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1 Introduction

1.1 Purpose

This report outlines the process used and issues encountered when developing new and revised subject terms for the TLF Additional Content Project and arising from general maintenance issues.

A list of new and revised subject terms is included as an Appendix to this report.

1.2 Audience

ScOT Consultative Group.

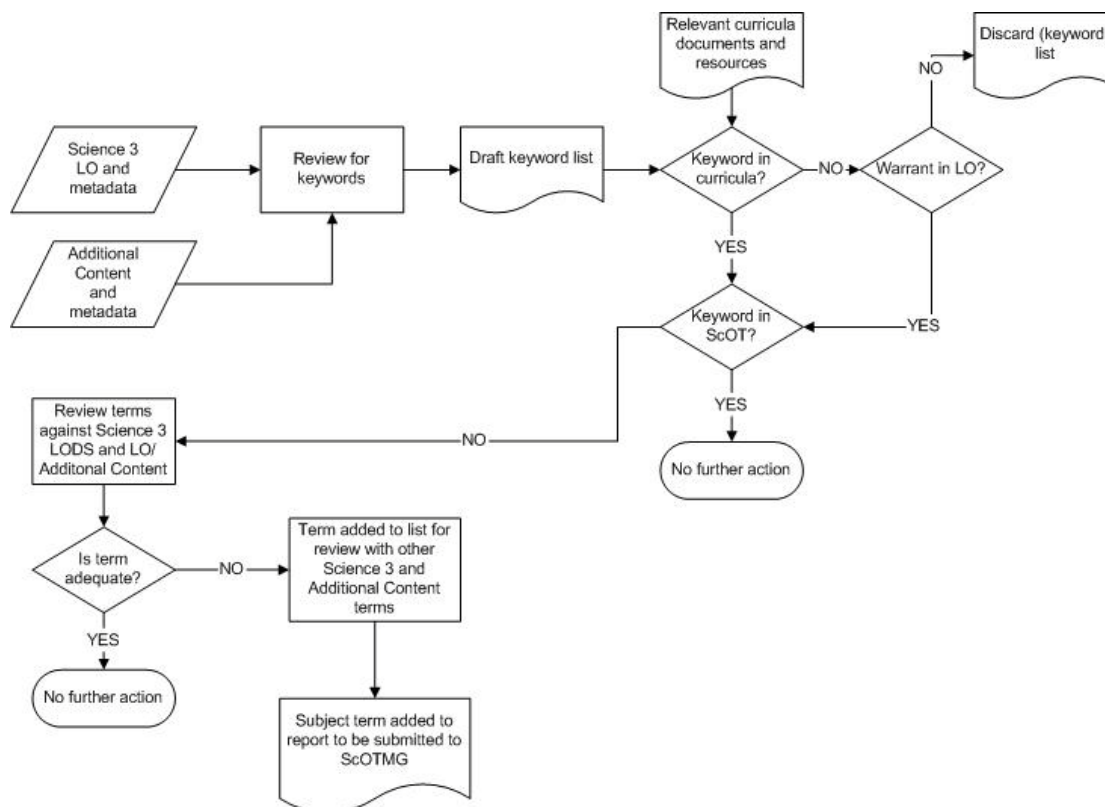
1.3 Acknowledgements

The ScOT Management Group acknowledges the assistance of Steve Sunter, Metadata Analyst and relevant TLF Subject Matter Experts.

2 Development of draft subject terms

2.1 Process diagram

The process used to develop the set of draft subject terms is represented in the following diagram.



3 Issues arising

3.1 General issues

Version 4.5 is a general maintenance release of ScOT. This release also incorporates subject terms identified from the TLF Additional Content Project.

3.2 TLF Additional Content project

This project has enabled the development of new and revised subject terms covering a range of topics focusing on specific events in Australian and New Zealand history and other topics such as farming, sports and recreational pastimes. It is expected that future version releases of ScOT will incorporate subject terms developed for the TLF Additional Content project.

3.3 General maintenance issues

This build focussed on related subject terms within hierarchies. A number of recommendations were made on the adjustment of existing related terms or the establishment of new related relationships between subject terms. It is expected that this work will be continue as part of the ongoing review process in conjunction with the ongoing maintenance. This work commenced at "A" within the thesaurus. Following advice received from the ScOT Technical Working Group in relation to the Top Terms Review which is due to commence following the release of V4.5 of ScOT this work has been suspended.

A number of subject terms relating to chemical actions (e.g. dissolving) and mathematical concepts (e.g. geometry) have been reviewed and corrected following feedback and advice from the TLF Metadata Analyst.

4 Summary of changes

4.1 Version 4.5

The following table summarises the changes made to ScOT which cumulated in the release of Version 4.5 of ScOT.

	Version 4.4	Version 4.5
No of subject terms	8, 911	8, 959
Preferred subject terms	7, 141	7, 173
Non preferred subject terms	1, 770	1, 786
Top terms	181	181

5 Appendix

5.1 Subject terms

5.1.1 New subject terms

The following are new subject terms that have been added for Version 4.5.

Agricultural land	New moon
Badges	Orchards
Bathers	Paddocks
Bathing suits	Ploughing
Boxers	Ploughs
Boxing	Soil management
Compound pulleys	Sportsmen
Crescent moon	Sportspeople
Cricketers	Sportswomen
Emblems	Structures
Fences	Swimmers
Fixed pulleys	Swimming costumes
Full moon	Swimwear
Gates	Tills
Insignia	Togs
Last quarter moon	Work (Mechanics)
Medals	
Movable pulleys	

5.1.2 Modified existing subject terms

Here are listed existing Version 4.4 subject terms in ScOT that have been modified (for example addition of qualifiers) with subject term development for Version 4.5.

Accessories	Axes
Acrostics	Axis
Acrylic paint	Compounds
Acrylic painting	Cones
Adhesion	Coordinate geometry
Adjectives	Cubes
Adlibbing	Cuboids
Advantaged	Curves
Adverbs	Cylinders
Affixes	Disadvantaged
Angles	Dissolving

Fashion	Polyhedra
Geometric objects	Power (Mechanics)
Geometric perspectives	Prefixes
Greywater	Propellers
Kiwi	Pulleys
Lamps	Puzzles
Lampshades	Sides
Land	Solubility
Lattices	Solutions
Lines	Spectrum
Locus	States of matter
Lunar cycles	Suffixes
Matter	Symbols
Meetings	Tessellations
Mixtures	Tractors
Nests	Trigonometry
Nouns	Tuatara
Orbits	Vectors
Particles	Verbs
Phase transformations	Visible spectrum
Phases	Wastewater
Plant hormones	Wealth
Plantations	Wings (Aeroplanes)
Work	

6 Sources

Apart from curriculum documentation the following sources were primarily consulted.

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