

**2006 Annual Report from the Oceania Region
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The following sport information centres and institutions across the Oceania region represent and manage both government and private sector sport related information interests within their respective states, territories, and national and international jurisdictions. All of these bodies collaborate and share knowledge and resources through formal and informal networks to improve access to sport related information throughout Australia and the South Pacific.



**National Sport Information Centre (NSIC)
Australian Sports Commission
Canberra, Australia**
<http://www.ausport.gov.au/nsic/index.asp>

1.0 - NSIC Activities

The primary focus of the National Sport Information Centre (NSIC) over the past year has been to implement a range of electronic information management reforms to improve the delivery of sport related information and technology services to staff of the Australian Sports Commission (ASC) and the Australian sports community. During this time the NSIC has also successfully rebuilt a new and multi skilled team to replace a number of very experienced NSIC personnel that resigned over the past two years.

The NSIC continues to contribute to improving access to sport information, across Australia and the South Pacific region through active participation and collaboration with the Australasian Sport Information Network (AUSPIN) and through providing ongoing support to the Oceania Sport Information Centre (OSIC) based in Suva, Fiji.

1.1 - New ILMS & Online OPAC:

The NSIC upgraded to a new Integrated Library Management System (ILMS) that was launched during November 2005. As a result, the new NSIC Public Catalogue (OPAC) can be found online at <http://www.ausport.gov.au/nsic/catalogue.asp>.

Every year the NSIC contributes over 2,000 records from Australian published sport information to the SportDiscus database. However, the Catalogue also includes approximately 20,000 items not included in SportDiscus.

1.2 - SPIDAR Pilot

The Sport Performance Information & Digital Asset Repository (SPIDAR) is a leading edge information technology application designed to accommodate and manage a range of new media related performance analysis assets. Sixteen Australian Institute of Sport (AIS) programs actively participated in a pilot project late last year rigorously testing SPIDAR's capabilities. During the pilot, AIS athletes, coaches, and sport scientists were able to successfully store and share important digital assets that are critical to their program's ongoing development and improvement.

SPIDAR will continue to grow and keep pace with technology change through subsequent phases of development. Later this year SPIDAR is scheduled to be

launched on the Internet giving AIS users access to the corporate repository when travelling abroad.

1.3 - ASC Secure Web

The Australian Sports Commission (ASC), through the National Sports Information Centre, has recently established a secure extranet to enhance the business and communication networks of the ASC. The extranet allows for the secure sharing of in confidence documents and information between ASC/AIS communities, which include staff, coaches, sports scientists and targeted sports sector partners. Transactions that can be performed through the extranet include the secure submission of performance data and multi media content. The project has been very well received thus far, with a good initial uptake and feedback by all community members.

1.4 - Conferences & Workshops:

The NSIC recently hosted the *2006 AUSPIN Sport Information in the Commonwealth Seminar* and the annual *AUSPIN Workshop*. The Seminar was conducted over two days on the 6th and 7th of March, and the Workshop over one day immediately following the Seminar on the 8th of March, 2006. Both events took place at the Australian Institute of Sport (AIS) in Canberra. The dates were specifically chosen so the Seminar would precede the 13th Commonwealth International Sport Conference, and the Melbourne 2006 Commonwealth Games. As a result, the Seminar was well attended by international participants travelling from Brazil, Canada, England, Fiji, New Zealand, Niue, Russia, and South Africa. The Seminar covered a range of contemporary sport information and technology related topics, and provided attendees with a rare opportunity to participate in forums and network with other sport information professionals and enthusiasts from around the World.

1.5 - Australian Electronic Sport Information Consortia

The NSIC is currently investigating potential information architecture models that will meet the service needs of consortia clients. The consortia initiative was discussed further at this year's annual AUSPIN workshop. Several consortia/vendor technology models currently employed by the Australian health sector were demonstrated at the Workshop.

