News

Yumma Darruwa Ngunnawal

Yumma Darruwa Ngunnawal means welcome to Ngunnawal country. We welcome those who come to us from near and far, and continue to support our community online and through our click and collect service.

If you would like to listen to more on the language of Ngunnawal people listen to Ngunnawal elder Caroline Hughes, member of the Ngunnawal Language Group and the director of the CIT Yurauna Centre.

ACT situation

The ACT remains in lockdown.

The ACT Government has very useful information on the Lockdown in the ACT webpage.

ACT pathway going forward

The ACT Government planned approach in the coming two months for COVID-19 remains the same, with many businesses starting to plan for graduated opening. Some gyms have announced limited classes will commence from the 15th of October.

We have reached excellent levels of vaccination – congratulations to the whole community for acting so promptly on this issue.

ANU Press and open access

Publications subsidy round 2 now open

The second round of the ANU Press Publication Subsidy Fund is now open. The deadline has been extended until 24th October!

ANU academics can apply to receive up to $3000 to help them publish work through ANU Press. We’d appreciate it if you could share this with your networks at ANU. The fund can be used to cover costs such as copyediting or indexing of a book.

Applications close 24 October 2021.

Free for all, or free-for-all? A content analysis of Australian university open access policies

In their article on bioRxiv Simon Wakeling, Danny Kingsley, Hamid R. Jamali, Mary Anne Kennan, Hamid Jamali, and Maryam Sarrafzadeh find that “just 20 of 40 Australian universities were found to have such a policy, despite the Australian Code for the Responsible Conduct of Research requiring universities to publish “policies and mechanisms that guide and foster the responsible publication and dissemination of research”…Within the 20 analysed policies we found extensive variation across a number of crucial areas, including paying for publication, deposit timing, and the intent and rationale underpinning the policies”
ANU situation

The latest information is on the ANU COVID-10 advice website.

Campus Alert Level

Our COVID-19 Campus Alert Level at ACT campuses is now elevated to ORANGE - HIGH Risk. Only staff declared essential workers can be on campus.

REALM research

Prepared by Battelle, a new research briefing provides the latest research on COVID-19 vaccination; variant strains of the SARS-CoV-2 virus; and ventilation that may affect building operations, policies, and procedures. New findings include the topics ventilation and variants.

Banned books in Australia

Have you read any of the books that were banned in Australia? Perhaps Normal Lindsay’s Redheap, or Lady Chatterley’s Lover? Read more about the books that were banned in Australian in a great article in Austlit. And below are some of salacious titles that were banned.

Pulse modules

Compulsory modules for new staff include privacy and Cyber Sense. A great success! Do take the time to do the modules if you haven’t already done them. Access Pulse by logging in through Staff Services.

Digital Master Plan

The Digital Master Plan has been approved and is available on the ANU website. It is the University’s high-level strategy for the evolution of the digital environment and will be a critical enabler of the ANU strategic plan 2021-2025. It will improve services for students, researchers, academics, professional staff and the wider community.

Open Access Books in Particle Physics

SCOAP³ (Sponsoring Consortium for Open Access Publishing in Particle Physics) is collaborating with OAPEN as part of its latest open access book initiative.

Over 100 important texts in the discipline will be added to the SCOAP³ for Books collection in the OAPEN Library as they become available.

New releases from ANU Press

The Federated States of Micronesia’s Engagement with the Outside World

A Dictionary of Vurës, Vanuatu by Catriona Malau
Copyright

- The University Australia Copyright Group is working with Liz Stanton on a starter kit for new copyright officers and a great website with extensive documentation – watch this space!
- Controlled Digital Lending (CDL) – is it time to think about it outside of the US? RLUK has published a paper Library Lending Fit for the 21st Century? Controlled Digital Lending in the UK after discussion at an online event that was held to discuss the current status and prospects for CDL in the UK.
- SPARC (the Scholarly Publishing and Academic Resources Coalition) joined Library Futures in outlining opposition to troubling provisions in the CASE (Copyright Alternative in Small-Claims Enforcement) Act. This law establishes a small-claims court system within the United States Copyright Office that threatens to further skew US copyright law against the rights and interests of the public.
- Introducing the Copyright Anxiety Scale. “It is clear from the survey response data that copyright anxiety is a real phenomenon for many and has practical consequences that can impede creativity and potentially legitimate forms of sharing content.”
- ResearchGate recently received demands from two publishers – Elsevier and the American Chemical Society (ACS) – to remove certain content that they alleged infringed their copyrights. Around 200,000 files have been removed.

CAUL & CONZUL

- Teresa Chitty will step down from her position as University Librarian at the University of Adelaide in February 2022.
- The Council of New Zealand University Librarians (CONZUL) have released an infographic on Open Access (OA).

Open repository

Open Access Week

This year’s OA week theme was chosen to align with the UNESCO Recommendation on Open Science and highlight the Recommendation’s call for equitable participation for all producers and consumers of knowledge.

