

# *News from the Burnley Campus Library*



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The aim of this newsletter is to keep you up to date with any developments or changes to the Burnley Campus Library and to inform you about new electronic resources and services.

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## *Database Trials for LFR*

The Library has organised trials of several online products which are highly relevant to LFR. These products can be accessed via the University of Melbourne library product trials blog <http://www.libraryblogs.unimelb.edu.au/eresource/>

Most of these trials are available to the 30 May. We urgently required feedback about the value of these products to support any recommendations for purchases. So far very few comments have been received.

Please provide constructive feedback about these products via the comments area of the blog.

## **Garden, Landscape & Horticulture Index trial**

### **Publishers description:**

Topics include horticulture, botany, garden and landscape design & history, ecology, plant and garden conservation, garden management, and horticultural therapy. A highlight of the database is its focus on environmentally sustainable horticultural and design practices. This index and abstract product is designed for gardening enthusiasts, professionals, and students of horticulture and of garden and landscape design & history. It indexes a wide range of serial titles including general gardening titles of national, international, and regional interest and titles devoted to specialty gardens and plant groups.

### Burnley Library Comments [Kat]:

This is currently the only literature index available, which focuses primarily on horticulture, gardens and plants. Searches can be limited to peer-reviewed titles, academic titles or magazines, so you can exclude the home-gardener content. Many of the titles that are indexed are not covered by databases such as CAB Abstracts, Web of Science or Avery and it includes coverage of useful trade titles such as Australian Horticulture and American Nurseryman.

This product is an index, rather than a full text database, however searching does reveal a reasonable number of full-text links. Quite a bit of this full-text content is being retrieved from the multi-disciplinary database Academic Source Premier which is also published by EBSCO.

I undertook an international scan of libraries attached to educational institutions that offer horticultural courses and this indicated that the majority have purchased this product. This index is relatively affordable and I would like to see it purchased ASAP.

### CRCnetBASE e-book trials.

#### Publishers description:

The following subsets are available for individual purchase:

**WATERnetBASE** Answering the need for a complete resource for environmental scientists, water managers, agriculturalists, and engineers, this cutting-edge collection offers the methods, data, and innovations that are critical to understanding and advancing new directions in water science and engineering.

**ENVIROnetBASE** This multi-disciplinary collection of award-winning resources provides background information that allows environmentalists and engineers access to each other's fields as well as the advances research and analysis both require. It also includes new developments in GIS.

**AGRICULTUREnetBASE** Serving crop scientists, agronomists, and all those concerned with maintaining and expanding the world's food supply, the world's leading experts offer a wealth of quality information on both industrial and natural agriculture.

### Burnley Library Comments [Kat]:

We purchase lots of CRC books in print format and this electronic interface is easy to use, intuitively designed and keyword searching takes you directly to relevant chapters within books. I searched for a broad range of topics in all three of the **netBASE** products and I was impressed with the relevancy of the resources I retrieved from the **ENVIROnetBASE** and **AGRICULTUREnetBASE** packages. I don't believe that the publisher's descriptions (above) adequately describes the broad scope of the content of these resources, so have a look at both of them.

**AGRICULTUREnetBASE** contains resources that are relevant to the research and teaching of all three of our schools.

With **ENVIROnetBASE** I got good results by combining environmental terms such as climate change, sustainability etc with other terms. *Eg. Climate change and forestry.* There is also substantial coverage of water management issues and therefore I would recommend this package rather than **WATERnetBASE** which has more of an engineering focus.

I think that both **AGRICULTUREnetBASE** and **ENVIROnetBASE** would be excellent resources for the library to purchase. However, as these products are quite expensive we may have more success with requests to purchase **ENVIROnetBASE** because this is a multi-disciplinary resource and it would be very relevant for the Bachelor of Environments.

**Note:** when making comments on the blog about the **netBASE** products please indicate which specific package your comments relate to. There is only one comment on the blog so far please, add some more....

