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This document is the third Australian Access Federation Project Progress Report for the period of 1 July 2010 to 31 December 2010.

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Project Title: Australian Access Federation

Report Period: 1 July 2010 – 31 December 2010





25 January 2010

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Dear Julia,

This report constitutes the third Progress Report for the Australian Access Federation Implementation Project, as required under Schedule 3 of the Funding Agreement. The report relates to the period of 1 July 2010 to 31 December 2010 and highlights the continuing progress of the Australian Access Federation Project in achieving its objectives and milestones. To date the implementation of the Australian Access Federation has been a tremendously collaborative and successful endeavour.

As per the amended reporting schedule for the 2011 extension of the AAF Implementation project, the Report's required budget information will be provided as an attachment to the Financial Report (due 31 March 2011).

Please contact me with any queries relating to the Progress Report or for further details of the project's activities.

Yours sincerely



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Cc: Ms Kate Hurford

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I. INTRODUCTION

The Australian Access Federation (AAF) project is continuing to progress well, in-line with the project schedule and budget. Since June 2009, 58 organisations and institutions that either undertake research or education or provide products and/or services to those in the Federation have subscribed. At the October 2010 AAF Inc. Annual General Meeting the a new Executive Committee was elected with almost all existing members of the interim committee taking up positions on the committee, including Mr Paul Sherlock who was elected as President.

This report relates to the period 1 July 2010 to 31 December 2010. Key highlights of the AAF Implementation Project over the reporting period have been:

- A 34% increase in growth of new subscriptions over the reporting period with 95% of Australian universities being part of the Federation;
- The continuation of the AAF marketing and communication strategy;
- The continuation of work with the AAF Mini-grants;
- The continuation of AAF Accelerated Technical Developments and production release of the Federation Registry tool;
- The Annual General Meeting and election of a new AAF Inc Executive Committee;
- The development and approval of the 2011 Business Plan focusing on five major business activities for 2011 to assist the AAF with achieving a critical mass for sustainability; and
- The commencement of the collection of 2011 subscription fees.

1.1 Name of Recipient and all Subcontractors

Queensland University of Technology on behalf of the Council of Australian University Directors of Information Technology (CAUDIT).

1.1.1 Name of all Subcontractors

To date the AAF has engaged with a number of Subcontractors (see table 1). Subcontracts have also been established for the recipients of the AAF enabled Services Mini-grant Scheme.

Subcontractor	Description	Subcontract period	Status
Macquarie University	AAF MAMS Testbed Transition	01/07/2009 – 07/04/2010	Subcontract complete
The University of Queensland	AAF Policy, Strategy and Process Development Specialist	01/10/2009 – 31/03/2010	Subcontract complete
Australian Research Collaboration Services	AAF Policy, Strategy and Process Development Specialist	1/04/2010-30/06/2011	Subcontract in train
Griffith University	AAF Change and Communication Manager	14/09/2009 - 17/09/2010	Subcontract complete
Griffith University	AAF Change and Communication Manager	20/09/2010 – 1/07/2011	Subcontract in train
Griffith University	AAF Project Manager	20/07/2009-21/01/2011	Subcontract finalised
CSIRO	AAF Enabled Services Round 1 Mini-grant recipient	Completed on 30 April 2010	Subcontract complete

Monash University	AAF Enabled Services Round 2 Mini-grant recipient	1/02/2010 – 30/06/2010	Subcontract in train
RMIT Publishing	AAF Enabled Services Round 2 Mini-grant recipient	1/03/2010 – 25/08/2010	Subcontract complete
The University of Queensland	AAF Enabled Services Round 2 Mini-grant recipient	1/07/2010 – 31/12/2010	Subcontract in train
University of South Australia	AAF Enabled Services Round 2 Mini-grant recipient	15/02/2010 – 15/05/2010	Subcontract in train
University of Tasmania	AAF Enabled Services Round 2 Mini-grant recipient	1/07/2010 – 31/12/2010	Subcontract in train
Australian Research Collaboration Service	AAF Enabled Services Round 3 Mini-grant recipient	1/09/10 – 1/11/2010	Subcontract in train
Flinders University	AAF Enabled Services Round 3 Mini-grant recipient	1/08/2010 – 31/12/2010	Subcontract in train
The University of Queensland	AAF Enabled Services Round 3 Mini-grant recipient	1/07/2010 – 31/12/2010	Subcontract in train
University of Southern Queensland	AAF Enabled Services Round 3 Mini-grant recipient	1/11/2010 – 31/03/2011	Subcontract in train
University of Technology Sydney	AAF Enabled Services Round 3 Mini-grant recipient	13/09/2010 – 13/04/2011	Subcontract in train

