



From the EGG Chair: *EPIC Collaboration*

Kia ora EPIC libraries,

Now is the time for us to prove that New Zealand libraries really are EPIC. This week your library will receive information about EPIC costs in year two and the re-subscription process. Here is my challenge to you:

Kaua e rangiruatia te hā o te hoe; e kore tō tātou waka e ū ki uta.

'Do not lift the paddle out of unison or our canoe will never reach the shore.'

For EPIC to be sustainable we need as many as possible of the 177 current members to remain committed. Collaboration is about co-operation and compromise; EPIC is only in existence because 177 of us, along with the Ministry of Education, took our place in our waka and paddled together.

The EPIC Governance Group met on February 14th with two issues high on our agenda:

The Cost Allocation Model was reviewed and set for year two. Our aim was to streamline it - make it more transparent and easier to understand. We believe we've achieved that. If you have any questions about it don't hesitate to email costmodel@epic.org.nz We're happy to answer any questions.

We also discussed **procurement strategies** and what will best suit EPIC libraries' needs. We're close to being able to give you more information about this. You will appreciate that the growth of EPIC depends on many things including the number of libraries that remain committed to EPIC.

Getting the best out of your EPIC resources requires you to build them into your every day library use. Fiona (EPIC Manager) has written a short document "Getting the best out of your e-resources" that suggests some ways that you can do this. You'll receive that document along with our other correspondence this week. It is well worth a read, and perhaps after you've read it you could spend some time brainstorming what your library can do to increase use of your e-resources.

The EPIC Governance Group is always keen to hear from you. So if you have any queries or suggestions about EPIC please don't hesitate to email them to epic@epic.org.nz

Barbara Garriock (EGG Chair)

News from EBSCO and Gale

ANZ Reference Center - New Zealand Titles

EBSCO Publishing will be adding the following New Zealand titles to the 'Australia/NZ Reference Centre' in March 2005. Data for these titles has been delivered from the publishers to EBSCO and is currently being converted for scheduled upload in the coming weeks. The titles, with coverage start date are listed below.

Newspapers

Daily News from 12/08/1996
Dominion from 1/01/1995
Dominion Post from 8/07/2002
Evening Post from 1/01/1995
Evening Standard from 15/06/1996
Nelson Mail from 1/06/1997
Infotech Weekly from 1/01/1995
Press from 7/06/1996
Southland Times from 1/03/1997
Sunday Star-Times from 8/12/1995
Timaru Herald from 24/06/1996
Truth & TV Extra from 1/08/1996
Waikato Times from 1/05/1996

Magazine/Journals

Future Times
Heritage New Zealand
NZ Journal of Psychology
New Zealand Surveyor
Survey Quarterly
Tree Grower Magazine

Single Interface for Thomson Gale Resources

Thomson Gale are continuing their development of the new single interface for all of their resources. As you can imagine this is a large project and one that is well worth waiting for. There is more information available, including a sneak preview, at <http://www.gale.com/Technical/more.htm>

We'll provide you with full details about how this affects the EPIC resources as information comes to hand.

The EPIC Website

We've been working on adding more information to the EPIC website. A new addition will be a Members Only page that will include the EPIC Governance Group meeting minutes and other important EPIC documents. We'll send out access details soon!

Upcoming Training

We are in the early stages of planning a New Zealand wide training roadshow.

The workshop will be focused on getting the best out of your e-resources and will be aimed at libraries that are new to e-resources. It will cover the basics and will, where possible, include hands on training. If you have any suggestions about this contact epic@epic.org.nz.

EBSCO and Thomson Gale will be visiting to run training sessions this year. We're working on our schedule at the moment and we'll be making sure we visit areas that missed out last year.

Keeping In Touch With EPIC

EPIC-L, the EPIC listserv is the best and easiest way to stay in touch with EPIC. To join visit <http://lists.natlib.govt.nz/mailman/listinfo/epic-l>

The list is not very active and you can set the list to digest so you will only receive one email per day maximum. All EPIC updates and important announcements are sent to this list. All staff of EPIC member libraries are welcome to join and there is an archive of previous messages.

EPIC Office

The EPIC Manager will be away from the 15th – 23rd February. If you have any queries do email them to epic@epic.org.nz as Jenny McDonald, Manager, Te Puna Support will be holding the EPIC fort. If you have any technical problems or queries contact the vendors directly. Here are their details:

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