**From the University Librarian**

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**News**

**Yumma Darruwa Ngunnawal**

Welcome to Ngunnawal country. This fortnight I would like us to reflect on the word Yerra which means to fly or soar in Ngunnawal language.

Dion Devow, keynote speaker at ALIA this week, an eminent Indigenous ACT resident christened his business Yerra. The vision of the business is “To create a supportive and continuing environment for the sustainable establishment and growth of small and medium Indigenous business. To develop a comprehensive network of world class partners and suppliers to enable us to help our clients solve complex business issues and translate complex technology into tangible business benefits”.

Dion has inspired the profession through his presentation and inspires all in the ACT. He was ACT Australian of the Year in 2018 and is committed to bringing Indigenous and white communities together. His TEDx Canberra talk is [online](#) as are some great interviews with him on YouTube as well. He was inspiring.

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**ANU Press and open access**

**OAEBU Book Analytics Dashboard project**

The project has developed OAEBU data use-cases with online communities of practice, and developing proof of concepts with dashboard pilot partners Australian National University Press, Wits University Press, University College London Press, University of Michigan Press, Springer Nature, and OAPEN.

These efforts resulted in multiple technical deliverables:

- [GitHub repository of Apache Airflow workflow automation code to fetch, process, and analyze usage data](#) from DOAB, Google Analytics, Google Books, IRUS-UK, OAPEN, ONIX, UCL Discovery
ANU COVID-19

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.

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 at ANU remains AMBER MEDIUM.

What’s new?

Tuesday 17 May

On-campus teaching will continue in semester two. Find out more

Academic Quality Assurance Committee

AQAC met with a very strong agenda. Great discussions including:
- Implementation of Working Party and Review Recommendations
- Admissions, Scholarships and Accommodation 2024-Recommendations from Admissions Reform Review
- Student Planning & Selection Framework - Recommendations from Admissions Reform Review
- Report on new, disestablished and reaccredited courses from College
- Report of the Working Party on Compliance
- Gradebook exemptions
- Annual Agent Performance Review
- CRICOS Re-registration Progress
- Academic Integrity Rule Implementation and Communication Plan Update and Conclusion.

WHS

The Work Environment Group have some very useful advice about Training and development on the website.

SIS publications & plans pages

New content on the website:
- Review of Academic Competencies & Digital Capabilities (PDF, 588.91 KB)
- Academic Competencies & Digital Capabilities Business Plan 2021
ANU training

Do continue to work on the set of 10 modules in the category Core Cultural Learning created by AIATSIS.

I encourage all in SIS to work on completing all the modules this year, perhaps doing one each fortnight through the rest of the year.

Copyright

Mickey Mouse is in the news. “Sen. Josh Hawley (R-Mo.) went a step further (to Republicans arguing that the copyright period should not be extended), saying he plans to introduce legislation to strip Disney of the copyright protections this year.”

CAUL & CONZUL

The CAUL AGM was held last week

Danny Kingsley has been appointed as Director of the University of the Sunshine Coast library. She starts in the position on Tuesday 19 July

Hidden hazards in Archives

From Kathryn:

Thanks to the quick response of our researcher and archivists, a potential asbestos hazard was identified and contained. A researcher working on the records of Humes Limited did not expect to find a material sample in a file relating to use of asbestos. When they did, we were able to contain, report, and bring in suitable expertise to assess, test and advise. Thankfully, no fibres escaped and testing of surrounds and areas where the file had been stored and transported confirmed they were safe to use. Our thanks to Brett Morrison, external specialists and the WEG team for their expertise and support. Additional expert advice is being sought about safely copying the file content and making appropriate disposal arrangements – the records is still of critical interest for our researchers!

The Archives will also be building a special hazard register relating to the collection. It is very rare but sometimes our archives and libraries do contain material of concern.

CLOCKSS

CLOCKSS has announced it is teaming up with eleven additional publishers to preserve their publications. Content covering medical, legal, public policy and scientific subjects will now be safeguarded for future generations of researchers.

CLOCKSS, the decentralized preservation archive that ensures that the digital assets of the community will survive intact, simultaneously announced the support of two additional libraries.