Table 1: AAF Implementation Project Subcontractors

1.2 Project Details

The details of the project are:

Project Title: Australian Access Federation Project

Reporting Period: 1 July 2010 to 31 December 2010

1.3 Statement of Funds, Recipient Contributions and Other Contributions received and spent

As per the revised reporting schedule for the 31 December 2011 extension of the AAF Implementation Project, this information will be provided as an attachment to the Financial Report due on 31 March 2011.

1.4 Amount Remaining in the Account

As per the revised reporting schedule for the 31 December 2011 extension of the AAF Implementation Project, this information will be provided as an attachment to the Financial Report due on 31 March 2011.

2. DESCRIPTION AND ANALYSIS OF THE PROGRESS OF THE AUSTRALIAN ACCESS FEDERATION PROJECT

2.1 Milestones Achieved

A number of project milestones have been achieved during the reporting period. An update on their progress is discussed in this section.

Milestone 1: AAF Inc Registered as an Incorporated Association

Due Date: July 2009

Status: Complete (completion date: 23 June 2009).

The activities in achieving this milestone were reported in Progress Report 1.

Milestone 2: *Appointment/Secondment of an AAF Project Manager*

Due Date: August-September 2009

Status: Complete (completion date: 14 July 2009).

The activities in achieving this milestone were reported in Progress Report 1.

In addition to the Project Manager position, the project staffing as at 31 December 2010 was:

- Technical Program Manager (QUT): appointed to December 2011
- Change and Communication Manager (Griffith University): appointed to December 2011
- Accelerated Developments Technical Specialist: appointed to December 2010
- Technical Support Specialist (Intersect): 6 months work over the Term to December 2010
- Technical Support Specialist (VeRSI): 6 months work over the Term to December 2010
- Policy, Process, Strategy (University of Queensland): appointed to June 2011.

Milestone 3: *Inaugural Meeting of the AAF Inc Interim Executive Committee*

Due Date: August 2009

Status: Complete (completion date: 25 August 2009).

The activities in achieving this milestone were reported in Progress Report 1.

Over the reporting period Interim Executive Committee Meetings were rescheduled to bi-monthly, reflecting the level of maturity in the AAF's operations.

The last Interim Executive Committee meeting was held on 30 August 2010. The Annual General Meeting occurred on 15 October 2010 and the inaugural meeting of the new Executive occurred on 24 November 2010.

Milestone 4: Tender for AAF Operator Issued

Due Date: September – October 2009

Status: Tender terminated on 30 June 2010

The activities associated with the termination of this milestone are as follows and were also reported in Progress Report 2:

In June 2010 the Interim Executive Committee reconsidered the Operator appointment strategy and concluded that continuing with the process of appointing an operator at this point posed risks for the AAF Inc including:

- 1. Increased risk for both the AAF and the potential operator because of the uncertainty around what is required to be done. This could result in the AAF paying more than is required (because the operator may build in a contingency to mitigate the risk) and in loss of agility on the AAF's part to respond to the still evolving needs of its Participants.*
- 2. Diversion of AAF resources (to prepare RFO documents, evaluate offers, prepare and negotiate contracts and service level agreements and to oversee the migration of activities to an operator(s)) could compromise the current implementation of strategies to achieve self sustainability (in line with the 2011 business model).*

By contrast, postponing the RFO and extending the current support and infrastructure arrangements would enable the AAF to:

- 1. Retain its flexibility to meet the evolving support requirements of a Federation experiencing rapid growth ahead of a more normal steady operating state.*
- 2. Maintain a strong focus on achieving self sustainability for the remainder of 2010 and into 2011.*
- 3. Continue to promote sector engagement through support from its Participant organisations.*

The Interim Executive Committee therefore decided to terminate the current Operator appointment strategy and continue with the current support strategy and infrastructure hosting arrangements during 2011 noting that:

- 1. the AAF's intent remains to outsource its operations; and*
- 2. the outsourcing process will be restarted when the AAF's activities have reached a normal operating state.*

Milestone 5: Call for Mini-grant Proposals Round 1**Due Date:** October - November 2009**Status:** Complete. Round 1 of the Mini-grant scheme opened on 1/10/2009.