1.6 – Screenrights Copyright Royalties Collection Agency

The ASC/NSIC continues to participate in negotiations between the Australian Attorney-General's Department (representing all Australian Government Departments and Agencies) and the copyright collection agency Screenrights regarding an agreement on the equitable remuneration to be paid in respect of Australian Government copying of television and radio broadcasts. The ASC is a relatively high volume copying agency primarily due to NSIC off-air monitoring of selected sports broadcasts supporting AIS performance analysis activities. The NSIC has developed and implemented a range of strategies to reduce the ASC's liability in this area. An Agreement is expected to be finalised in the coming months.

1.7 - NSIC Staffing Changes:

New NSIC staff:

- Liam Coltman, Web Developer, Active After Schools Community, NSIC,
- Rhonda Nichols, Library Technician, Technical Services, NSIC

Resignations:

- Gillian Laughton, NSIC Information Resources Librarian

Promotions:

- Allan Wong, to, Information Resources Librarian, Technical Services, NSIC



**New South Wales Dept. of Tourism, Sport & Recreation
Library located at the Australian College of Physical
Education (ACPE), Sydney, New South Wales**
http://www.acpe.edu.au/acpe_library

2.0 – NSW Information Centre Developments

The Sydney Academy of Sport has closed down. The Academies collection has been moved to, and is now managed by, the Australian College of Physical Education (ACPE) located at Olympic Park in Homebush, Sydney. The Academy Librarian is now working from the NSW Department of Tourism, Sport and Recreation Head Office, also located at Olympic Park. New information servicing arrangements are currently being marketed to clients.



**Northern Territory Institute of Sport (NTIS) Resource Centre
Darwin, Northern Territory**
<http://www.dcdsca.nt.gov.au/dcdsca/intranet.nsf/pages/SportNTIS>

3.0 – NTIS Resource Centre Developments

The NTIS Business Apprentice is currently facilitating information services on a part-time basis.



**Oceania Sport Information Centre (OSIC)
Suva, Fiji**
<http://www.oceaniasport.info/>

4.0 - Library Reference Requests

OSIC library reference request statistics between April 2005 and March 2006 continue to highlight the increasing subscription to services from USP students. There were **661** requests received from students and **177** from various South Pacific sporting organizations during this period.

4.1 - Services to Oceania Olympic Committees

OSIC continues to service the sport information needs of National Olympic Committees in the region. OSIC has recently observed an increasing number of specific information requests from National Olympic Committees relating to results and statistics on individual athletes and sports events.

4.2 - USP Sport Education Programs

OSIC is currently involved in a number of new initiatives relating to the development of sport education programs at University South Pacific (USP)). New education programs being proposed by USP and the region (Tuvalu) will target both elite sport development and community sport. OSIC anticipates that the number of library users will dramatically increase once a pilot series of proposed Regional Sports and Physical Education Programs are in place by July 2006. There are strong indications at this point in time that USP will offer a diploma and/or degree for sport specific curriculum if the pilot is successful.

4.3 - Traditional Sports: There is very little documentation available, published or otherwise, covering traditional sports and games in the Pacific region. OSIC continues to identify and index any relevant journal articles, books, and photographs on the topic. OSIC is aiming to establish a culturally important Traditional Sport collection over the coming years.

4.5 - South Pacific Mini & South Pacific Games: OSIC is currently indexing all related information concerning the South Pacific Mini Games and South Pacific Games. This is to enable clients to have easy access to past game results, names of participants, and records.



PNG National Sports Institute (PNGNSI) Information Centre
Goroka, Papua New Guinea
natspoin@dalton.com.pg

5.0 – PNGNSI Information Centre Developments: The NSIC provided strategic planning assistance to the PNGSI Information Centre during 2005. As a result, the Centre has since received support from the Australian Sports Commission to upgrade information technology facilities and resources.



