

Staffing changes
We wish Barbara Avis all the best in her move to retirement – with travel and many activities planned.

Deepest condolences to Mona Biskup on the passing of her parents.

Divisional planning. Thanks to those who participated in the planning sessions. We were very fortunate to have presentations and discussions with James Connolly (President, ANUSA), Alyssa Shaw (President, PARS), Stephen Milnes (Deputy Director Student Experience, Division of Student Life), Prof Margaret Harding (DVC Research), Prof Richard Baker (PVC University Experience), Prof Will Christie (Humanities Research Centre), Dr Ben Penny (China in the World), Dr Deb Apthorp (Research Fellow, Research School of Biology and Prof Imelda Whelehan (Dean, HDR). Discussions covered education, research and public policy impact. When the results of the group discussions are available I'll put them together for everyone to see. We agreed that some top priorities for 2017 were 1. Digital infrastructure, collection exposure, accessibility including digitisation 2. Workforce planning - building capabilities 3. Contributing to early career academics 4. Supporting mental health - staff 4. Support promoting a narrative about Asia and Pacific research. A draft business plan for the division will be developed.

Chifley level 3 24x7. Meredith has been working closely with Facilities and Services and the contracts on progress -Level 3 study rooms, collection access and flex labs are open for business. There is some moving to do to get the older furniture (at the collection end of the room) back in place. Flex labs are now both up and running. Most of the remaining new furniture has arrived and most of the PCs from the floor will be set up by early next week. Thanks to everyone for their patience.

Myanmar exhibition. Do pop over to Menzies to see the exhibition, which opened in conjunction with the Myanmar Update. Thanks to Amy, Patrick, Nic and Margaret in particular, as well as all those who helped in so many ways

CAUL.

- Carmel O'Sullivan's has joined the CAUL Copyright Advisory Committee
- CAUL is one of 47 organisations (including ALIA, Google, Facebook, Twitter and many others) to sign a [joint letter](#) to the Minister for Communications the Hon. Mitch Fifield. The letter asks for action to be taken on copyright reforms recommended by the [Productivity Commission](#). The letter was coordinated by the Australian Digital Alliance (ADA) and published on the 13th February 2017
- CAUL President Margie Jantti spoke to [the Australian newspaper](#) on the 14th February about the significance of copyright and fair use reforms to the higher education sector in Australia. She said "It can take weeks and months to clear permissions to make accessible the materials in these online learning environment. We are being asked to be more agile and market responsive but we have this outmoded legislation that is impeding creativity"

Copyright. ANU is one of the signatories to the [joint letter](#) to the Minister for Communications the Hon. Mitch Fifield advocating for fair use and other important copyright reforms.

NLA changes. The National Library has written to us advising that they "work with small organisations (such as local museums and district historical societies) until June 2020, and large organisations (such as universities) until June 2018" on contributions to Trove. We have not been able to load records from the repository for most of last year. Elke and her team, together with ITS, will be working on this.

Linked data. Karen Smith Yoshimira's presentation to us this week is available [online](#). Papers presented at Information Online by [Monika Szuneko](#) and [Jenny Langenstrass](#) and [Katrina McAlpine](#) are also well worth reading.

Policy/guidelines/etc. Thanks to Samantha Jackson and the team for all the work developing the Local Protocol on Write-offs. The document has been approved and is on the Library Intranet.

ORCID (Open Researcher & Contributor ID). Have you been wondering what ORCID is and why we are encouraging all ANU researchers and academics to get an ORCID?

Elke Dawson, Manager, Open Research is our lead in achieving greater ORCID coverage. She is planning to have a session for all SIS staff to talk about ORCID and walk through how an ROCID id can be created – as well as the benefits to researchers and the university.

Watch this space for details of an information session for staff.

In the meantime if you need more information don't hesitate to contact her.

Horizon report. The New Media Consortium (NMC) and EDUCAUSE Learning Initiative (ELI) have jointly releasing the [NMC Horizon Report > 2017 Higher Education Edition](#). It provides a very useful overview – this years key trends:

- Long term trends:
 - Advancing Cultures of Innovation
 - Deeper Learning Approaches
- Mid-Term Trends:
 - Growing Focus on Measuring Learning
 - Redesigning Learning Spaces
- Short-Term Trends:
 - Blended Learning Designs
 - Collaborative Learning Approaches



Australian LIS research. Australian Library and Information Association (ALIA), in partnership with Charles Sturt University, has issued a report which provides the results of six Library and Information Science (LIS) research events in Australian capitals in late 2016 that had the main purpose of connecting academics, researchers and practitioners in order to help align future research projects and activities in the Australian LIS profession. The report is now available [online](#).