The activities in achieving this milestone were reported in Progress Report 1 and 2. This included the reporting of Round 1 and Round 2 Mini-grant activities.

At the end of the reporting period only two Mini-grants had completed. Many of the grants have experienced delay in commencing activities because of the time taken to negotiate the subcontract agreements. This has been largely outside the control of the AAF Project. As part of the grant requirements, the recipient is required to submit a monthly progress report; many of the recipients have reported that they have had difficulty in recruiting suitably skilled staff to complete the work, while others have experienced technical implementation difficulties (given the exploratory nature of some of the work this would have been difficult to initially scope for). As a result, a number of the subcontract agreements will have their completion dates extended into 2011. The AAF project continues to monitor all grant activities and provide technical support as necessary. Table 2 provides a summary of the status of each mini-grant as of 31 December 2010.

Despite the scheme closing, the project has continued to receive further requests for funding, representing the high demand for grants to assist with AAF enabling applications.

Recipient	Grant Activity	Amount	Status
Round 1			
CSIRO	AAF Enable AuScope Grid Portal Infrastructure	\$37,000	Complete
Round 2			
Monash University	Enhancing Access to ARCS' Nimrod Service	\$40,000	In train
Queensland University of Technology	Advanced Shibboleth Integration with Blackboard	\$39,600	In train
RMIT Publishing	Informit AAF Integration	\$36,000	Complete
Tasmanian Partnership of Advanced Computing	TPAC Portal AAF Implementation	\$40,000	In train
University of Queensland	PODD – AAF Enablement	\$35,271	In train
University of South Australia	University IT Benchmarking	\$20,000	In train
Round 3			
Flinders University	Federating Access to AusStage to increase the number of researchers actively contributing data for the Australian Performing Arts	\$40,000	In train
University of Queensland	Authenticated Annotation Services for E-Research (AASER) which will provide end users with the ability to securely attach annotations to virtually any web page	\$39,700	In train
University of Southern Queensland and Automated Patrol Telescopes Australia	Connect <i>telescope-net</i> to the AAF to improve the user experience and streamline processes with a view to expanding the service to other Australian universities	\$37,500	In train
University of	Labshare Federated Access	\$30,000	In train

Technology Sydney	Project to create a nationally shared network of remote laboratories using the AAF to assist in identification and authorisation of students		
Australian Research Collaboration Services	Providing access to the Sakai Service via the AAF : to enable seamless access to resources and secure communication to support collaboration between users	\$9,600	In train

Table 2: AAF Mini-grant Status as of 31/12/2010

Throughout the reporting period the Mini-grant marketing and communication plan continued to be executed. This has included:

- Content about the scheme on the AAF website;
- Case studies; and
- News articles.

Milestone 6: *Transition of the MAMS Testbed Participants to the AAF*

Due Date: November-December 2009

Status: Complete (14/12/2009).

The activities in achieving this milestone were reported in Progress Report 1.

Milestone 7: *The AAF Operator Appointed and Contract Signed*

Due Date: January – March 2010

Status: Operator RFO terminated on 30 June 2010 (refer Milestone 4)

Milestone 8: AAF Accelerated Technical Development Finalised**Due Date:** January – March 2010**Status:** In train.

In October 2009 the AAF appointed a resource as the 'Accelerated Technical Development Specialist' and a roadmap of accelerated technical development commenced in 2010 (see table 3).

