

Prince Charles receiving a copy of Solomon Islanders in World War II published by ANU Press from Sir Bruce Saunders

SIS News

We headed back to the 80s for this year's celebration

A very big thank you to everyone who contributed to this year's successful end of year celebration, particularly to Meredith who led with ambition and a desire to make it memorable. Achieved!

Our Law collection is "beyond excellent".

A recent visitor from the University of London who is based at the Max Planck in Frankfurt was delighted with the ANU Law Library's collection. ANU's library contains a range of primary legal sources, which are central for those researching the evolution of law in the common law world.

Academic Board. Academic Board finished the year off with many important issues including:

- Hot Topic: Research Performance
Poll questions
Coursework Courses Grades
Distribution Analysis Report Semester 1 2019
Student Partnership Agreement 2019 - Update
Redefining the ANU PhD - 2019 White Paper
ANU Statement on Freedom of Expression

Innovative news**. Innovative has signed an agreement to be acquired by Ex Libris, a ProQuest company.

CAUL.

- CAUL Statistics Advisory Group (CSAC) has been disbanded and replaced with a CAUL Statistics Community and a CAUL Statistics Community Reference Group.
The University of Technology Sydney (UTS) Blake Library has moved to UTS Central in the heart of the campus.
Carmel O'Sullivan, Director, Library Services at University of Southern Queensland and Deputy Chair of CAUL was named Queensland Library Achiever of the Year
Angus Cook has been appointed as the Manager Content Procurement

Copyright.

- Standards Australia has released the report of its distribution review - "Standards Australia has committed to funding access to its content for personal, domestic and household use by 2023"
New Zealand's Ministry for Business, Innovation and Employment has released the first outcome of its Copyright Review - a high level framework for the review, which sets out the objectives it will use for developing its policy advice.
The Department of Arts and Communication is moving to the new Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Cities, Regional Development and Communications under the MOG changes announced by the Prime Minister this week.

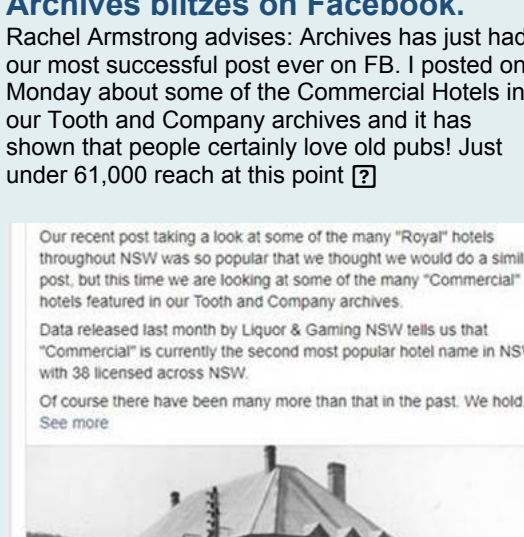
Archives blitzes on Facebook.

Rachel Keenan advises: Archives has just had our most successful post ever on FB. I posted on Monday about some of the Commercial Hotels in our Tooth and Company archives and it has shown that people certainly love old pubs! Just under 61,000 reach at this point [7]

Our recent post taking a look at some of the many "Royal" hotels throughout NSW was so popular that we thought we would do a similar post, but this time we are looking at some of the many "Commercial" hotels featured in our Tooth and Company archives.

Data released last month by Liquor & Gaming NSW tells us that "Commercial" is currently the second most popular hotel name in NSW, with 39 licensed across NSW.

Of course there have been many more than that in the past. We hold... See more:



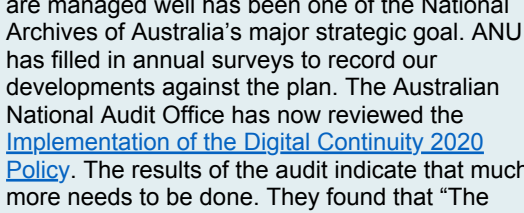
Digital continuity.

Ensuring digital records are managed well has been one of the National Archives of Australia's major strategic goal. ANU has filled in annual surveys to record our developments against the plan. The Australian National Audit Office has now reviewed the Implementation of the Digital Continuity 2020 Policy.

The results of the audit indicate that much more needs to be done. They found that "The Australian Government is unlikely to achieve the objectives of the Digital Continuity policy by the end of 2020, and the National Archives of Australia (the Archives) has been largely ineffective in monitoring, assisting, and encouraging entities to meet the targets of the policy".

Congratulations to Belinda Carriage.

Belinda received a Calvary Mary Potter Award as a vital part of the Cardiac team. She is the only public person to receive one of these as they are Staff awards. The award we received is the Gerald Garrity Values award. She has made an amazing contribution!



Australian Women's Archive Project.

A brilliant project to which ANU Archives has contributed. A celebration is scheduled for Monday 9 December. Two new online exhibitions were published: Redefining Leadership profiled seven ACT advocates for women with disabilities and War Widows of the ACT: A Forgotten Legacy of World War I was a series of essays by Dr Patricia Clarke OAM on eight women whose lives were overturned by the deaths of their husbands in the Great War.