United Nations 2030 Agenda and Libraries. IFLA and ALIA have been working in this very important area – a new report [Access and Opportunity for All: How Libraries contribute to the United Nations 2030 Agenda](#) is out now. It includes stories on how libraries contribute to the United Nations 2030 Agenda from all types of libraries in many countries around the world.



GLAM Peak. This alliance of the peak bodies for galleries, libraries, archives, museums, historical societies and other collecting institutions in Australia, has completed the first stage of its Digital Access to Collections project, launching a new [website](#) which features a draft national framework for digital access, a toolkit for smaller institutions, and six case studies. The first stage was made possible through support from the Ministry for the Arts Catalyst grant.

Roxanne Missingham

Events and activities

Publication trends in Myanmar and reading promotion efforts
Presentation by **Dr Thant Thaw Kaung** CEO and founder of Myanmar's leading book importer and distributor, the Myanmar Book Centre.
When? Tuesday 28 February 2017, 4.30pm–6.00pm
Where? McDonald Room
[Website](#)

Australian National Data Service

March
March Tech talk: Data Visualisation
Fri 3 Mar 3-5pm AEDT. Online + various locations around Australia [Register](#)

Australian Vocabulary Special Interest Group
Wed 1 Mar 11am-12noon AEDT
[Join the AVSIG Google Group](#) to receive the online meeting link

Webinar Series: Data and the social sciences
1. Provenance and social sciences data: Wed 15 Mar 12.30-1.30pm AEDT [Register](#)
2. Linking data and archives for the social sciences: Wed 22 Mar 12.30-1.30pm AEDT [Register](#)

Managing and publishing sensitive data in the social sciences: Wed 29 Mar 12.30-1.30pm AEDT [Register](#)

Applying for an ARC or NHMRC grant?

ANDS Guides for those supporting the Grant application process:

- [ARC Applications - filling in the data management section](#)
- [Research data policy and the Australian Code for responsible conduct of research](#)
- [Data sharing considerations for Human Research Ethics Committees \(HRECs\)](#)
- [Institutional Policies and Procedures](#)

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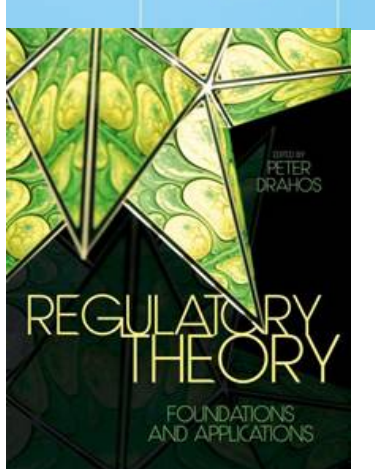
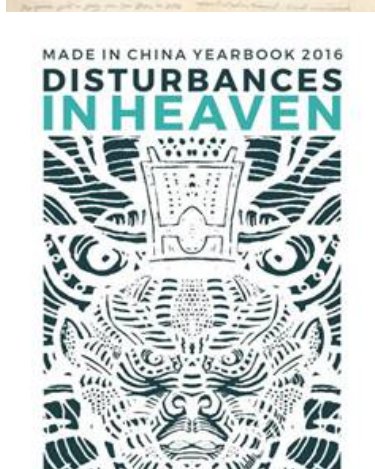
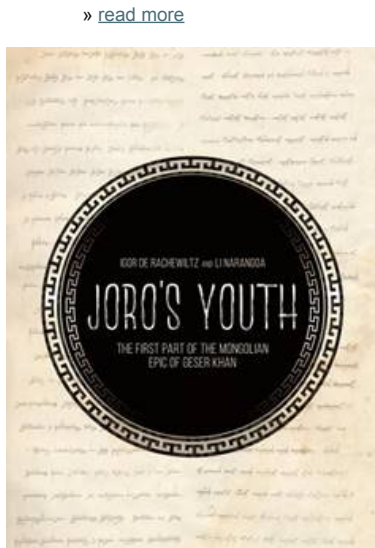
Open Access and library subscriptions. An excellent and thoughtful piece from Rick Anderson – I'll start with his closing comments "I would encourage my colleagues who actively advocate for Green OA not to recoil from, or be outraged by, the possibility that it will lead libraries to cancel their subscriptions, but rather to embrace it". Balances some other views that you will have read.
> [read more](#)

Monograph publishing by American University Presses, 2009-2013. Report by Joe Esposito on a project he and Karen Barch undertook with funding from Andrew Mellon. Much to digest
> [read more](#)



Open access tidbits.