The key activity undertaken during the reporting period was the completion and production release of the AAF 'Federation Registry' to assist with managing participants and the Identity Providers and Services they wish to bring into the Federation. Key features of this tool are:

- Complete conformance to the entire SAML 2.0 specification;
- Clean, easy to use interface for managing Participants, Identity Providers, Service Providers and all associated components;
- Automation of key configuration for institution administrators ensuring less support calls and more accurate federation connectivity;
- A very flexible workflow system to assist with registrations and changes within the federation; and
- Incorporation of the AAF charging model to assist with billing.

The code base for the Federation Registry has been made available for other international Federation via the Apache License Version 2.0, for open source projects.

Activity Name	Description	Status	Activities to 31 December 2010
Australian Privacy Law and Attribute release (uApprove)	Investigate the expansion of uApprove to meet privacy requirements	On hold	The developers of Shibboleth have announced that they plan to release a version of a consent engine as part of Shibboleth v3 (expected release early 2011). The AAF will continue to monitor developments in 2011.
Federation Registry	Improving Federation logging and reporting, monitoring, IdP and SP provisioning, compliance testing and verification	Complete	The AAF Federation Management tool was released in December 2010.
URN authority for urn:mace:aaf.edu.au	The AAF has a need to register globally unique names in the form of URN's. A URN namespace "urn:mace:aaf.edu.au" has been delegated to the AAF. The activity will implement a tool to manage this name space.	In train	The testing of tools available to evaluate the functionality required.
Federation Authorisation	To create and manage groups of Shibboleth users from many different Identity Providers. The group information can be used by other web applications to make	In train	Over the reporting period workshops were held in Melbourne, Brisbane and Sydney to discuss the question of authorisation for services within the federation and to look at possible solutions. The workshops were aimed at groups actively developing services for the

	access control decisions.		federation, in particular those working on the AAF Mini-grants. The common themes identified were: how do we identify and group users to efficiently provide access to services shared by the group; how do we make the best use of the core attributes; what tools are available from other federations; and what other data is available that could assist solving the authorisation question.
AAF Tools for Local Deployment	Investigate and develop the following tools for local deployment: Attribute reflector, LOA management, Local log management and reporting, auEduPersonSharedToken migration.	In train	A toolset has been identified for development.

Table 3: AAF Accelerated Technical Development Roadmap activities to 31 December 2010

Milestone 9: AAF Support Team Fully Operational and Assisting Members

Due Date: February 2010

Status: Support team operational February 2010 and related activities are in train.

Over the reporting period the Project continued to implement its strategy for creating an Australia-wide support team. As part of the strategy, the Project subcontracted two Technical Support staff, one from Intersect Australia Limited and the other from the Victorian eResearch Strategic Initiative (VeRSI). Figure 1 outlines the AAF Project Technical Support structure. This strategy has assisted with the continued implementation of AAF technologies within the sector. The primary focus for the support team is to provide one-on-one assistance for new Members and Affiliates joining the AAF during 2010.

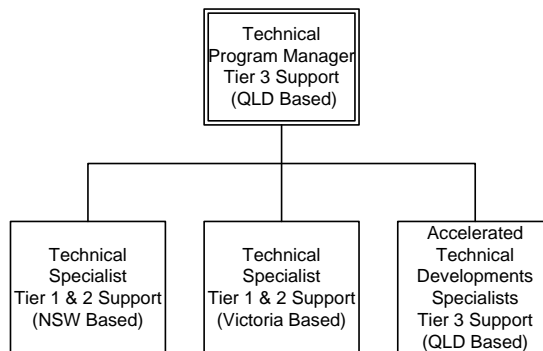


Figure 1: AAF 2010 Technical Support Structure

As discussed at Milestone 4, in line with the 2010 support strategy, the AAF Inc will continue where possible the strategy in 2011.

Milestone 10: *AAF Production System with AAF Operator Goes Live*

Due Date: February – April 2010

Status: Operator RFO terminated on 30 June 2010 (refer Milestone 4).

The AAF has been operating a Production Federation since June 2009 (see Milestone 12).

Milestone 11: *Mini-grant Proposal Round 1 Awarded*

Due Date: April-March 2010

Status: Complete.

The activities in achieving this milestone were reported in Progress Report 2.