## CAB eBooks Trial

### Publishers description:

**CAB eBooks** provides a unique opportunity to access CABI's prestigious titles in an easy-to use format. Books are indexed and retrievable as chapters, ensuring that a search of available titles will render the most relevant results and save you valuable time. This database is still in Beta, so comments would be very useful.

### Burnley Library Comments [Kat]:

This is a new product from CABI, the publishers of CAB Abstracts. It currently provides online access to over 140 CABI books published since 2005 and the number of available titles will increase to 200 by the end of the year. The LFR libraries currently purchase any relevant CABI book titles in print format. Importantly if we purchase this product, you will be able to retrieve and access full-text e-book content from CAB Abstracts. It is made up of 6 individual subject collections which can be purchased separately:

- Agriculture
- Animal and Veterinary Sciences
- Human, Food and Nutrition Sciences
- Plant Sciences
- Leisure and Tourism
- Environmental Sciences.

Page 3 of the following guide <http://www.caul.edu.au/datasets/cab2007ebooks.pdf> provides details of the individual subject areas contained in the specific collections.

**Note:** There are no comments on the blog about this product yet, so please add some... It would be very useful if you could indicate which subject collections we should purchase.


**Access all of these trials via** <http://www.libraryblogs.unimelb.edu.au/eresource/>

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## *SuperSearch 2008 - New Features*

**The SuperSearch interface was recently updated.**

### **New features include:**

- a full-text icon  will display in search results when full text is available from a single source

- improved relevancy ranking and de-duplication of results when carrying out multi-database searches
- abstract “snippets” in search results
- introduction of faceted and clustered searching for author, subject, publication date and journal title/database
- improved A-Z journal listing with additional personalisation features
- improved support for citation management tools such as Endnote and Refworks
- resources can be exported as ‘reading lists’ in html and xml formats and embedded in course pages
- the newly developed OpenURL Generator (a linking tool that enables you to generate a persistent link for a journal or article title, which will take you to all the available options the library can offer for the item) these links can be used in reading lists and webpages

### Repositioned features

- The **Find an Item** function has been repositioned and can now be accessed via the **Find e-Journal** tab.

Many of these changes were driven by the results of the SuperSearch survey conducted in October/November 2007. More information about these new features can be found at [http://search.lib.unimelb.edu.au/help/m4\\_2/new.html](http://search.lib.unimelb.edu.au/help/m4_2/new.html)

If you would like any help with SuperSearch or an individual database please visit us at the library or send us an email to make a time for a consultation.

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## ***New Databases included in SuperSearch subject categories for Land & Food Resources***

### **Land & Food Resources- General Category**

#### **Informit Online Subject Gateway *\*\*Highly Recommended\*\****

**Informit** provides online full text, multi media and index databases for Australasian scholarly research to the education, research and business sectors.

**Access Instructions:** Click on the title to access the Informit interface. Then **select all** and **continue** to cross-search all of the databases provided by Informit.

#### **Additional databases have been added to the LFR sub-categories:**

Forest + EcoSystem Science; Environmental Science; Agriculture + Food Systems; Resource Management; Horticulture; Animal Science + Management.

The information links  for many resources have been updated.

## *LFR libraries staff contacts*

**Deb Vickers (formerly Ormsby)** has been appointed as Librarian for **Land and Food Resources, Veterinary Sciences and the Environments** and can be contacted in relation to library policy and planning matters.

Contact details:

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**Lindy Cochrane** has been appointed as the **Dookie Librarian** and commenced at Dookie on the 12 May 2008.

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## Burnley Library Homepage

Have you considered the benefits of using the **Burnley Library Homepage** <http://www.lib.unimelb.edu.au/collections/burnlib/index.htm> as your access point to library resources rather than the general University library page?

Our webpage saves you time by leading you directly to the information you require about library services and resources. If you haven't visited the webpage recently, take a look and if you like it, add it to your bookmarks or favourites.

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