Code4lib

The latest issue of code4lib journal is out and it includes:

- Core Concepts and Techniques for Library Metadata Analysis by Stacie Traill and Martin Patrick. Outlines core knowledge areas and problem-solving techniques for successful library metadata analysis. It also discusses suggested tools.
- Closing the Gap between FAIR Data Repositories and Hierarchical Data Formats by Connor B. Bailey, Fedor F. Balakirev, and Lyudmila L. Balakireva. Reports on a pilot project at Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL) that addresses the disconnect between them by integrating the OSF FAIR data repository with hierarchical data renderers, extending support for additional file types in their framework. The multifaceted interactive renderer displays a tree of metadata alongside a table and plot of the data channels in the file. This solution helps bridge the gap between hierarchical data storage techniques and FAIR data repositories, making both of them more viable options for scientific institutions like LANL which have been put off by the lack of integration between them.
Digital Dexterity

Anne Newton has agreed to be the next ANU Library CAUL DigiDex champion. She is really interested in working with the DigiDex group.

The role was vacated when Samantha Jackson left earlier this year.

The DigiDex group was formed by CAUL to help support the growing aspects of digital dexterity required by library staff in university libraries. It is a discussion forum which gives group presentations and makes connections with other likeminded groups. A really interesting network to be part of.

Thank you, Anne, for taking up this role.

From Heather Jenks

Feedback from our clients.

THANK YOU SO MUCH CAMERON for searching for this so effectively. I have downloaded it on the first Wiley link and I am thrilled to have it. I have to say that your team Kate and Cameron and others are THE BEST!

Hi ANU Library Team,

I would like to thank you for your amazing and considerate service during this lockdown. I requested a book from the Library on Sunday, and a member of the library team just dropped it off at my place. I am amazed at how quick and easy it was to request a book that is so crucial to my research. This is a testament to your hard work. ANU Library team (especially Sam) has responded to all my emails during this lockdown, with kindness and compassion.

Thank you heaps, you guys are amazing!

Roxanne Missingham
Director, Scholarly Information Services

Fostering Open Science Practices


The toolkit is primarily intended to assist university leadership, academic department chairs, research funders, learned societies and government agencies develop incentive structures to properly nurture and reward open research practices. It was authored by members of the Roundtable on Aligning Incentives for Open Science.

SPACE Rubric for Evolving Academic Assessment

Declaration on Research Assessment (DORA) have announced the release of SPACE to evolve academic assessment: A rubric for analyzing institutional conditions and progress indicators.

SPACE is designed to help institutions at any stage of academic assessment reform gauge their ability to support and develop fair and responsible assessment practices.

Keeping up to date

Big deal negotiation resources

The Data Analysis Working Group of the SPARC Negotiation Community of Practice has just released a large collection of resources to inspire and inform libraries and consortia as they gather and analyse data for Big Deal negotiations.

The collection includes resources on:

- cost per use
- COUNTER 4 vs. COUNTER 5
- turnaway analysis
- utilising usage statistics and qualitative data
- data visualization
- open access data sources
- an overview of factors to consider regarding open access agreements
- serials transparency lists
- full text coverage ratios
- conducting an overlap analysis
- and a glossary of terms.

Academic Libraries Reimagined

De Gruyter’s webinar, Academic Libraries Reimagined, which was held on 9 September 2021. A recording of the presentation is on YouTube. The speakers were:

- Roxanne Missingham (ANU) – Revitalising Library Literature and Information Service
- Gabi Wong (HKUST) – Evolution of Research Support Service
Coming events

ANU Archives annual lecture: Dr Anthea Hyslop: Records and recollections
When? Tue 26 Oct 2021, 6pm
Where? Online via Zoom
More details: for more information and to register click here

ALIA LibTech 2021
When? 28-29 October 2021
Where? Online
More details: The symposium will provide an opportunity for Library technicians from around Australia to meet together in the formal setting of a structured program, to hear prominent members of the profession, as well as their peers, speak and debate contemporary issues relating to the profession, professionalism and library work in general. Registrations are open!

10th International Summit of the Book
When? 9 - 10 December 2021
Where? Online
More details: Register here

15th Berlin Open Access Conference
When? September 28 to October 01, 2021
Where? Online
More details: the 15th Berlin Open Access Conference (B15): Adapt and Advance, will be co-hosted by the University of California (UC) and Open Access 2020 Initiative (OA2020). More details here

THETA 2022 Making Waves
When? 22-25 May 2022 (save the date!)
Where? Brisbane Conference and Exhibition Centre
More details: Keep up to date with all the latest news for THETA 2022 by visiting the website

ARDC

Linking data and publications – a crisis in science?
Learn how we’re helping to improve how data is referenced in publications to enable validation of

CLOCKSS webinar
The videos, slides, and related metadata from the 9 September webinars are now available and ready to share. Videos are on YouTube and slides here.