New Publishers include:

- Bulletin of the Iraq Natural History Museum
- College of Fine Arts - University of Baghdad
- European University Institute of Law
- Ghent University library
- Healthbook Company Ltd

New titles

China Story Yearbook: Contradiction

Honiar: Village-City of Solomon Islands

Authored by: Clive Moore

Open repository

Is Infrastructure Consolidation the Next Step? CCC Acquires Ringgold

Todd Carpenter writes “The recent news that the Copyright Clearance Center will acquire Ringgold is an important reminder that many other firms, including not-for-profits, are actively pursuing growth strategies that contain elements other than organic growth”. He concludes: The identifier community remains strangely fragmented, resulting in overlaps, inefficiencies, and strategic limitations. One might have thought that Ringgold putting itself up for sale could have resulted in CrossRef or ORCID, for example, taking steps to begin the consolidation of identifier providers. We look forward to seeing if CCC’s entry into this infrastructure space produces a spur for greater community consolidation over the course of time, or rather if it results in the privatization of infrastructure going forward.”

Aspirational metrics – A guide for working towards citational justice

Aurélie Carlier, Hang Nguyen, Lidwien Hollanders, Nicole Basaraba, Sally Wyatt and
New Libraries include:
- Università Bocconi
- Washington University in St. Louis

These new publishers and libraries join over 435 publishers and 300 libraries in participating with CLOCKSS.

Privacy
- The revised ANU Privacy policy has been published on the Policy Library

FOI
- Interesting commentary on the AAT decision re-releasing scenario planning for climate change by the government – the article Government documents used for climate change preparation kept secret after Administrative Appeals Tribunal hearing

ANU Student Diversity Plan
Bree Slater, Director, Academic Initiatives (Service Improvement) advises:
The Admissions Reform Review, completed in 2021, recommended the development of an ANU Student Diversity Plan. Diversity of our student cohort remains a key strategic outcome for ANU by 2025 and will be delivered by a whole of ANU effort. The ANU Student Diversity Plan will establish targets for 2025-2030, commit to initiatives needed to deliver those targets, and establish processes for regular review. It is not intended to override any of the great work already underway but to collect this work in one Plan.

I am now asking colleagues to contribute to the planning phase of the ANU Student Diversity Plan by engaging with a Padlet at https://padlet.com/breeslater/studentdiversity

The Padlet asks for your ideas on what types of diversity should be included, what should be included in the Plan, and what already exists across the University that should be included or referenced in the Plan. I also encourage you to read other’s contributions and vote to agree or disagree. You can also add comments to other posts to add further detail that may be useful.

This is just the first step in developing the ANU Student Diversity Plan and there will be further opportunities to engage in this process throughout 2022

Feedback

Sharon Anyango highlight challenges to changing citation practices and point to ways in which authors and readers can work towards equitable citations in this blog post. They provide a context for and call for action around a guide for the Female Empowerment Maastricht University network (FEM), UM Citation Guide. A Guide by FEM.

New research resources
- Creating legal rights for rivers: lessons from Australia, New Zealand, and India
- Achieving the Sustainable Development Goals: improving water services in cities affected by extreme weather events
- [Book review] Rethinking Power Relations in Indonesia: Transforming the Margins
- [Book review] Migrating to Opportunity: Overcoming Barriers to Labor Mobility in Southeast Asia
- The BRI and RCEP: ensuring cooperation in the liberalisation of trade in Asia

Keeping up to date
The impact of digital technology on arts and culture in the UK
This POSTnote (UK Parliament Office of Science and technology) provides an overview of the impact of digital technology on the arts and culture sector in the UK. It focuses on the uses of emerging digital technologies and the impact of COVID-19 on stakeholders. It summarises the policy priorities, challenges and barriers in accessing technology in the sector.

Library buildings
Thanks to Prof Bruce Scates for some fabulous photos of libraries in institutions he is visiting in the US.

Hall of the Noble Word, University of Texas at Austin
Dear Ally Network Members,

Today marks International Day Against LGBTIQA+ Discrimination. We'd love to hear what you're up to in your local areas so please share info and pics/screenshots about your events so we can spread the good IDAHOBIT word across the Ally Network. Email us at ally@anu.edu.au.

On a less celebratory note, we've been witnessing a spike in transphobic behaviours across campus, no doubt related to the ongoing trans-misogyny we've been seeing in the federal election campaign. To our trans and gender diverse communities - and in particular trans women - we want to send our unwavering solidarity and support.

We will also be hosting a guest seminar in the coming weeks to hear from leaders in the trans femme community - stay tuned for more details.

If you are experiencing ongoing distress because of these incidents please reach out to the team at student.wellbeing@anu.edu.au who can help you find appropriate care and support.

We'd also like to take this opportunity to give a hearty shout out to our Ally Network members in Library Services. Much of the behaviour has been playing out in our libraries and staff have worked hard to address it swiftly and send clear and unwavering messages of support across their spaces. This is allyship in action and we salute you for your efforts.