- Open Access and the Graduate Author: A Dissertation Anxiety Manual** by Jill Cirasella and Polly Thistletwaite has caused considerable discussion – it examines the various access-related anxieties that plague graduate students.
> [read more](#)
- The Gates Foundation has worked with Science to ensure compliance with their OA policy.**
> [read more](#)
- Open Educational Resources.** Steven Bell in "From the Bell Tower" puts his views - "Academic librarians are pleased with the progress they've made in leading their campuses to recognize the value of Open Educational Resources (OER). New publishers are responding to OER with new learning platforms. It may be time for a new strategy"
> [read more](#)
- FAIR statement and website launched.**
> [read more](#)



Open research

ORCID. Wiley recently signed ORCID's Open Letter and became the first major publisher to require ORCID IDs for submitting authors. This shows their commitment to improving the management of research data by resolving name ambiguity among the research community.
> [read more](#)

Altmetrics. Information on the Explorer for Institutions platform can be found [here](#), and a case study that looks at how the University of South Australia is online [here](#).

CiteScore. Introduced two months ago information about the methodology behind the new metrics and how to use the is available online.
> [webinar](#)
> [how to guide](#)

Title	Open Access	Open Access %	Open Access %
Cellulose Journal of Green Chemistry	8.6	9%	127
Chemical Reviews	6.0	9%	121
Annual Review of Energy and Environment	6.2	9%	120
Chemical Science	5.7	9%	121
Annual Review of Chemistry	5.0	9%	127

New in the repository:

- [The role of radiation pressure in the narrow line regions of Seyfert host galaxies](#)
- [Reasoning a Human Right to Legal Aid Routine screening of indigenous cancer patients' unmet support needs: a qualitative study of patient and clinician attitudes](#)
- [The discovery of Raman scattering in H II regions](#)
- [Association of genetic risk factors with cognitive decline: the PATH through life project](#)

What's new in scholcomm

When is a Publisher not a Publisher? Roger Schonfeld looks at this issue taking information about Elsevier and Ebsco's developments in this area. He concludes "None of the companies has built a fully mature business here, in terms of researcher workflow or business processes, and all remain in investment mode without any doubt."
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Academic Libraries and the EDUCAUSE 2017 Top 10 IT Issues. Takes a perspective on how libraries and IT differ and are yet the same in critical issues.
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- Yours, Mine, or Ours? The Freedom of Information Act Archive: Making the Transition from Faculty Project to Community Resource** provides a project update of the world's largest aggregation of declassified U.S. government documents, and discusses the crossroads the project now faces in order to be of value to a large community.
> [read more](#)
- Preserving Federal Electronic Records: Implementing a New Electronic Records Archive at the National Archives and Records Administration** describes Electronic Records Archives (ERA) system, which will upgrade digital preservation functionality extant in the current production system, and enable additional efficiency and automation in the processing of electronic records at scale.
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Academic Research in the 21st Century. This new article Edwards, M.A., & Siddhartha, R. (2017). Academic Research in the 21st Century: Maintaining Scientific Integrity in a Climate of Perverse Incentives and Hypercompetition. *Environmental Engineering Science*, 34(1): 51-61 – here is a taste: "Over the last 50 years, we argue that incentives for academic scientists have become increasingly perverse in terms of competition for research funding, development of quantitative metrics to measure performance, and a changing business model for higher education itself. Furthermore, decreased discretionary funding at the federal and state level is creating a hypercompetitive environment between government agencies (e.g., EPA, NIH, CDC), for scientists in these agencies, and for academics seeking funding from all sources—the combination of perverse incentives and decreased funding increases pressures that can lead to unethical behavior. If a critical mass of scientists become untrustworthy, a tipping point is possible in which the scientific enterprise itself becomes inherently corrupt and public trust is lost, risking a new dark age with devastating consequences to humanity. Academia and federal agencies should better support science as a public good, and incentivize altruistic and ethical outcomes, while de-emphasizing output."
> [read more](#)

Identifying Predatory or Pseudo Journals. The World Association of Medical Editors has published a statement on Identifying Predatory or Pseudo Journals
> [read more](#)

Supply, Demand, and the Subscription Model in Scholarly Publishing — An Analysis. Kent Anderson casts a critical eye on the issue in a nutshell - "The consolidation of the market generally continues, favoring publishers in Europe and North America. In this regard, fully OA articles are not changing the status quo among market players much. The trend may be toward the larger publishers, as well, if the successful OA programs from Elsevier, Wiley, SpringerNature, and other North American and European publishers serve as bellwethers. This will be worth watching, especially as the OA market has changed considerably over the past three years. Ultimately, it appears subscription usage remains strong and is growing overall, with unmet demand remaining around both current and archival content. Leading indicators like funding and authorship are worth watching, as long-term these changes could shift both supply and demand even further. How publishers, librarians, funders, policymakers, and university administrators respond to these imbalances and trends will benefit from collaboration and attention in the years ahead."
> [read more](#)