Transformative agreements: Six myths, busted
Ashley Farley (program officer of Knowledge and Research Services at the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation) together with four librarians working in universities take a good hard look at transformative agreements in an article in College & Research Libraries news. They find “[Transformative agreements] maintain the power imbalance that the oligopoly legacy commercial publishers currently enjoy. Instead of alleviating costs to institutions, they merely reframe the purpose of the spending – maintaining or increasing their current profits”.

Disorientation Guide to Librarianship
A very interesting series of essays curated by Violet Fox including two Australian indigenous librarians. It is “designed to be an accessible resource for people who are unfamiliar with structural oppression and injustice in librarianship”.

Where Does Enhancement End and Citation Begin?
If you submitted an article to Elsevier and they inserted hyperlinks to their “Topic Pages” without your consent, what would you think?
Ross Mounce thinks it is annoying. I think it’s a breach of moral rights, but others think that it is perfectly fine. Todd A. Carpenter argues that the NISO team believe it’s completely legitimate – arguing it probably had user testing (sorry so what); is automated so we can’t hold humans (Elsevier staff) of account; and that it’s legitimate within CC BY licences. I strongly disagree – do you?

Project Jasper
Project JASPER, a new initiative to preserve open access journals indexed in DOAJ. Phase One is a pilot project between CLOCKSS, DOAJ, Internet Archive, Keepers Registry and PKP. It is a scoping exercise aiming to find a solution that will reduce the number of unarchived open access journals. Starting with a list of diamond open access (i.e. non-APC charging) journals from DOAJ, the five partners are working together to produce an open and sustainable process that will facilitate the archiving of more journals. The process will be open to a diverse community of archiving services, notably those participating in the Keepers Registry. Other “Keepers” and other preservation repositories will be invited to join at a later stage once design, implementation, and testing are complete.

Privacy & digital identity
- OAIC hosted a webinar the Information Contact Officers Network on Monday 27 September to mark International Access to Information Day. Commissioner Falk’s keynote address is on the OAIC website.
- Office of the Information Commissioner Queensland’s 2021 Solomon Lecture features Professor Beth Simone Noveck on “Solving Public Problems with Data.”
- New guidelines from the OAIC:
research findings and support reproducibility through the Research Data Alliance.

Securing data collections of national significance

To help tackle the significant challenge of data retention, the ARDC is partnering with Australian research organisations to co-invest in storage capacity to manage datasets of national significance through our Data Retention Project.

Persistent identifiers could save the research sector millions of dollars

A recent analysis revealed that persistent identifiers (PIDs) could save UK universities more than £5.67 million over 5 years with the establishment of a national PIDS consortium. How much time and money could PIDs save Australian researchers and institutions?

Leading Australia to data-driven research impact

Rosie Hicks, CEO of ARDC writes: I’m excited to share our new impact booklet, Leading Australia to Data-Driven Research Impact, which showcases the ARDC’s range of services and collaborations with the research community and sets out our vision for the future.

COVID-19: Vaccinations and my privacy rights as an employee

Coronavirus (COVID-19) Vaccinations: Understanding your privacy obligations to your staff


FOI

OAIC have produced a report on a recent desktop review of disclosure logs which examined practices across 38 government agencies, looking at whether agencies and ministers were complying with obligations and the extent to which documents were made available for download from websites.

Crest of Trough? How Research Libraries Used Emerging Technologies to Survive the Pandemic, So Far

ARL, CNI, and EDUCAUSE established a joint initiative to advance research libraries’ impact in a world shaped by emerging technologies.

This report, authored by ARL Visiting Program Officer Scout Calvert of Michigan State University, returns to 11 participants in interviews conducted for the initiative, to find out how their perspectives have changed in the year and a half since the initiative began, given the disruption to research and learning caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

There is much to unpack as it has not been a simple journey – there are mostly positive finding around the adoption of new technology, with discoveries about frictions and unfulfilled promises. It is a very complex set of issues well reflected in the report.

The Experience of Good Metadata: Linking Metadata to Research Impacts

A topic dear to our heart. A passionate blogpost by Lettie Conrad and Michelle Urberg that concludes: “The fact is, we cannot resolve every broken link in the ecosystem, as much as we would like to do everything possible to reduce user friction and increase research productivity. In our experience, the highest return on metadata investments comes where publishers, libraries, and technologists work together to scale the production and maintenance of quality metadata. This is where information standards and terms of engagement come into play, to establish the trust necessary in a value chain like scholarly communications. Identifiers like the DOI or protocols like KBART provide the basic infrastructure upon which scholarship operates. Those of us within this network of research information have a collective responsibility to ensure the metadata surrounding scholarly assets are accurate, interoperable, standards-compliant, and widely distributed. We encourage you, dear reader, to reach out to organizations like NISO, Jisc, and others to lend a hand and do your part to improve the positive information-user experiences generated by good metadata.”
The October issue is now online and includes:

- Approaching freshman library one-shots in an unconventional way: Using archival materials to connect students to the university and their major (Paul C. Campbell and Stacey Lavender)
- From the shelves and into the world: Imagining information literacy in the everyday (Joel M. Burkholder)