Roxanne Missingham
Director, Scholarly Information Services

**Coming events**

**17th International Digital Curation Conference**

*When?* June 13-16, 2022
*Where?* TBA

[More details here](#)

**87th IFLA World Library and Information Congress**

*When?* 26-29 July 2022
*Where?* Dublin, Ireland

[More details here](#)

**ARDC**

**People Research Data Commons Program Consultations Kick Off**

The ARDC is excited to launch a new digital research infrastructure program, called the People Research Data Commons, to support health and biomedical researchers in solving some of Australia’s biggest societal health and medical challenges for Australia. The new program is starting with consultations with the health research community.

[Read more](#)

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Thomson Library Ohio State University

**LJ’s College Student Library Usage Survey Reveals Positive Views, Inconsistent Engagement**

Library Journal’s recent survey on [College Student Library Usage](#), sponsored by ProQuest, looks at how students in American colleges and universities use their institutions’ libraries, and whether those libraries are meeting students’ needs. More than 400 U.S. undergraduates from community and four-year colleges were surveyed. Key findings: Students visited the library in person an average of 4.7 times during the fall 2021 semester; 14.9 percent of them visited more than 10 times. Four-year college or university students were more likely to visit the library in person than community college students. Online library use was only slightly higher, with students visiting the library online 4.8 times and 13.7 percent visiting more than 10 times.

**CMU Receives Mellon Grant to Develop Bibliographic Tools**

“Freedom and the Press before Freedom of the Press,” a digital humanities project based at Carnegie Mellon University (CMU), Pittsburgh, has received a $324,931 Andrew W. Mellon Foundation Digital Humanities Advancement grant to develop a set of digital tools to analyze type and paper used in late 17th- and 18th-century English language works. The Digital Library of Distinctive Type and the Coloring Book Paper Analysis Tool will compile distinctive identifiers of 241 late 17th-century British printers, helping researchers, scholars, and students connect unattributed works to the printers that published them. [Read more here](#).

**What Do Library-Publisher Relations Look Like in 2022?**

The AUPresses Library Relations Committee asked Executive Director of AUPresses, Peter Berkery, and Executive Director of the Association of Research Libraries, Mary Lee Kennedy, to [share their thoughts](#) about how
VIVE LA DIFFÉRÈNCE: Diversity, Equity and Inclusion in Research Software Engineering

The Research Software Alliance (ReSA) organised the Research Software Engineers (RSE) Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) “Vive la différence” workshop between March and April 2022. During the workshop, representatives from international RSE communities and others interested in DEI came together online and in person at the Lorentz Center in The Netherlands to discuss DEI initiatives in RSE, data science, open source software, and industry.

Read more

Research Software Engineers: How Will They Shape Statistics?

Research software underpins the modern landscape of statistics and data analysis, yet those who develop these tools often lack formal recognition or reward in the academic system. Does the academic system need to be modified to retain these talents? How will RSEs contribute to shaping the field of statistics?

Watch the recording

FAIR Data Podcast with Natasha Simons

The FAIR Data Podcast sits down with Natasha Simon, Associate Director of Data and Services, ARDC. Hear about FAIR data, PIDs, Natasha’s career path, plus QLD cane toads and climate change.

Listen to the recording

relations between the two communities have changed. Peter’s comment “Simply put, research libraries and university presses support scholars and contribute to a healthy, shared scholarly ecosystem” reflects the positive tone of the interviews.

Detail in the data: Lessons learned from two years of COVID-19 data collection and use in NSW

This was a very interesting webinar chaired by the inimitable Susan Bennett, Executive Director InfoGovANZ. Speakers were

- The Hon. Victor Dominello MP - Minister for Digital, Minister for Customer Service;
- Samantha Gavel - NSW Privacy Commissioner; and
- Dr Ian Oppermann - Chief Data Scientist, NSW Government.

AI/ML: Increasing Access, Visibility, and Engagement

The AEOLIAN Network are delighted to announce that the presentations from their recent online workshop are available. Presenters were:

– Jeanne Susplugas (Artist), 'I will Sleep When I'm Dead'.

– Louisa Wood Ruby (Executive Director of PHAROS: The International Consortium of Photo Archives), 'PHAROS: Making Cross-Institutional Discoveries with Linked Open Data and Computer Vision'.

– Robert G. Erdmann (Senior Scientist, Rijksmuseum and Professor, University of Amsterdam), 'Operation Night Watch and Image Search Tool'.

– Bohyun Kim (Associate University Librarian for Library of Information Technology, University of Michigan Library), 'Machine Learning: A New Tool for Libraries and Archives'.

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