Thanks to the wonderful staff who led tours and put displays together for Alumni Week.
News

Yumma Darruwa Ngunnawal

Welcome to Ngunnawal country. This fortnight I would like us to reflect on the word gauar which means heart in Ngunnawal language.

Our services are at the heart of the University – serving the whole community including alumni. It was wonderful to have such a large group of visitors to events across the campus during Alumni Week, and our hearts are stronger from their active engagement with the University. The Alumni team were thrilled with so many Library, Archive and Press events.

I am sure we will continue to extend a warm welcome from our hearts to Alumni. We have a webpage to help Alumni find our services including a wide range of digital resources.

COVID-19 news

ANU updates

Use of the CheckIn CBR app remains strongly recommended and mask wearing remains mandated on the campus for a range of activities. Please read all the messages from the University about COVID-19.

A big thank you to Facilities & Services who have provided around 2,000 masks to the libraries to hand out to students who have forgotten to bring their masks with them.

Please remember to isolate and get tested if you feel unwell.

If you test positive to COVID-19, please:

1. Register your positive result with ACT Health using this online form, or with the state/territory health authority where you are located.
2. Alert the University through this online form.
3. Apply for personal leave.
4. Isolate for at least seven days after the day you test positive.

Campus Alert Level

Our COVID-19 campus alert level remains MEDIUM risk.

Temperature in our facilities

Facilities & Services staff are trying to assist in ensuring heating, ventilation, and air conditioning meet our needs. Due to COVID-19 the amount of fresh air has increased and we are in cooler times. The University is also committed to Below Zero and looking to reduce the gas used for heating.

F&S staff are doing their best to make sure the temperature in libraries and other SIS spaces match our needs, but it may be that it takes a bit longer to warm up due to these factors.

WHS

A reminder that the ANU Health & Safety website is a great source of information including the WHS handbook.

ANU Press and open access

ANU Press achievements

The Press has had a strong response to some of our recently published titles: Xinjiang Year Zero had over 5,000 downloads in the first five weeks of publication, and Macrominology and Freedom was downloaded 1,500 times in its first two weeks of publication. Downloads were high in January and February with almost 420,000 downloads so far.

Farewell to Publishing Assistant Hayley Jenkins who has left the Press to start a new career at the Office of Parliamentary Council. Hayley made a great contribution to many Press projects in her time here, including the improvement of ONIX metadata for the whole backlist and indexing journals in SCOPUS. Hayley will be sorely missed.

Celebration for the 1000th title

On Thursday we celebrated the 1000th title with an event in China in the World. Speakers included Professor James Fox (Chair of the ANU Press Advisory Committee); Professor Brian Schmidt (Vice Chancellor) and Roxanne Missingham (University Librarian).

Congratulations to authors, ANU Press staff and committees who have contributed to this marvellous achievement!

There are four schools of thought on reforming peer review – can they co-exist?

A very interesting blogpost from the London School of Economics (LSE). Outlining their recent research into the different interests and commitments of groups looking to reform and improve scientific peer review, Ludo Waltman, Wolfgang Kaltenbrunner, Stephen Pinfield, and Helen Buckley Woods identify four schools of thought on the subject. Discussing their different aims and objectives, they highlight commonalities between them and also key areas in which they diverge.

Gender Equality in Open Scholarship

The Dag Hammarskjöld Library held a webinar on this topic. The webinar recording is now available on YouTube.

UKRI-OA policy

Following extensive consultation, UK Research and Innovation (UKRI) published its new open access policy for research publications in August 2021. It is based on one simple principle, that findings from publicly funded research should be accessible to all. The JISC blog gives a valuable overview.

New titles from ANU Press
Alumni week

Lots of good feedback from the events…thanks to all involved!

SIS Annual report 2021

Do read the 2021 SIS Annual Report to see how we built a better University last year. Everyone in the Division made an enormous contribution in a year that was pretty challenging.

From the CHL newsletter

The Menzies Library is the hub of the Library’s Asia Pacific-focused services. The Library’s holdings of Asian materials are considered to be the most comprehensive among Australian university libraries and are well compared internationally. Many of CHL’s academics recently got together with the Menzies team to catch up with each other and remind themselves of the amazing and vast collection of scholarly publications the library is home to. Read more.

Library Staff Consultative Committee

Welcome to our new LSCC member - Tina Anderson, User Services Assistant, Chifley Library. There is still a vacancy for one member between the levels ANUO5 and ANUO8.

Archives presentation

Sarah Lethbridge (Senior Archivist) presented a hands-on class to economic history students in the Noel Butlin Archives Centre on 10 March. The students examined a range of correspondence, ledgers, reports, and minutes from companies

Open repository

ORCID’s 2021 Annual Report

Read about the steps ORCID took in 2021 to go “from vision to value”, including increasing value to members and researchers, increasing global participation in ORCID, and upholding integrity and trust they have earned from their community.

Curtin guide to NTROs

Curtin Open Knowledge Initiative have created a Repository and Metadata Guide for Creative Practice Researchers. The motivation was to ensure the creative
and trade unions. Several students have followed up with research questions.

