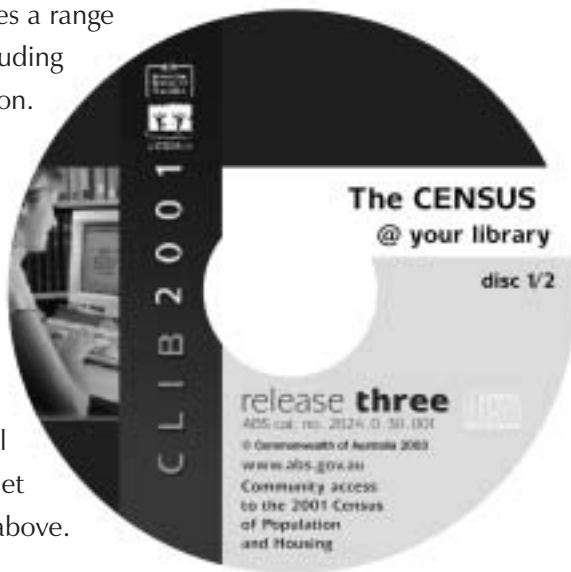


# CLIB 2001 Final Release arriving soon @yourLibrary

You will shortly receive your copy of CLIB 2001 Release 3. This final release provides the most comprehensive set of free electronic data available from the ABS Census of Population and Housing.

CLIB 2001 is the CD-ROM census product developed by the ABS specifically for libraries eligible through the LEP. It was designed to provide wide ranging statistical information of interest to the community.

Release 3 will offer libraries a range of installation options including the run-off-the-ROM option. Some libraries may prefer the other options of installing it to the hard drive of their PCs or using CLIB on the web. More than one type of installation can be used on your PC. Release 3 will be compatible with Internet Explorer version 5.5 and above.



As the final release for CLIB 2001, Release 3 will contain ALL previously released data, as well as additional Community Profiles including:

- Complete Usual Residents Profile – provides a better understanding of the population that normally lives in an area. Other profiles in the series use data based on the place where the person was counted on Census night (which may or may not have been their home). For example, Australia's ski fields see an influx of tourists in August (when the Census is held) – having Usual Residents data reflects the characteristics of such areas in 'normal' periods.
- Complete Expanded Community Profile – gives more detailed information about an areas's population.

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## From the Editor



The ABS is delighted to be issuing the final release of CLIB 2001 before Christmas. Feedback from libraries and hard work by the ABS Census team has ensured that technical issues with the run-off-the-ROM version have now been resolved while compatibility with Internet Explorer 6 is assured.

With the final release of CLIB, libraries now have access to a huge volume of census information profiles within a product much more user-friendly than its predecessors.

The LEP Partnership Accord with LEP libraries has received some small updates. We would very much like feedback from libraries about the Accord document. Page 3 has more information about this.

Finally, I would like, on the behalf of all the LEP staff to wish you a (slightly early) Season's Greetings and a safe and happy New Year.

Kim Farley-Larmour  
*LEP National Manager*

## NetNews

In the last NetNews I talked about the imminent email notification system. Well, as many of you would know, it has now arrived. This free service allows people to subscribe to email alerts whenever there is a new ABS release in their areas of interest. I thought I would follow up with a progress report on this new initiative and its success to date.

As I expected, the service proved immediately popular. By mid-October the service already had 824 subscribers and it continues to grow, breaking the 1000 subscriber mark in late October.

There has also been plenty of activity every day with more people joining or changing what they subscribe to.

Subscribers include people from daily newspapers and other media outlets, industry associations, government departments, parliaments, and of course libraries. I expect it will become even more popular as people "tell their friends" about the service.



*Gary Dunnet*

I would encourage you to subscribe – it's free, it's designed to simplify your life and it's easy to subscribe to – simply click on the 'Email Notification Service' link on the ABS Home Page <<http://www.abs.gov.au>> and follow the simple instructions. Unsubscribing is as simple as subscribing.

