Digital Repositories in the Hospital Environment
What lead me to start a Digital Repository?

• Hardcopy folders of research publications – no access/knowledge of what the hospital had produced

• Piles and piles of “historical stuff” just dumped in offices and boxes in the library
Where I started…

- Call out on the e-lists
- Spoke with vendors
- Spoke to University Repository Staff
- Read – lots!
Why a Repository?

• Increased access to resources
• Professional visibility
• Better preservation
• Supports research, learning and teaching

This supports the NHMRC push for researchers to consider the benefits of depositing their data and any publications arising from a research project.
What is it?

• The digital repository seeks to capture the intellectual output and preserve the historical material of Ballarat Health Services. It is a way of managing, storing and providing access to the organisation’s content digitally.
What’s included?

Research Output:
• Published journal articles; Books; Book Chapters; Conference Papers; Thesis; Reports etc.

Historical Archive:
• Annual reports; Photographs; Images; Newspaper articles; Internal reports; Recordings etc.
DSpace

- Price
- Prosentient Systems to configure and host
- Had worked with Prosentient before (Gratis)
- Support included in price
- DSpace was very popular amongst Universities
Ballarat Health Services
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Digital Library
Welcome to the Ballarat Health Service Digital Repository.

This is a service provided to you by the Ballarat Health Service Library.

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Set Up

- IT domains
- Configuration of site
- Handle registration (DOI for permanent links)
- Google analytics (so searchable on Google)
- Indexing in Trove
- Testing the system, and testing again, and re-testing…
- Training
Adding content

• Templates (journal articles, books, book chapters, conferences, thesis etc.)
• Digital Repository Agreement
• Copyright
• Tracking resources
• Add content
Internal Promotion

• Getting it tabled at committee meetings (HREC and BHS Research Advisory)
• Adding to organisation wide policies (such as Publications document)
• Presenting at the BHS Research Symposium
• Publication in internal newsletter
External Promotion

• Potential for local newspaper
• Google
• Trove
• Repository listings
Where we are at…

• Just over 400 items (with plenty more to add)
• Historical component still developing
• It is ongoing – no end date
• It is a background project – other tasks take more precedence
What we have demonstrated

• Our skills are transferable
• A repository brings together all levels of the organisation
• Markets the library
• We are more approachable
Thank you.

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