**Library services plan**
The 2022 Library services plan is [now up on the website](#).

**Predatory publishing**
The Publish and Prosper LibGuide has been updated with a new page on predatory publishing.

**Rare book and maps valuation**
The years rush by and it’s time for the valuation of the Rare Book, Archives, and Maps collection again. Peter Tinslay has been engaged and will be on campus in June/July to do the valuation.

**Ex Libris software progress**
Thank you to Pip and Morgan for leading the project.

Pip reports that:

Thanks to the hard work of Morgan and Cameron, we have exported Sierra data, manipulated the information, and successfully uploaded 149 files to the Ex Libris server.

Early next week Ex Libris will start to ingest the data, including the migration and mapping forms into our test instance of ALMA.

We should have access to our test instance of ALMA around 11 May.

**Copyright**
There were over 120 submissions for the exposure draft.

US - Library Copyright Alliance submitted a statement opposing enactment of the SMART Copyright Act – the advocacy is around burdens it would place on libraries and free expression, they argue it is unnecessary and premature.

**Freedom of Information**
Office of the Australian Information Commissioner (OAIC) has issued two recent dedications relating to ANU. The finding for the first, Boston Consulting Group and Australian National University (Freedom of information) [2022] AIComm 9 was to “affirm the decision of the Australian National University (ANU) practice research outputs of the Humanities researchers were visible. The collaboration assessed the Zenodo, Figshare, and Humanities Commons repositories.

**New research resources**

- Myth-busting women and literature
  - Nabis, Flamininus, and the Amicitia between Rome and Sparta
- ‘To barbicue a poet or two or strangle a metaphysician’; the founding of Francis Jeffrey’s Edinburgh Review
- The accelerating anuran: evolution of locomotor performance in cane toads (Rhinella marina, Bufonidae) at an invasion front

**Keeping up to date**

**Data Availability and Transparency Bill 2022**

Pop the champagne! Five years after the recommendation made by the Productivity Commissioner and massive consultation the legislation has passed.

It “authorises public sector data custodians to share data with accredited users in accordance with specific authorisations, purposes, principles and agreements; specifies the specific responsibilities imposed on data scheme entities; establishes and specifies the functions and powers of the National Data Commissioner as the regulator of the scheme; establishes and specifies the functions and membership of the National Data Advisory Council as an advisory body to the commissioner in relation to sharing and use of public sector data; and establishes the regulation and enforcement framework for the scheme.”

**National Data Security Action Plan**
The National Data Security Action Plan (the Action Plan) Discussion Paper has been released by the Minister for Home Affairs. A copy is available on the Home Affairs’ website [here](#). Consultation for the Discussion Paper will be open until 10 June 2022.

**A Decade of Open Data in Research — real change or slow moving compliance?**

Mark Hahnel looks at the progress that's been made toward open research data -- what's been achieved, what still needs work, and what happens next

**2022 Smithsonian Digitization Conference – presentations online**
Great range of presentations including the Audio-visual Media Preservation Initiative (AVMPI): Reimagining Audio-visual Preservation at the Smithsonian, Accessibility at Scale: Digital Inclusion in Large Cultural
of 5 November 2020 to grant access to documents requested under the FOI Act.”

The finding for the second Boston Consulting Group and Australian National University (Freedom of information) (No 2) [2022] AICmr 16 (2 March 2022) was to “affirm the decision of the Australian of 28 October 2020 to grant access to documents requested under the FOI Act. A briefing note is being prepared.

CAUL & CONZUL

The CAUL membership meeting was held in March – sessions were recorded and are available online (no login required).

Privacy

Material for Privacy Awareness Week (2 to 8 May) is online now.

OAIC has published new privacy guidance regarding Individual Healthcare Identifiers (IHIs) on COVID-19 digital vaccination certificates:

- Don’t collect a COVID-19 digital certificate if it is not required – sight a copy of the certificate instead.
- If a copy of a COVID-19 digital certificate must be collected, do not collect an IHI.
- Consider removing or redacting IHIs from any COVID-19 digital certificates that have already been collected and stored in a record.
- Understand the privacy obligations that apply once you have collected an IHI.

ALIA

Launched this week:

- ALIA SDG Stretch Targets Baseline Report
- ALIA international relations statement

Director General National Archives of Australia

Congratulations to Simon Froude on his appointment as Director General of the National Archives of Australia.

National Research Infrastructure (NRI) Roadmap

The 2021 NRI Roadmap is out and can be accessed online.

