

Below is this week's Watch.


Best Wishes
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newsbriefs

O'Kane's recommendations to be adopted

Senator Carr is to **act** on Professor Mary O'Kane's recommendations, following her review of the Cooperative Research Centres (CRC) Program released in August 2008, by introducing annual funding rounds for CRCs. The eleventh selection round is already in progress and the successful applicants should be announced in July. A twelfth round will soon be opened for those seeking funds from 2010. Other recommendations of Professor O'Kane's to be adopted include - to restore public good as a key objective; extend eligibility for funding to the humanities, arts and social sciences; place more emphasis on the needs of end-users and fund CRCs for up to ten years, subject to rigorous review. The Federal Government intends to invest \$682 million in CRCs over the next four years

 Australian internet security solution provider, **ContentKeeper Technologies**, has signed a partnership deal with Tata Communications. ContentKeeper and Tata Communications will jointly deliver ContentKeeper's high-speed web filtering solution to Tata's SME customers. Delivered as a managed service, the web security solution will allow Indian businesses to define and enforce internet usage policies, monitor, manage and control staff internet activity, and secure their networks against web-based threats.

 Melbourne based, **Space-Time Research's** SuperSTAR suite of software is now available on the **IBM Z10** mainframe. Qualification tests of the SuperSTAR integration on the Z10 platform were recently completed at the IBM facility in Böblingen, Germany.

 Senator Stephen Conroy seems to have backed down on his mandatory internet filtering policy when he told a Senate Estimates Committee that legislation is one potential option, the other is that ISPs could voluntarily agree to introduce filtering. The Department is still to advise how many of the 30,000 internet users across the nine ISPs have taken up the invitation to participate in the filtering trial. Senator Conroy also told Senate Estimates that the government's commitment to the NBN is to be in the order of \$11 billion with the NBN implementation study crucial to determining ways to attract private sector investment.

 Also in Senate Estimates this week, Senator Fielding brought up the triple-0 operators' ability to pinpoint callers from mobile phones and the Australian Communications and Media Authority's role. ACMA has been asked to provide an update on the Australian Communications Authority report into the issue back in 2004-05.

eventwatch



2009 eCrime Symposium. Tuesday 4th August, 2009. Speakers include Philip Argy, Chairman, Technology Dispute Centre; David Batch, Director of Safety, MySpace Australia; Peter Cooper, Group Information Security Manager, Woolworths; Rachel Dixon, Managing Director, Net Ventures; John Guerts, Chief Security Officer, Group Security, Commonwealth Bank; Peter Grabosky, Deputy Director, Australian Research Council Centre of Excellence in Policy and Security; Detective Superintendent Brian Hay, Queensland Police Service and Graham Ingram, General Manager, AusCERT, Australia. More details [here](#).



The ACOMMS Awards 2009. The hottest ticket on the communications calendar! Being held on Thursday 6 August, 2009 at The Westin Hotel, Sydney. Andrew O'Keefe is to be the Master of Ceremonies. The ACOMMS are

US President Obama has spoken about the need to tackle cybercrime and released the [Cyberspace Policy Review](#), which outlines the actions needed to help the US achieve a more reliable, resilient, and trustworthy digital infrastructure for the future. Some of the issues around shared responsibility, improving information sharing and building the architecture of the future are to be discussed at the upcoming [eCrime Symposium](#) being held in Sydney in August and attracting experts speakers including - David Batch – Director of Safety, Myspace Australia; Peter Cooper – Group Information Security Manager, Woolworths; John Geurts – Chief Security Officer, Commonwealth Bank; Ajoy Ghosh – Security Executive Business Solutions, LogicaCMG; Peter Grabosky – Professor, ANU.

The Federal Government has opened a consultation on proposals to ensure that Fibre-to-the-Premises technology is installed in all new substantial greenfield property developments from 1 July 2010. A consultation paper is available online [here](#).

The Knowledge Tree: An e-Journal of Learning Innovation is calling for contributions for its 19th edition with submissions closing on 10 July 2009. Case studies about mainstream e-learning are requested. The Knowledge Tree is an e-journal generated by members of the Australian VET system to enable the sharing of research and learning innovation in national and global e-learning practice. It is produced by the national training system's e-learning strategy, the [Australian Flexible Learning Framework](#).

Melbourne company, [Web and Flo](#), is to launch their workflow solutions into the United States. Based in Plano, Texas, the US office will be headed up by software expert, Alan Graubard.

