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There were a number of hiccups along the way, with libraries dropping in and out, and people not responding to emails and other requests for information, but compared to the previous year, things proceeded relatively smoothly, though more slowly than hoped. As the person who coordinated most of the process for the 2004 consortia, there were only a few times that I felt the need for a "cup of tea and a lie down".

In less than two years ANZTLA has gone from having no consortia to having three consortia involving a total of 30 libraries.

The groundwork has been done and great progress has been made. There are some aspects of how the consortia operate that could be refined. Most notably we need to look at the charging structure, and whether there is a fairer way of distributing subscription costs than simply charging each library the same price, regardless of their size. Maybe we will need those Panadol sandwiches and cups of tea again after all!

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## VICTORIAN CHAPTER NEWS

Our first meeting for the year was held at CAVAL (Co-operative Action by Victorian Academic Libraries), which is located on the La Trobe University Research and Development Park. It was a well-attended meeting with some 15 members present. We welcomed Joy Healey, the new assistant Librarian at Ridley College to her first meeting.

CAVAL have, since 1978, provided a range of library resource services including consortia facilitation, collaboration and consulting, training and high quality cataloguing in over 70 languages. Sue Henczel (Training and Cataloguing Services Manager) gave us an overview of CAVAL and its services and David Noble (Member and Administration Services Manager) then gave us a tour of the CARM Centre.

The CARM Centre is the CAVAL Archive and Research Materials Centre. It is a last copy repository for low use research materials from all Victorian universities and the State Library of Victoria. It was a very impressive facility which as well as books currently houses records and artwork in controlled atmospheric conditions.

CAVAL were great hosts, providing us with lunch and a take home pack of resource information each. It was a very interesting, informative and successful meeting and I am sure that many members will be contacting CAVAL in days to come to enrol in training courses or to have them provide other services for our libraries.

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