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Roxanne Missingham
Director, Scholarly Information Services

Balancing the metadata portfolio

This blogpost covers issues raised around metadata as research libraries play an increased role in supporting scholarly communications and digital scholarship. Explores issues discussed at meetings of the OCLC Research Library Partners Metadata Managers Focus Group including:

- Strategically (re)positioning and promoting metadata work
- New services and new expectations
- Project management and upskilling
- The value and adaptation of foundational metadata skills

IFLA journal

The latest issue of IFLA Journal: Volume 48, No. 1 (March 2022) is a Special Issue: Libraries and COVID-19: Opportunities for innovation, guest editors: Milena Dobreva and Hermina Angheluscu. Articles include:

- Exploring National Library of Scotland datasets with Jupyter Notebooks (Sarah Ames and Lucy Havens)
- The development of LibGuides at Cape Peninsula University of Technology Libraries and the impact of the COVID-19 lockdown on their usage (Deborah A. Becker, Joanne Arendse, Veliswa Tshetsha, Zulaiga Davids and Vuyokazi Kiva-Johnson)
- Cooking up engagement during a pandemic: The international Great Rare Books Bake Off between the Penn State and Monash University Libraries (Christina Riehman-Murphy, Anne Holloway and Mark Mattson)
- ‘The challenge now is for us to remain relevant’: Australian public libraries and the COVID-19 crisis (Simon Wakeling, Jane Garner, Philip Hider, Hamid Jamali, Jessie Lynn, Yazdan Mansourian and Holly Randell-Moon)

After the pandemic: cybernetic systems and an approach to the future

Professor Genevieve Bell delivered the 2021 Garran Oration, the Australian public sector’s most prestigious address. Read the speech and watch the video on the ANU School of Cybernetics website.

Managing whistleblower disclosures and other workplace complaints in 2022

Researchers said that their research software is essential to their own research, and about 70% of more than 90% of researchers acknowledged software as being important for their own research. The 2014 UK Research Software Survey found that research software is essential to research. The 2014 UK Research Software Survey found that more than 90% of researchers acknowledged software as being important for their own research, and about 70% of researchers said that their research would not be possible without software.

### 17th International Digital Curation Conference

**When?** 13 – 16 June, 2022  
**Where?** Virtual  
**More details:** [Visit the website](#).

### 87th IFLA World Library and Information Congress

**When?** 26 – 29 July 2022  
**Where?** Dublin, Ireland  
**More details:** [Visit the website](#).

### ARDC

**National collaboration on sharing data**

Led by the Australian Research Data Commons (ARDC), the Health Studies Australian National Data Asset (HeSANDA) will allow health researchers to share, browse and reuse health study data that has been made available on the platform. [Read more](#).

### ARDC Leadership Series:

**Sharing Sensitive and Identifiable Human Data**

The ARDC Leadership Series is a new event series providing decision makers in academia, government and industry with an opportunity to work through the big data challenges impacting Australia’s researchers. [Read more](#).

### Research Data Management Framework for Australian Universities Open for Consultation

**Institutional Underpinnings** is a collaborative project between 25 of Australia’s universities to develop a shared approach to university research data management in the form of a nationally-agreed framework.

The program aims to increase Australian universities’ capability in research data management and encourage collective problem-solving and alignment across the sector.

The draft Research Data Management Framework is now open for consultation. The Framework was developed by the 25 participating universities, with more than 90 experts contributing to working groups to identify and develop the key elements that are included. [Read more](#).

### Let’s Make Research Software a First Class Research Output

ARDC launched the first National Agenda for Research Software in Australia. Research software is essential to research. The 2014 UK Research Software Survey found that more than 90% of researchers acknowledged software as being important for their own research, and about 70% of researchers said that their research would not be possible without software. [Read more](#).

### Reimagine Descriptive Workflows: A community-informed agenda for reparative and inclusive descriptive practices

This new OCLC Research report is from a group of experts, practitioners, and community members to determine ways of improving descriptive practices, tools, infrastructure, and workflows in libraries and archives.

It synthesises the findings from this convening, related research, and ongoing operational work in the field to help chart a path forward in this work. This report contextualises the challenges facing the library and information field in inclusive and reparative metadata work and offers a framework of guidance that suggests actions and exercises that can help frame institutions’ local priorities and areas for change.

### State of America’s Libraries Special Report 2022

Out from ALA this report on the pandemic year two has many interesting discoveries: “Library staff in every state faced an unprecedented number of attempts to ban book”.

### C&RL News

The April 2022 issue is out now and includes:

- **2020 ACRL Academic Library Trends and Statistics Survey: highlights and key EDI findings** (Elizabeth Brown and Jeannette E. Pierce)
- **Open access: from hope to betrayal** (Reggie Raju and Jill Claassen)

### CNI meeting

[Videos](#) of sessions from the Coalition for Networked Information (CNI) March 2022 meeting are now online.

### CLOCKSS

CLOCKSS has expanded its partnership with global research and education leader Wiley. Together, CLOCKSS and Wiley will ensure the long-term preservation of the publisher’s extensive program of scholarly and reference books. More than 22,000 book titles that are a core part of the scholarly record will now be kept safe for posterity through inclusion in the CLOCKSS digital archive program.

### UK Archives SafePod now open

UK Archives one of the first places in the UK to host a SafePod for data research. A SafePod is a small prefabricated room, which provides the necessary security and controls to enable a researcher to access and work on data that requires secure access. The SafePod Network is the first service in the world to provide a countrywide network of standardised safe settings (known as SafePods) to enable approved researchers across the UK to securely access data to better understand our society and economy. [Read more here](#).