The Melbourne Market Authority, operator of the Melbourne Wholesale Fruit, Vegetable and Flower markets in Footscray, installed the internet based [Watersave Smart Meter](#) in May 2008. Since then the Meter has enabled the organisation to monitor on-site water usage data in real-time, enabling them to locate leaks and to monitor and track down losses.

[Brennan](#) has been chosen by Accor Hotels, as preferred IT support and project services partner to their national network of 50 hotels. The appointment is part of a three-year, \$2 million, outsourcing contract, secured in a competitive tender.

[Internode](#) has commenced a four-year, \$4 million redevelopment of its customer care systems, implementing NetSuite Business Management software delivered as a Software as a Service (SaaS) solution. A Customer Portal is to be created that will extend the customer self-service facilities that are already available through the My Internode portal.

Principals in South Australia are now able to suspend or exclude students who threaten the safety or wellbeing of others in the school community out of school hours. Principals can also now confiscate students' mobile phones and hand them over to police as evidence, if there is reasonable suspicion that the phones have been used to record a crime.

The Federal Government has [called](#) for expressions of interest from industry to provide a limited supply of facilities and services to maintain the ongoing continuity of services during the development of the whole-of-government data centre strategy.

awardwatch

Winners at this year's iAwards include [Aconex](#) for Industrial Application, [Atlassian](#) for Tools and Infrastructure, [Memory Box](#) for Start-up Company and the Commonwealth Bank for the Financial Industry Application Awards. ThoughtWorks and Lonely Planet won in the Tourism and Hospitality category, and Wired@Collingwood – Australia's largest digital inclusion project – won [Thoughtworks](#), [InfoXChange](#) and the Victorian Government Neighborhood Renewal the Community iAward for corporate social

sponsored by Telstra Wholesale and Pipe Networks. More details [here](#).

Agile

AUSTRALIA'09

15-16 October 2009
Four Seasons Hotel, Sydney

www.agileaustralia.com

[Agile Australia 2009 – call for speakers](#). Endorsed by the Agile Alliance, [Agile Australia 2009](#) is to be held in Sydney on Thursday 15th - Friday 16th October, 2009. Suggest a speaker or outline a presentation by the end of June for Agile Australia 2009. The Conference's theme is - the journey towards the agile enterprise.

[Google Wave](#) was developed by the Sydney-based Google team that created Google Maps. Led by Lars and Jens Rasmussen under the codename "Walkabout" the five person "start-up" team emerged from months holed up in a conference room in Google's Sydney office with a prototype. After more than two years focussed on improving the way communication and collaboration works for users on the web, Australian developers will be able to learn more at [Google Wave API Day](#), June 19th, 2009 taking place at Google's Sydney office. To be notified when Google Wave will be launched as a public product, you can sign up [here](#). And you can also visit the [Wave Developer Blog](#).



If you are a PhD student working on some seriously cool convergent or emergent stuff, you may want to consider participating in AMP's [Technology on Tap](#), and winning a \$5000 research grant towards your ongoing research! More details [here](#).

companywatch

Australian mobile sales force automation company, [O4 Corporation](#) (O4), has raised \$US15 million in a

responsibility. The Winner of the Tony Benson Award for Individual Achievement in ICT went to industry leader Roger Allen – Congratulations Roger!

🌀 The Australian Banking and Finance Awards saw Michael Harte **awarded** as Chief Information Officer of the Year and HSBC Bank Australia win Banking Website/Online Offering of the Year. Westpac took out the Australian Financial Institution of the Year Award, while the Innovative Product of the Year Award went to Loan Cover – AMP/Aussie.

🌀 16 agencies have been announced as finalists in the **IAB Australia's 2009 Awards**. The winners will be announced at a cocktail event in Sydney on Thursday 9th July 2009.

peoplewatch

🌀 The Australian Computer Society (ACS) has appointed GM Finance & Business Services, Sam Burrell as Interim CEO, replacing Kim Denham who is no longer working for the ACS. Denham had been with the ACS since February 2008.

Series A financing transaction led by **ABS Capital Partners**, a later-stage growth company investor. Boasting 60 customers across 20 countries, O4 will use the financing to accelerate its development programs and increase the global reach beyond the existing offices in Atlanta, Milton Keynes and Sydney.

🌀 OnCard International Limited (ASX:ONC) is to acquire China-based consumer and merchant e-payment solutions business, BilltoBill from Astra Capital Limited (ASX:AKR).



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