In the coming month, look out for the release of "e-commerce Stage II" that will enable users to purchase publications on-line with the option to have the ABS print and dispatch the product to the client.

This will be my last LEP Newsletter article, as I am moving to ABS' Corporate Planning section. I have enjoyed writing for NetNews and appreciate the strong interest in ABS information shown by LEP libraries. My replacement, Mano Georgopoulos, will continue to keep you informed of web site progress and no doubt seek your advice.

Signing off from NetNews,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gary Dunnet".

# Unis and TAFEs can now use CLIB 2001 for teaching

Good news for university and TAFE libraries is the change to the CLIB 2001 Licence with Release 3. The new licence will allow use of CLIB outside the physical walls of libraries for teaching and research purposes.

The Library Extension Program of the ABS recently re-negotiated the CLIB Licence to allow use of CLIB 2001 for teaching and research purposes as long as this does not involve commercial consultancy or commercial training purposes. Previously, use of CLIB was restricted to the physical confines of the library.

With the imminent arrival of Release 3 of CLIB 2001, it is timely to remind libraries about some of the Licence conditions they need to be aware of when using CLIB.

## What is allowable within the CLIB Licence?

Eligible libraries may network CLIB 2001 within a library service (e.g. between library branches), but it is not available for use outside libraries except for teaching purposes. Nor is CLIB 2001 available for remote access by library clients located outside the library. Except for the limited teaching purposes, it is not to be lent to library clients nor to staff of a library's parent organisation.

The CLIB 2001 Licence conditions also stipulate that a Library and its users are not to reproduce, distribute or commercialise the product. Library users also need to observe copyright when using CLIB 2001.

The full text of the CLIB licence is one click from the CLIB home page on both the ROM and web versions of CLIB.

## LEP Partnership Accord

The LEP is seeking input from librarians on the LEP Partnership Accord between libraries and the ABS, which was recently updated by amending some outdated terminology and including reference to delivery of web services to libraries. This new version is available on the ABS web site at the address below.

For those newer to the LEP, the LEP Partnership is an Accord that describes the obligations of the ABS to libraries in providing them with a suite of complimentary ABS products and services. It also outlines libraries' responsibilities to the ABS in return for the free products and services supplied to them.

For example, an LEP member library is expected to assist their clients to locate ABS information within their own library. To help libraries do this, the LEP library is asked to release staff to attend free LEP training.

The LEP would appreciate comments from librarians about the Accord, with a view to improving the outcomes of the Partnership Accord.

The web address for the LEP Partnership Accord is: from the ABS home page <<http://www.abs.gov.au>> click on 'Products and Services' and then on 'Library Extension Program'. Click on 'Librarians' Tool Box'. Please send your comments to [Kim.Farley-Larmour@abs.gov.au](mailto:Kim.Farley-Larmour@abs.gov.au)

## Award for producing "Measuring Australia's Progress"



The Australian Statistician, Dennis Trewin, topped the society category of *The Bulletin's* Smart 100 awards, presented last month, for the ground breaking work undertaken by the ABS in producing the publication **Measuring Australia's Progress** (MAP). The award was presented at the Sydney Opera House on 21 October 2003. MAP presents a revolutionary way of tracking key aspects of economic, environmental and social progress to measure whether life is improving – and at what rate. The next edition of MAP (ABS cat.no. 1370.0) is expected in April 2004. All LEP member libraries received the issue of MAP released in 2002 and will receive the 2004 release.

# Tanya's off to a driving start

The new LEP Coordinator for Queensland, Tanya Lucas, is off to a driving start. Her trip to Cunnamulla, in South West Queensland in October saw Tanya clock up almost 2,000km. She visited the libraries in **Chinchilla, Roma, Charleville** and **Cunnamulla**, training librarians on eLEP and CLIB 2001 and the ABS web site. More on her eventful trip in the next edition of this Newsletter.

Tanya has been working in the ABS for three years, most recently as the Census Liaison Officer for the state. A country girl from Central Queensland, Tanya is looking forward to being able to support and assist libraries throughout Queensland.

