

# LIFE BEGINS AT 40

**C**AVAL's Chief Executive, Dr Michael Robinson reports on CAVAL's 40th anniversary.

CAVAL was established in 1978 as an agency to manage shared cataloguing services on behalf of its Victorian university and college library membership. Commencing in rented premises with a staff of three, we have grown over the years to a staff of over 80, located in purpose-built premises at the La Trobe University Research and Development Park as well as premises in an inner Melbourne hub.

Over the 40 years, CAVAL has developed a diverse range of services for its immediate membership and the greater library communities of Australia and New Zealand. Our original commitment to promoting benefit through library collaboration has remained a constant. Our strategic plan provides a new direction through to 2022, one deeply committed to client engagement, services and solutions, and culture and capability. Life really does begin at 40 as we prepare for continued growth

*Paul Campbell (Australian Catholic University) and Eileen Loudon (ALIA Victorian State Manager) enjoyed the celebrations in Melbourne*



and innovation in the service of Australia and New Zealand libraries.

Collaboration remains our core principle and we could not have prospered for 40 years without the support and active involvement of library professionals, the vision of our Board of Directors and the expertise and commitment of our staff.

In August, we celebrated our 40 years in style with a party in Melbourne with many colleagues who have contributed to our success over the years. Their support and appreciation made the event a memorable milestone. We are privileged to be working with such a talented group of people and thank you all for your contribution to CAVAL's success. 🍷

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