Milestone 12: *Transition from Pilot AAF to Production AAF Completed*

Due Date: April-May 2010

Status: Complete.

The activities in achieving this milestone were reported in Progress Report 1 and 2.

Milestone 13: *Intensive Marketing and Communication Program Launched*

Due Date: March 2010

Status: Launched January 2010 and related activities are in train.

The marketing and communication program continued over the reporting period. The project's focus has been to implement communication strategies to assist with federation growth to achieve the required Participant levels for ongoing self-sustainability.

Key strategies incorporated into the AAF's comprehensive marketing and communication plans include:

1. National AAF roadshows demonstrating how the AAF supports research activities and development of a Supporting Research Engagement Pack;
2. Promotion of one-on-one technical support to assist with getting connected to the AAF during 2010;
3. Extending (to 31 December 2010) and promoting the 'best efforts' compliance to the AAF Rules for Participants;
4. Communication of the AAF subscription model and incorporation of a one-off joining fee for all new participants as from 1 January 2011 to encourage joining during 2010;
5. Conference booths and presentations;
6. Targeted communication at organisations (service providers) identified to be of value to the Federation;
7. Promotion of AAF activities and services of value through the Mini-grant scheme; and
8. Providing a content rich website and service catalogue.

Figure 2 graphs the actual Participant subscription numbers against the estimated subscription case numbers from 1 January 2010 to 31 December 2011. As of 31 December 2010 actual Participant numbers were higher than anticipated, emphasising the success of the marketing strategies described above.

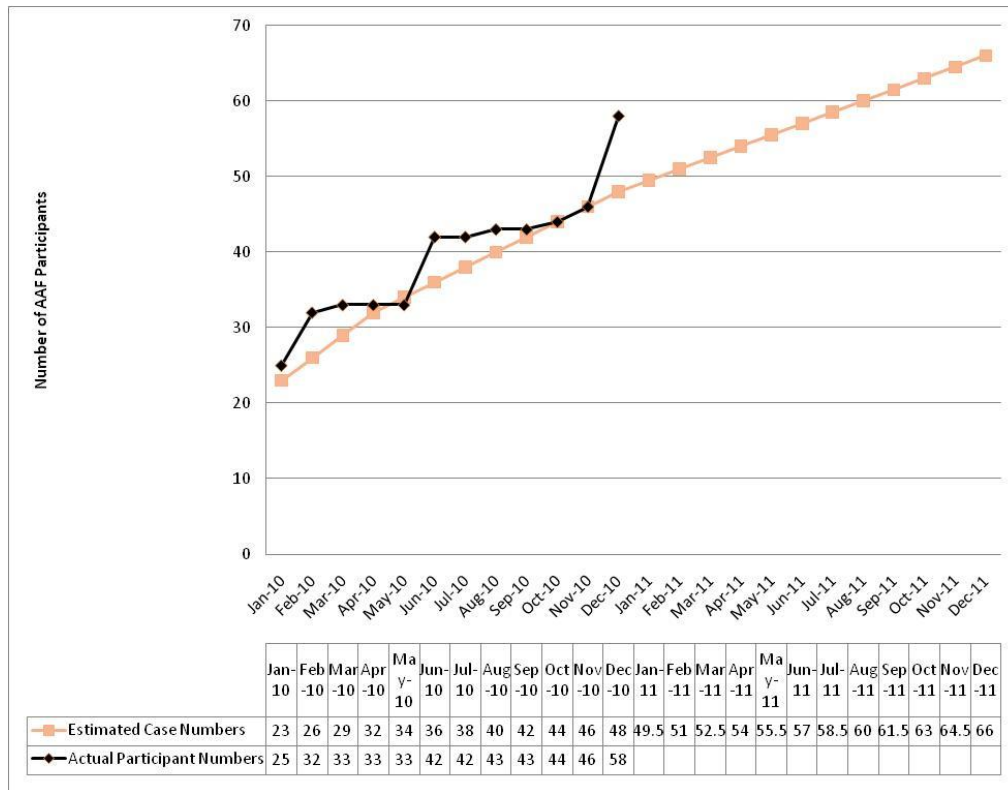


Figure 2: Estimated and Actual AAF Participants (1 July 2010 – 31 December 2010)

The AAF website has received a 4.53% growth in visitors over the last reporting period (6,118 visitors from 77 countries accessed the website), demonstrating continued interest in the AAF’s activities. Out of the top ten visitors, Australia was number 1, followed by New Zealand and the United Kingdom (see table 4 for the top 10 visitors by country).