More recently, Tanya visited the **Southport Library** on the Gold Coast. The Gold Coast City Library Service has four LEP branches that have subscribed to the eLEP service. The eLEP training for 21 library staff was received enthusiastically. The Digital Resources Librarian Jenni James commented: "Thanks for the great training on Wednesday. I'm still receiving complimentary feedback from library staff, who are enthusiastic about the enormous amount of information they can now more easily provide to library customers. The additional training booklets supplied will enable staff who were unable to attend, to do self-paced training at their



Tanya Lucas (right) and Heidi Rasanen at Southport Library.

branches. The ABS site is a treasure trove for those ticklish statistical reference questions."

## New Tassie Coordinator has been here before

It's a case of *deja vu* for the LEP's new Tasmanian Coordinator, Mary Eagle – she's been here before. Mary was with the LEP in the early 1990s as one of its first state Coordinators, working in Tasmania when the LEP was newly established.

In between her LEP appointments, she worked in other departments in both the State and Federal Governments in Tasmania, including some time spent as a librarian in the State Library of Tasmania in Hobart. Mary notes that the State Library of Tasmania is an active participant in the LEP.

Mary reports that she is keen to re-establish contact with the library network in Tasmania and continue the excellent work undertaken by the Library Extension Program nationally.



Mary Eagle (right) assists a client.

# La Trobe University Bundoora campus promotes AusStats at their Open Day

At their recent University Open Day, Lorraine Chapman (Health Sciences Team Librarian, **Borchardt Library**, Bundoora Campus of La Trobe University) took the opportunity to promote ABS services that are available to students. Included were demonstrations of AusStats, with the AusStats pull-up display stand located adjacent to the PC, information on CDATA and CLIB, as well as displays of posters, fliers and handouts. Lorraine commented that many visitors were pleasantly surprised by the access to ABS information



*Lorraine Chapman at La Trobe University Open Day.*

available at the university and enjoyed discovering ABS statistics.

If your university library would like to borrow an AusStats display stand, as shown in the picture, contact your state LEP Coordinator (contact details are on page 8).

## Mining the ABS archives

This is the second in our 'Mining the archives' features found in the process of compiling the history of the ABS for its centenary year in 2005.

The ABS has clearly had a long regard for librarians. Sir Roland Wilson, the Commonwealth Statistician from 1936-1940 and 1946-1948, claims to have introduced the first female librarian into the Commonwealth Public Service.

"I had to work a bit of a wangle with the Public Service Inspector to get her appointed. I picked her out first, and then had to devise a set of qualifications

with appropriate weighting so she'd win. Then I introduced... the Public Service Inspector to the mysteries of weighted averages, but he forgot to ask me if I fixed the weights. She won hands down. Then she arrived at the Canberra Railway Station accompanied by a formidable mother to see that her little girl wasn't misused. I went them to meet them, took her tin trunk to the Kurrajong Hotel, and finally assured the mother that all would be well."



