

QUT Library Collection Development Manual

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1. Purpose and scope

The Gardens Point Library Collection supports the learning, teaching and research needs of staff and students in the QUT Faculties of Business, Information Technology, Science, and Built Environment and Engineering. The collection is also available to other QUT staff and students who require access to materials housed in the Gardens Point Library.

QUT Library Associate members and Reciprocal members have borrowing privileges to materials within the limits of their usage arrangements.

2. Campus Profile

The Faculties and research units on Gardens Point Campus are:

- Faculty of Business
- Faculty of Science
- Faculty of Built Environment and Engineering
- Faculty of Information Technology
- Multidisciplinary Research Institutes – ISR, ISI.

Specific research facilities on Campus include:

Multidisciplinary Research Institutes

- **The Institute for Sustainable Resources (ISR)**
An inter-disciplinary research facility that has key research interest areas in Resource management: Sustainable Environments: and Human Dimensions of Change
- **The Information Security Institute**
A multi-disciplinary Institute integrating research across four faculties – Law, Business, Information Technology, and the Built Environment and Engineering Faculties,. The areas of interest cover technology, legal, policy and governance issues related to information security.

Faculty of Business research facilities

- The Australian Centre for Business research (ACBR)
- The Australian Centre for Philanthropy and Nonprofit Studies

Faculty of Built Environment research facilities

- CRC for Integrated Engineering Asset Management
- CRC for Railway Engineering Technologies
- CRC for Construction Innovation

Faculty of Science

- CRC for Diagnostics
- Centre for Tropical Crops and Biocommodities (IHBI) and includes Sugar Research Institute

Faculty of Information Technology

- CRC for Smart Systems

3. Future directions for the campus and implications for the collection

The following factors are likely to impact on the development of the Gardens Point Collection.

- Increase in research activities including the development of the Institute for Sustainable Resources and the Information Security Institute
- Further developments in learning and teaching and resultant changes in the curriculum (eg e learning)
- Increase in the use of electronic resources
- Redesign of existing Faculty structures (eg Built Environment, Business and Information Technology)
- Reduction of student numbers in Faculty of Information Technology
- Refocussing of some courses to met outside corporate requirments (eg Faculty of Business)

4. Background to collection

The Gardens Point Campus began in 1908 as the Central Technical College leading to the establishment of QIT (Queensland Institute of Technology) in 1965. QUT was created in 1989 and in 1990 the BCAE joined QUT.

The Gardens Point Library has been located in a number of faculties over the years. In 1977 a new Library was built (A.M. Fraser Library) in its current location – V Block.

The current Collection is an amalgam of resources from the original QIT Collection and other previous institutions. The Collection has changed since 1990, as faculties and schools have relocated to different campuses.

During the mid 1990s, collection growth slowed due to a significant drop in the Australian Dollar and no increase in the Library Resource Allocation. There was significant cancelling of print serials through to early 2000s. At the same time the Campus received increased access to key electronic products relevant to all Campus faculties.

Extensive weeding of the collection occurred in 2006 covering items in the main collection, serials, and the Reference collection.

5. Description of existing collection

The Gardens Point collection supports teaching and research for:

- Faculty of Business
- Faculty of Science
- Faculty of Information Technology
- Faculty of Built Environment and Engineering
- Multidisciplinary Institutes of ISR and ISI

The Library users are far more reliant on electronic resources and have access to a wide range of full-text electronic scholarly journals and as a result, the number of print subscriptions has declined dramatically.

The Gardens Point collection also includes a number of small special collections:

- Maps – a range of maps applicable to the current teaching curriculum
- Australian Railways Union Collection – a collection of early material relating to Australian railways and unions involved with them
- Brougham Collection – a collection of 19th century reports relating to the need for philanthropy to support sections of the English community.

Stack

- Theses are stored in the GP Stack – Phd and Masters (Research)

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13 December 2007	All sections	Associate Director Information Resources via IRMG]	Revision of most sections