Rank	Country	Visits
1	Australia	4,885
2	New Zealand	478
3	United Kingdom	174
4	United States	121
5	Canada	36
6	Netherlands	30
7	India	28
8	Taiwan	25
9	Jamaica	21
10	Poland	21

Table 4: Top 10 AAF website visitors - 1 July 2010 to 31 December 2010

Section 3 of this Report discusses the published reports, promotional material, media publicity and pamphlets produced by the project as part of the Marketing and Communication Plan.

Milestone 14: *First Annual General meeting of the AAF***Due Date:** October 2010**Status:** Complete (15 October 2010).

On 15 October 2010 the AAF held the inaugural Annual General Meeting (AGM), where a new Executive Committee was elected (see Table 2 for the elected office bearers). The meeting was held in conjunction with the Council of Australian Directors of Information Technology (CAUDIT) member's meeting. In addition, Kate Hurford from DIISR has been co-opted to the new Executive Committee as a non-voting member.

Table 5 outlines the membership of the AAF Inc Executive Committee as of 15 October 2010.

Position	Name	Institution
President	Mr Paul Sherlock	University of South Australia
Vice President	Mr David Toll	CSIRO
Treasurer	Mr Marc Bailey	Macquarie University
Secretary	Mr Bruce Callow	Griffith University
Public Officer	Mr Richard Northam	CAUDIT
Ordinary Members	Mr Jeremy Du Vè	Monash University
	Mr John Parry	University of Tasmania
	Mr Garry Trinder	Edith Cowan University
	Professor Anthony Williams	ARCS
	Mr Stephen Whiteside	University of Auckland

Table 5 AAF Inc Executive Committee

The key AGM agenda items were:

- The 2011 AAF Business Plan;
- Amendments to the AAF Incorporated Constitution; and
- Amendments to the AAF Federation Rules for Participants.

Milestone 14: *On the completion of the project in December 2011, the AAF Membership and AAF enabled services should reach a critical mass for sustainability*

Due Date: December 2011**Status:** In train.

As part of the submission of the second DIISR Progress report (30 June 2010), a request was made to extend the project by 1 year (to 31 December 2011). The Business Plan and subscription model was predicated on this happening. DIISR approved this request based on the addition of a new milestone: "on the completion of the project in December 2011, the AAF Membership and AAF enabled Services meet a critical mass for sustainability".

New Subscriptions over the Reporting Period

Over the reporting period 16 new institutions and organisations subscribed to the AAF, representing a 38% growth in new subscribers. As of 31 December 2010 the AAF had 95% of Australian Universities as part of the Federation (noting that some new subscribers intend to technically connect in early 2011). A full list of AAF subscribers can be found at <http://www.aaf.edu.au/subscribe/subscribers/>.

Australian Access Federation Inc. 2011 Business Plan

At the October 2010 Annual General Meeting the 2011 AAF Business Plan was approved (see: <http://www.aaf.edu.au/about/aaf-inc-business-plan/>).

Over the 2011-2012 period, it is expected that the AAF will continue to mature and develop as shown by the four strategic phases of operation represented in Figure 3 (below).