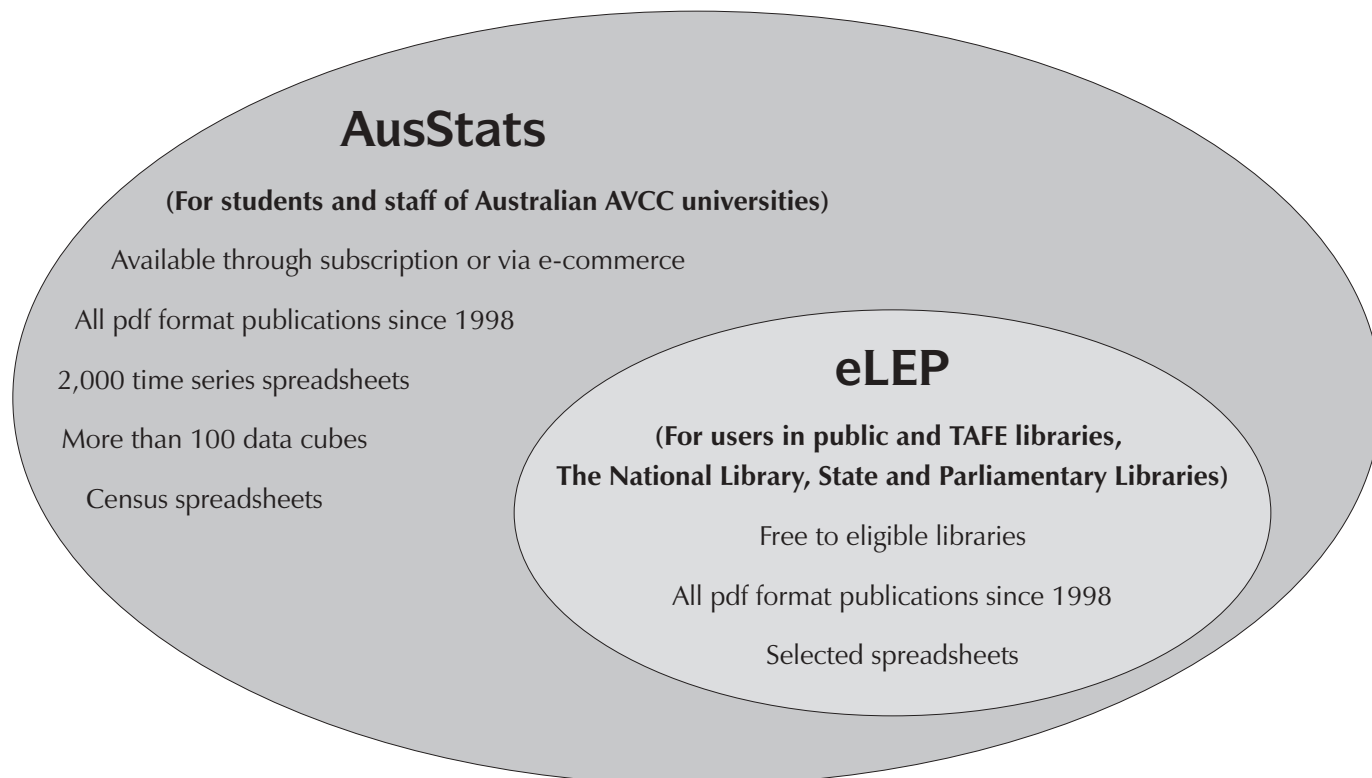
## LEP pages on the web

As well as being a great source of statistical information, the ABS web site also has information about and for LEP libraries

<http://www.abs.gov.au/websitedbs/D3110127.nsf/library+extension+program>

# eLEP and AusStats – what’s the difference?

The eLEP service and AusStats provide ABS information via the ABS web site.



*The difference between eLEP and AusStats for libraries.*

## AusStats datacubes – advanced data for advanced users!

AusStats files with either a .srd or a .scs suffix are datacubes. These files can only be opened in SuperTABLE.

### What is SuperTABLE?

SuperTABLE is an application that allows you to create your own tables by manipulating and summarising data from datacubes.

The tables you create can be saved in a variety of file formats, including Microsoft Notepad and Excel.

SuperTABLE software is free and can be downloaded from the Space-Time Research web site. There is a link to this site on all ABS datacube download pages. You only need to download the software once, but you will need to install SuperTable after downloading it, by running the supertable.exe file.

A SuperTABLE user guide is available when you download the software. There are also SuperTABLE help documents on the Help pages of the ABS web site.

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- Complete Working Population Profile – shows data on the characteristics of employed people. Includes how many people work full-time and part-time, their incomes and in which industries they work.

All previously released data such as **Indigenous Profiles** and **Time Series Profiles**, will be included in Release 3.