Queensland Academy of Sport (QAS) Information Centre
Brisbane, Australia
http://www.qasport.qld.gov.au/services/information_centre.cfm

6.0 - Intranet OPAC: The QAS Information Centre recently installed DB/Text WebPublisher Pro which now allows the Information Centre catalogue to be accessed online via their Intranet by Sport and Recreation staff across Queensland.

6.1 - Serials News: The Centre is transferring all subscriptions to Ebsco while purchasing both print and online access to titles where possible. This process should be completed by the end of 2006.

6.2 – External Review: The Centre will be undertaking an external review. QAS management have released an RFQ seeking an independent external party to perform the Review.

6.3 – Screenrights: The QAS is currently participating in negotiations between the Queensland State Government (representing State Departments and Agencies) and the copyright collection agency Screenrights regarding the establishment of an agreement on the equitable remuneration to be paid in respect of State Government copying of television and radio broadcasts.



**South Australian Sports Institute (SASI) Resource Centre
Adelaide, South Australia**

<http://www.recsport.sa.gov.au/sasi>

7.0 – Refurbishment: The recent refurbishment of the Resource Centre has been completed.

7.1 – Name Change: Formerly *Coaching Resource Centre*; the Centre's new formal title is now *Resource Centre*.

7.2 – Services to Public: The Resource Centre is now open to members of the public, but the primary service focus is still aimed at coaches and sport scientists.

7.3 – Video facilities: The Centre recently purchased DVD duplication facilities.



**SPARC (Sport & Recreation New Zealand) Library
Wellington, New Zealand**

<http://www.sparc.org.nz/>

8.0 - Collection News: SPARC have rationalised their collection. The book collection has been disbanded with the exception of SPARC publications. SPARC's journal collection now only has holdings going back to the year 2000.

8.1 - Staffing Changes: Robyn Atkinson has been appointed Research/Information Advisor responsible for the SPARC Library - Robyn's email address is: Robyn.Atkinson@sparc.org.nz



**Tasmanian Institute of Sport (TIS) Resource Centre
Launceston, Tasmania**

<http://tis.tas.gov.au> resource@tis.tas.gov.au

9.0 TIS Resource Centre Developments: The TIS Resources Centre is facilitated by the TIS Information Officer two (2) days per week.



**Victorian Institute of Sport (VIS) Resource Centre
Melbourne, Australia**

<http://www.vis.org.au/library.asp>

10.0 - Staffing Changes: The VIS recently created a fulltime Information Officer role. The Information Officer now facilitates both information/library and technology related services. Janeen Hadkowski, has been appointed Information Officer, VIS. Janeen replaces Linda Story who resigned during 2005.



**Western Australia Dept. of Sport & Recreation
Information Centre
Perth, Australia**
<http://www.dsr.wa.gov.au>

11.0 – Relocation: The Information Centre successfully relocated in February 2005 to Leederville Oval.

11.1 – Usage/Statistics: The Information Centre usage has increased since relocating: (total requests including website queries)

?? 2004 – 4105
?? 2005 – 6242

Western Australian Institute of Sport (WAIS) physical usage has declined but electronic use is increasing.

11.2 - New initiatives: The Centre is currently implementing a range of new service initiatives:

- ?? Indexing journals - Recreation journals onto DB-Text
- ?? Regional services - Improving library services to our regional areas.
- ?? Established new Commonwealth Games website:

<http://www.dsr.wa.gov.au/library/commonwealthgames.asp>

11.3 - Internet site: Updated and improved:

<http://www.dsr.wa.gov.au/library/library.asp>

11.4 – Screenrights: WADSR is currently participating in negotiations between the Western Australian State Government (representing State Departments and Agencies) and the copyright collection agency Screenrights regarding the establishment of an agreement on the equitable remuneration to be paid in respect of State Government copying of television and radio broadcasts. The Information Centre is participating in a three (3) month survey, 1 March 2006 to 31 May 2006.

11.5 - DB-Text Upgrade – The Centre has recently undertaken work to improve the capabilities of DB-text, including designing an ILL textbase and improving reservation capabilities.