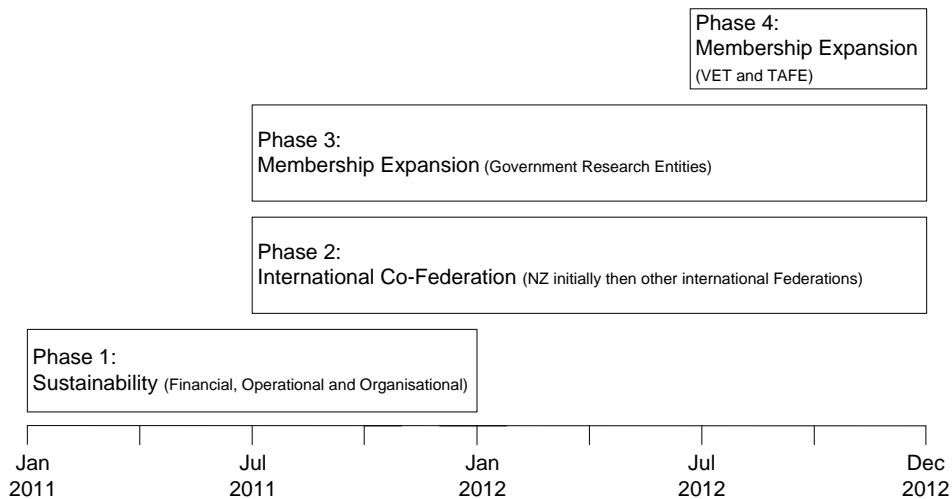


Figure 3: 2011 – 2012 Strategic Phases

In-line with the above strategic phases, five major business activities are planned for 2011 to assist the AAF with achieving a critical mass for sustainability:

1. **Financial Sustainability** through achieving Participant growth.
Activities include: *supporting new Participants* by providing policy advice and technical advice to join the AAF; *expansion of services* by identifying and targeting organisations that provide support services and applications of value to the sector (the AAF will identify and work with Commonwealth agencies, Publishers and the vendor/ commercial community); *product marketing*; and the continued execution of a comprehensive *marketing and communication* plan that focuses on promoting the AAF's value proposition.
2. **Operational Sustainability**
Supporting activities include: providing *ongoing support services* to support existing Participants to gain value from being part of the AAF; *compliance activities* for the Federation Rules for Participants, Levels of Assurance, applicable legislation in relation to data protection and privacy and the establishment of advisory groups to assist where required; and to maintain the current operational *Support Model* for personnel, core infrastructure and cloud based services.
3. **Organisational Sustainability**
As the AAF is a CAUDIT sponsored activity there is an opportunity to rationalise the administration and governance activities between AAF Inc and CAUDIT Inc to keep operating costs and Member subscriptions of both organisations to a minimum. Activities for CAUDIT Inc include: supporting the day to day supervisory role of the AAF Inc Project Manager; provide support to manage AAF's financial affairs; support AAF Inc's legislative and reporting requirements under the Associations Act of NSW; work with the AAF to co-

ordinate any consultation and engagement with IT Directors/ CIOs; and facilitate the scheduling of the AAF Inc AGM in conjunction with the CAUDIT Inc AGM.

4. Engagement with Government Research Entities

The AAF will continue to engage with research support groups and entities. Specifically the AAF will work with: four NCRIS groups; one Cooperative Research Centre and one state Department of Primary Industries.

5. Pilot Co-federation

In conjunction with the New Zealand Federation, the AAF will investigate co-federation activities from a strategy, technical and policy perspective.

2011 Subscription Fees

As part of AAF's strategy to move towards a self-funding model and in-line with the AAF subscription model, the AAF commenced issuing invoices for 2011 subscriptions in late December 2010.

2.2 Project Budget

As per the revised reporting schedule for the 31 December 2011 extension of the AAF Implementation Project, this information will be provided as an attachment to the Financial Report due on 31 March 2011.

2.3 Progress on Achieving Outcomes

The AAF project is progressing well and in line with the project plan and budget.

2.4 Major Issues or Developments and their effect on the project

None

2.5 Proposed Changes to the Project

None

3. ACTIVITIES, PUBLISHED REPORTS, PROMOTIONAL MATERIAL, MEDIA PUBLICITY, PAMPHLETS OR OTHER DOCUMENTATION

A number of event activities occurred during the reporting period. These are outlined in Table 6.

