Institutional Repositories at ECU

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Library Collections and Access

Digital Commons

- Digital Commons produced and hosted by BPress
- Use of DC in Australia:
  - Australian Council for Educational Research
  - Bond University
  - Edith Cowan University
  - Government of South Australia, Department of Health
  - Institute of Transport Studies, Monash University
  - Southern Cross University
  - The University of Notre Dame Australia
  - University of Wollongong
Selection of Digital Commons

• Why DC?
  – Quick Setup
  – Low IT support required
  – Simple administration
  – Fully developed features
  – Ongoing development / enhancements
• Down side : Annual subscription

Current Scope

• Digital Commons established mid 2007
• Not released for general use
• Primarily used to meet reporting requirements (ERA).
• Desire to develop policy before launch…

Policy

• We made mistakes!
• Open Access Policy established at ECU September 2009 (18 month process!)
  – Sticking Points:
    » Mandatory submission
    » Copyright
    » Quality Control
• Repository Launch scheduled early 2010
Lessons Learned

- Policy should not drive deposit
- Support for the concept
- Concern about process
- Outside forces will drive open access
  - Code for the responsible conduct of research
  - Government requirements
  - Funding bodies mandating open access to results

Challenges for Library

- Staffing
  - Increased demand for research support
  - Copyright clearances (expectation on Library)
- Education
  - Understanding open access issues
- Data management
  - Development of data plan around the repository and integration with services such as ANDS and iVEC

The Future for ECU

- Official launch
- Online journal publication within DC
- Conference management and publication within DC
- Integration of theses
- Automation from research management system
DC Examples

- Embedded Video: http://ecommons.txstate.edu/arp/285/
- Embedded PDF: http://digitalcommons.bryant.edu/babcock_war/1/
- Conference: http://commons.pacificu.edu/sustainableschol/
- Selected Works: http://works.bepress.com/aashbolt/