

Trove Strategic Advisory Committee



Key Messages

26-27 October 2023

TSAC meetings

TSAC members met at the National Library in Canberra at the end of October for a strategic overview of current infrastructure replacement projects and a focused discussion on the future of Trove and its value to the Trove Partner community.

Held over a day and a half, the meeting encompassed a range of topics including the Resource sharing futures tender process and the National Library's plans to modernise the infrastructure used to manage metadata to improve data quality in Trove. Workshop activities enabled the Committee to provide NLA staff with useful insights and ideas on how to engage with Trove Partners on issues of strategic importance.

Strategic overview

National Resource Sharing

Noting that the formal procurement process for the Limited Request for Tender is still underway, Library staff summarised the consultation activities undertaken with Partners to date, reiterated the findings from the Partner survey conducted in 2022 and indicated how Partner input had informed the procurement process. Library staff noted that the Government funding for Trove in the May budget supports services for the public and that, as resource sharing infrastructure is separate to the public services, these costs need to be recovered from the Partner community. The outcome of the tender process will be announced once the process has concluded. Library staff will provide a status report at the Town Hall on 30 November and will continue to update Partners on [this page](#) as information becomes available.

Streamlining data ingest

TSAC members heard how the accuracy and currency of data in the Australian National Bibliographic Database (ANBD) directly affects the value of the service and supports resource sharing. Library staff advised they are continuing to work with Partners to 'Sync their library data' with the OAI-PMH daily update which will reduce costs both for the Library and Partners, and greatly improve the quality of data available. Library staff also informed Committee members about plans to improve the infrastructure that supports Library data flows into and out of the ANBD.

TSAC members

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Strategic overview cont.

Digitisation

The Library's Director of Digitisation outlined key priorities for the section over the coming year. A major activity for this area in the Library was the development of Handwritten Text Recognition (HTR) which will enable better searching and text correction for handwritten material such as letters, diaries and unpublished manuscripts. A public test of this new capability was launched on 25 October and is available from [this link](#).

Communication with Partners

Library staff sought insights from TSAC members in a workshop designed to capture ideas on how the Library could improve the way it communicates with Partners. TSAC provided valuable feedback by responding to 'What questions are you hearing from Partners?', 'What gaps in information are there?' and 'Which channels can we use to best distribute information?'. Members shared their insights and expertise and identified that information disseminated by the Library does not always reach the relevant person within each Partner institution. Various mechanisms to address this were discussed, and members offered to explore avenues for distributing information within their own networks.

Trove's future opportunities

The second workshop considered the future of Trove beyond the projects that are already underway over the next 12 months. Members considered topics including 'How to increase the value of Trove for Partners' and 'What future technological innovations may affect Trove'. The workshop generated innovative ideas on how to leverage the benefits of the aggregated content and created many themes for Library staff to consider.

Key issues for TSAC institutions

The Director-General provided an update of issues affecting the National Library, and the Director, Indigenous Engagement spoke about the Library's plans to introduce Indigenous Cultural and Intellectual Property Protocols. Members also spoke about issues in their institutions, and this generated a discussion about how libraries are managing First Nations collections. Member requested that this topic be revisited at a future TSAC meeting.