and the importance of name authorities were noted as critical to discovery and user experience.

TSAC Resignation

Ms. Cassandra Gorton resigned from TSAC, and an election will be scheduled to take place later in 2025 or early 2026 to fill the resulting vacancy. TSAC formally expressed their gratitude to Ms. Gorton for her valuable contribution during her tenure.

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