Greetings from South Africa.

I am attending the Open access and social justice driving African development symposium this week. There have been many great discussions and opportunities to talk about challenges and opportunities. Our colleagues here say hello to all of you. And there are three Australians at the conference!



FROM HR

Dear Colleagues

As we reach the end of the year, it is worthwhile giving some time to preparing for the end of the year and the University shutdown so that our return to campus in the New Year is safe, happy, and productive.

The end of year festive season is upon us, and all staff and managers are reminded of their obligations under the ANU Code of Conduct including responsible consumption of alcohol, and avoiding conduct which may adversely affect personal work performance or the safety and well-being of others.

We've published a guideline to assist delegates, managers, supervisors, and staff with their obligations and responsibilities at work related social functions - this is to ensure that everyone has an enjoyable but safe experience. It is available via the link or the ANU Policy site.

As we work towards the University shutdown managers and supervisors are encouraged to ensure that:

- Leave applications are lodged and approvals are finalised;
A proxy for delegations is allocated, through the HORUS system, for periods of approved leave;
Any outstanding leave requests for this year are approved through HORUS;
Casual timesheets are approved, taking into account early cut off dates for the next two pay periods;
All recruitment processes are finalised before the end of the year, including advice of outcomes to unsuccessful candidates before the University close down; and
Completion of end of year performance development reviews.

Please also find attached a checklist, which is designed to assist staff and students prepare for the shutdown, and leave the campus in as safe as possible state during your absence.

Best wishes

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Dr Nadine White
Director - Human Resources

Australian Research Data Commons

Collaboration and insight at the ARDC Infrastructure Summit

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Challenges and collaboration at the ARDC Summit

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Strategy focus

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ANU Press and Open Access Publishing.

The Tyranny of Unintended Consequences: Richard Poynder on Open Access.

Rick Andersen assesses Richard Poynder's recent piece of OA and the OA movement. The link to Richards post is here and was intended to be provocative and ask soul searching questions - it's title is Open access: Could defeat be snatched from the jaws of victory?.

Rick concludes his summary and thoughts with the following "Richard Poynder's full 84-page document is well worth the time and energy required to read and digest it. Not only does he offer sharp and often trenchant analysis of the state of open access itself, but he also provides wide-ranging geopolitical and economic context for his analysis of the current state and possible future(s) of OA, and of the movement that is dedicated to promoting it.

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Open Access Scholarly Publishers Association conference.

The 2019 Conference was held from the 24th to the 26th September in Copenhagen, Denmark. Videos of the presentations are now online including Funders and research supporting organisations - an extended panel discussion and Q&A, Inclusive globalization - views from developing regions, Emerging Research, Books and Research Culture.

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OpenMonographs.org.

The Association of American Universities (AAU), Association of Research Libraries (ARL), and Association of University Presses (AUPresses) have launched a new website, OpenMonographs.org, in a bold new effort to change the landscape of scholarly book publishing in the humanities and social sciences.

AAU, ARL, and AUPresses established TOME (Toward an Open Monograph Ecosystem) in 2017 as a five-year pilot project. Monographs remain the preeminent form of scholarly publication in the humanities and humanistic social sciences, but the funding model is broken.

TOME's new website, https://www.openmonographs.org/, highlights the innovative nature of this initiative. Colleges and universities participating in TOME commit to providing baseline grants of \$15,000 to support the publication of average-length open access monographs.

There are 17 institutions participating in TOME and over 60 university presses that have committed to producing digital open access editions of TOME volumes, openly licensing them under Creative Commons licenses, and depositing the files in selected open repositories.

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Academic Faculty: Textbook & Course Materials Affordability Survey.

The report of this LJ survey is now out. It covers faculty point of view on textbook affordability, the integration of digital resources into coursework, and the impact of the campus library on making digital coursework available

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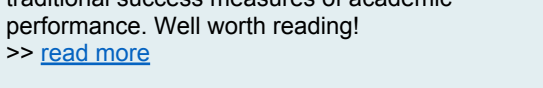
Understanding Australian Academic Authors in the Humanities and Social Sciences Their Publishing Experiences, Values, and Perspectives.

Agata Mrva-Montoya, Edward J. Luca and Henry Boateng examines data from a survey of academic authors in the humanities and social sciences (HSS) in Australia. They discovered their expectations for publishers are high. They want fast turnaround, high-quality editing and production values, and cheaper books, which run up against three principal constraints for all scholarly publishers: quality, time, and cost.

The prestige and reputation of a publisher are critical, and authors are primarily interested in traditional success measures of academic performance. Well worth reading!

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New titles:



Open Research

COAR report on PubFAIR.

The Confederation of Open Access Repositories has issued a fairly extensively revised version of its report on PubFAIR, a framework coming out of its work on Next Generation Repositories and their role as part of a scholarly publishing system.

