

**DISABILITY ACTION PLAN COMMITTEE
LIBRARY WORKING GROUP
BRIEFING SHEET JULY 2003**

The strategic planning meeting of the UTS Disability Action Plan Committee held on 29 April 2003 identified the following priority areas for the Library:

- Provide course materials in alternate formats for students with a disability in a timely manner (Key strategy 1.4).
- Continue to enhance access to the Library and improve support services for students and staff with a disability, including training and support in the use of ICT facilities and resources (Key strategy 3.2).

The Library Working Group will be primarily responsible for progressing and reporting on the following identified issues (cross referenced to recommendations (R) from the DAP review 1997-2002):

1. Consult regularly with students with disabilities to identify and address access issues and service needs (R 66) (in consultation with Communications Working Group)
2. Continue to regularly review the operation of the Special Needs Rooms in the University Libraries, including consultation with students about adaptive technology requirements (R 68) (in consultation with Communications Working Group)
3. Further explore strategies to effectively orient students with disabilities to the Library, with a focus on publicising the services and facilities that are currently available (R 69) (in consultation with Communications Working Group)
4. Ensure on-line Library services and resources are as accessible as possible to students with disabilities (R 70)
5. Implement recommendations arising from the 2002 AVCC Working Group to address the special needs of students with a print disability (R35)

Recommendations noted in the DAP 2003-2007 which relate to the Library, though do not require direct action from the Library Working Group, are:

- Explore options to improve access to the City Campus Library for students with a mobility impairment who have difficulty in travelling between the City Campus and the Library (R67)
This Recommendation to be driven by AEAG, in consultation with Library
- Regularly review and update the adaptive technology equipment provided in computer facilities for people with disabilities (R 75)

This recommendation to be driven by ITAG, in consultation with Library
