

2013 Annual Report

In 2013, the LRC (Library) committed to two consortia arrangements. Firstly, a cloud based shared system environment with Holmesglen; and secondly, VEA video streaming.

There was an expansion of the LRC collection into e-books with the EBL patron driven book ordering model and the Knovel Foodscience suite of titles. In April, the LRC started to implement a discovery search function (like a Google search) across all its physical and electronically subscribed content.

In special collections, there were a number of highlights. Firstly, the upload of LRC bibliographic records to an upload of records to Trove (Libraries Australia database); secondly, the digitization of the Zimmerman book. This collection, started by Chef Zimmerman's grandfather, consists of a book of more than 1300 menus and epicurean articles from all over England and Europe; thirdly, the long awaited launch of the Oral History Project occurred on 5th December.

The William Angliss Oral History Project started in 2010 with the goal of recording the memories of former students and staff about their time studying and working at the Institute. The preserved oral history recordings showcase the depth and breadth of the Institute's rich heritage, and will benefit future historical and social research.

Support for our Sydney campus was ramped up in 2013, with training in databases, moodle and copyright, along with establishing a small virtual LRC service, physical space and online catalogue. On a sadder note, budget cuts at the end of 2013 severely affected staffing levels in the LRC, with the loss of our long standing and respected Information Services librarian, as well as the closure of the Bookshop.