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The Predatory Journals: The Dandelion of Biomedical Research.

A summary of research and concerns - it is never safe out there in the scholarly publishing ecosystem!

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Google Scholar, Web of Science, and Scopus: Which is best for me?

Access and discovery of publications is complex, as is understanding rankings. It is an area where we all need to understand the major tools and their strengths and weaknesses. In this post, Alberto Martin-Martin, Enrique Orduna-Malea, Mike Therwall, Emilio Delgado-López-Cózar, analyse the relative coverage of these systems.

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Keeping up to date

2019 LJ Digital Humanities Survey of Academic Libraries.

A new white paper showcases the survey results and provides insights on the current state of digital humanities (DH) in academic institutions and the support that campus libraries provide. Learn about technologies used, academic departments engaging with DH, the role of the library, funding, and challenges!

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Big Ten Libraries Begin Creating Shared Collection.

In the Minnesota Daily Library leaders in the Big Ten Academic Alliance, including University of Minnesota's Wendy Lougee, outlined this goal in a statement released earlier this semester.

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US GAO and public access.

The US Government Accountability Office (GAO) report, Additional Actions Needed to Improve Public Access to Research Results is out. It reviews US agencies' progress implementing plans to increase public access to federally funded research results (both publications and data). It found:

- 7 agencies have not taken steps to make data findable, such as creating a single web access point
4 don't require all researchers to submit a plan to provide access to data
11 don't fully ensure that researchers comply with access requirements

With 37 recommendations for executive action at both the individual agency and interagency level, in such areas as repository development or guidance, requirements for data management plans (DMPs), and compliance checking, it sets new goals for action. ARL will be working on issues at a conference.

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Code of Ethics for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Research.

This Code, developed by AIATSIS has reached a new stage with the first of two roundtables including Pro Vice Chancellors Indigenous of Australian universities and representatives from the Australian Research Council and the National Health and Medical Research Council.

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New Administrative Functions

Disposal Authority.

Australia has released a new National - AFDA Express Version 2, the authorised version of the Administrative Functions Disposal Authority (AFDA). The link of the ANU records page has been updated.

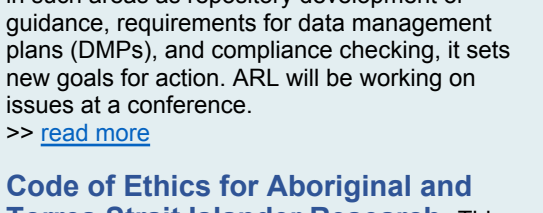
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Countdown to save our digital heritage.

The National Archives of Australia is promoting the need for action to save our digital heritage. They note "Alarmingly, many once-modern formats are now considered 'critically endangered'. According to the worldwide Digital Preservation Coalition, such formats include portable magnetic media more than 5 years old, including floppy disks, Zip disks, reel-based magnetic tape, MiniDV and digital audio tape (DAT). National Archives has led the way in preserving and migrating files on these at-risk media to sustainable formats. They have allocated over \$3 million in the past 3 years to migrating historical material held on magnetic media to sustainable digital formats. A new video for World Preservation Day

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National Archives' new exhibition, Spy: espionage in Australia, is now open.



What students think about university data security.

A new report from HEPI - concludes "Students express a high degree of consensus around the use of their data by higher education institutions, even if their understanding of how the university uses their data is somewhat muddled. A clear majority of students are happy for the university to use their own and other students' data to enhance the learning and mental wellbeing of students at university. However, students do not want personal data and data related to learning to be shared outside the student-university relationship. More than half the students surveyed want categories of data marked as 'important' or 'very important' to be protected".

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National and State Libraries Australia.

The NSLA highlights for 2019 is now out - these include the launch of the National legal deposit system and Culturally Safe Libraries Program, a 'code-a-thon' during NAIDOC week, adding 465 Austang Indigenous language codes to over 8000 records and submissions to government consultations on protection of Indigenous knowledge in the intellectual property system, Standards Australia's distribution and licensing policy framework, nationhood, national identity and democracy and, the 2019 Australian Infrastructure Audit.

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New archives repository in Amsterdam.

The city of Amsterdam has officially opened the Depot Amsterdam Noord, a new repository for the capital's Stadsarchief city archives. Designed by cepezed and cepezedinterieur, the new building offers nearly double the amount of space of the existing archive facilities. Even more impressive is its use of energy efficiency design principles and energy-neutral operations thanks to an airtight envelope, energy-efficient systems and solar panels. See the slideshow online.

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Year in Library Architecture 2019.

From LJ - many amazing building projects.

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Transformative: Impacts of culture and creativity.

This new report from the Australian Academy of the Humanities is the second in their project A new approach - It recognises some of the challenges Australia faces as a nation and asks, 'what if creative and cultural activity could make a transformative contribution towards solving them?'

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Transformative: Impacts of culture and creativity Connections Summit 2019.

Presentations from the SirsiDyinx event are now available online.'

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