Event	Date	Description
QUESTnet2010 Conference	6-9 July 2010	AAF conference Booth
AAF Supporting Research Roadshow	13 July 2010	University of Southern Queensland
AAF Supporting Research Roadshow Canberra	20-21 July 2010	AAF visit to the Australian Bureau of Statistics, Australian National University, National Library of Australia, Australian National Data Service, Attorney-General's Department and Australian Research Council.
AAF Supporting Research Roadshow NSW	26-28 July 2010	AAF visit to Macquarie University, University of Western Sydney, University of NSW, SIRCA, University of Technology Sydney, University of Wollongong.
AAF Supporting Research Roadshow	4 August 2010	AAF visit to University of Newcastle.
AAF Supporting Research Roadshow	10 August 2010	AAF visit to University of the Sunshine Coast.
AAF Services Authorisation Workshop (Melbourne, Brisbane and Sydney)	14 September 2010, 6 October 2010, 27 October 2010	1 day workshop focusing on how we authorise individuals and groups to access services and the tools to support policy decisions.
AAF Supporting Research Roadshow	15 September 2010	AAF visit to University of Ballarat.
CAUL Meeting	17 September 2010	Presentation by Heath Marks on the value proposition for universities and publishers to discuss the way forward.
La Trobe University e-Research Coffee Series	24 September 2010	AAF supporting research presented by Heath Marks.
Griffith University Scholarly Information Future Series Event presentation	27 September 2010	AAF supporting research presented by Heath Marks and Terry Smith (Nathan and Gold Coast campuses).
Learning Lunch Session – Intersect	29 September 2010	Bradley Beddoes provided session to full-time Intersect developers (using Skype) with respect to best practise for developing an SP application and the techniques he has been using to develop and test Federation Registry.
Presentation at ARCS Roadshow	15 October	Heath Marks presented a segment on the AAF as part of the Brisbane agenda.
New Zealand eResearch Symposium	26-27 October	Heath Marks was invited to participate and present a segment on the AAF at the New Zealand Federation Workshop.
eResearch Australasia Conference 2010	8-12 November	AAF Booth, Poster event and informal meetings with interested parties. Heath Marks invited to participate as speaker at Australian eResearch Infrastructure Council plenary.

Table 6: AAF Events

Table 7 outlines the communications and media that was generated during the reporting period.

Key Activity	Media and Communication
Issue 2 of AAF Newsletter (November 2010)	Email listing from CRM system and CAUDIT membership: http://www.aaf.edu.au/about/2010-11/ (see appendix A)
Notification of New Members	AAF Website, Facebook and Twitter
AAF Authorisation Services Workshops	AAF Website, Mini-grant recipients, specific Member organisations
AAF Presence at conferences etc.	eResearch Newsletter, AAF Website, Facebook, Twitter
AAF Production Environment 1 year old	eResearch Newsletter, CAUDIT Newsletter, AAF Website
AAF Roadshows	Targeted to specific organisations
Freeze on changes during upgrade to Federation Management tools	AAF Website and Wiki, Facebook, Twitter, technical contacts

Table 7: AAF Communication and Media

The following promotional materials were produced by the project during the reporting period, as outlined in Table 8.

Key Activity	Description
Poster Event – eResearch Australasia 2010 conference	AAF – a trusted framework for collaboration (see Appendix A)
Promotional Posters	AAF Benefits (see Appendix A)


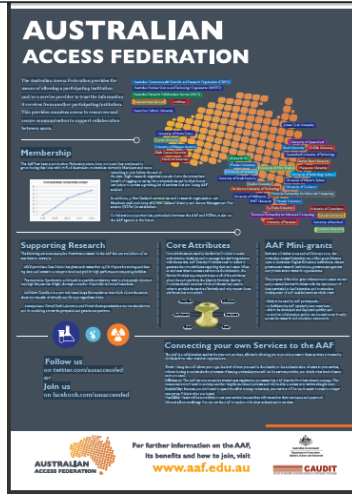

Table 8: AAF Promotional Materials

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The project will be pleased to provide further information on the Australian Access Federation to DIISR officers. Key contact points are:

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APPENDIX A: AAF PROMOTIONAL MATERIAL

Image	Document Title	Location
	<p>Issue 2 of AAF Newsletter (November 2010)</p>	<p>http://www.aaf.edu.au/about/2010-11/</p>
	<p>AAF – a trusted framework for collaboration</p>	<p>Poster Event – eResearch Australasia 2010 conference</p>
	<p>Promotional Posters</p>	

