

**BRIEFING NOTES FOR SPEAKERS**

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## **Australian subject gateways - metadata as an agent of change**

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***Abstract:***

*Although the concept of a subject gateway has only risen to prominence in Australia during the last two years, several university library consortia and other education-based initiatives, including EdNA Online and the Australian Digital Theses Project, have already been successful in achieving collaborative approaches for the delivery of national access to electronic resources. The critical success factors realised, including the deployment of metadata and the community approaches to problem solving, mean that Australia is positioned to participate in new initiatives exploring service provision in a national infrastructure for integrated research and information access.*

## Monash Lectures Online: cost effective flexible delivery

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***Abstract:***

*This paper discusses the implementation of the Monash Lectures Online service within the Monash University Library. In particular, the paper discusses the issues involved in shifting from an analogue taped lecture service to a digital World Wide Web environment. Major issues discussed include the technological development involved in the service and the implementation and effectiveness of the user interface.*