### New eLEP subscribers

Balaklava Community Library (SA)  
Cambridge Library (WA)  
Chinchilla Municipal Library (Qld)  
Coober Pedy School Community Library (SA)  
Gosnells Library Service (WA)

# Just out! Ageing in Australia

While the total Australian population increased five-fold over the last century, the number of older people increased more than fifteen-fold. The **2001 Census of Population and Housing: Ageing in Australia** report (ABS cat. no. 2048.0) shows that older people (aged 65 years and over) comprised 13% of the population in 2001, compared with 4% in 1901.



Some of the many interesting findings are:

- While 62 per cent of Australia's older people live in family households, the proportion of older people living alone has increased (from 20% in 1971 to 26% in 2001);
- The proportion of people 65 years and over is greater amongst the overseas-born population (17.7%) than for the Australian-born population (10.9%).
- One in ten older people reported using a computer and 6% accessed the Internet in the week prior to the 2001 Census, compared with over half of the people aged 15-44 years.

Core list libraries will receive this title in print format.

The September issue of the **Local Government and ABS Newsletter** includes:

- **The Australian Standard Geographical Classification** and Local Government
- Building Approvals and Geocoding
- What's happening in Local Government Finance

The full text is on the ABS web site. From the home page <<http://www.abs.gov.au>> choose 'News', then Newsletters. Click on the 'Local Government and ABS' twistie.

# New and forthcoming releases

These titles are a selection of what the ABS is releasing this quarter. It is not a complete list of ABS releases. Full lists of new releases are available from the 'Information on Releases' link on the ABS home page, or daily via the email notification system.

AusStats and eLEP subscribers may access these titles on the ABS web site as soon as they are released.

**Population Characteristics of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians: 2001 Census**, (ABS cat.no. 4713.0) Released 30/10/03.

Libraries will receive a copy for their State or Territory.

**Book Retailers, Australia, 2001-02** (ABS cat. no.1371.0 ) Released 14/10/2003.

Bookshops accounted for more than three-quarters (\$976m) of the value of new book sales. Almost all (98%) new book sales were printed books, although \$21.4m of electronic and audio books were also sold through Australian businesses.

Core List libraries may request a copy.

**National Health Survey: Private Health Insurance, Australia, 2001** (ABS cat.no. 4815.0.55.001) Released 1/10/2003.

Contains national statistics about the types and levels of private health insurance cover held by Australians, cross classified with demographic characteristics, self-assessed health status, health-related actions, hospital admissions and selected long-term conditions. Some State and Territory data is included. Electronic format only.

**Breastfeeding in Australia, 2001** (ABS cat.no. 4810.0.55.001) First issue 17/9/2003.

Focuses on breastfeeding practices among Australian women and presents statistics on the age and education levels of mothers. Electronic format only.



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## shortcuts

# Why is geographic area important when using ABS statistics?

The ABS compiles statistics for a variety of geographic areas – ranging from statistics for the whole of Australia (such as the Balance of Payments) down to data which can relate to an area of just a few hundred households (such as population and housing).

When you want to find statistical information you first need to know what geographic area is most relevant for your purposes. Do you want data for just a small area, such as your local shire, or are you after data for the whole of Australia – or something in between?

The table below gives a quick guide to the various geographical regions, ranging from the smallest (Collection District) to capital city.

More detailed information about the different geographical areas and boundaries is available from the ABS **Australian Standard Geographical Classification** (ABS Cat. No. 1216.0), so you can determine which is the best geographical fit for what you want.

## Which spatial unit should I use?

Small area ↓ Large area	Collection District (CD)	Smallest unit for which there is ABS data
	Urban Centre/Locality (UC/L)	Small rural town/Urban area of a city or town
	Statistical Local Area (SLA)	General small-area statistics
	Local Government Area (LGA)	Local council
	Statistical Subdivision (SSD)	General intermediate-sized area statistics
	Statistical District (SDist)	Regional centre
	Statistical Division (SD)	Large region
	Section of State (SOS)	Urban/Rural
	Remoteness Area (RA)	Regional/Remote
	Capital City CD/Rest of State	Metropolitan/ex. Metropolitan