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SIS News

CONTINUED WORKING IN THE MOVE TO REMOTE WORK AND STUDY

Dear SIS Staff

Thank you for your continuing support and patience.

During the first fortnight of remote work and study we have delivered remarkable services:

- **ANU Press use grew 26% (to 319,241) this March – the top downloaded titles are used in teaching around the world**
- **Digitising resources for use in education**
- **Online training has been enthusiastically taken up**
- **Reference consultations are making a difference; and**
- **Great work occurred on metadata, digital collection maintenance and managing digital resources.**

Keep safe and happy Easter.

Roxanne

Vale Michael Sadler. Sadly, Michael Sadler, former Principal Archivist at the Archives of Business and Labour/Noel Butlin Archives Centre passed away recently. Michael led the Archives program at ANU from 1972-1997, a period of significant growth, expanding research use and advances in archival management. His contribution was significant. While working with companies and trade unions to build a nationally and internationally significant archives collection, Michael also initiated new methods, establishing the Noel Butlin Archives Centre's first collection management database. His support for researchers was paramount. The fundamental resource charting development of federal registered trade unions 'Parties to the Award', was developed under his leadership. Michael was a significant figure in the archives profession being actively involved in the formation of the Australian Society of Archivists and serving as inaugural President. He will be fondly remembered by the many archivists he mentored during his career.

Kathryn Dan, University Archivist.

Academic Board. A special meeting of Academic Board was held to discuss proposed 2021 admissions processing adjustments in the context of COVID-19.

SIS Business plan. Thanks to all those who contribute through our planning group and commented on the draft. The Scholarly Information Services Business Plan 2020 - is now online.

COVID 19 work.

- Thanks to Samantha ably assisted by Joanna and Diane and many others for investigating-many issues and producing *Supplying Material During COVID-19 Shutdown*. The paper is available on the Intranet and includes workflow, Collection Management and Acquisitions, Requesting Access from Publishers and Finding Electronic Versions of Requested Resources and a Checklist for Information Desk Staff
- ANU Library staff have completed the process of extending loans to 30 June 2020 and the ANU has been updated
- Thanks to Kathryn for retrieval from records of a safe envelope to ensure continuity of F&S contract
- Thanks to Samantha for retrieval and scanning of a 2 hour loan item for a course
- Thanks to those running the online training for clients – Jason reported that 18 were in attendance at the *Library Research* webinar.
- Thanks to F&S for dropping off a box of refills and hand sprays at Chifley and replacing the sanitiser units.
- Excellent work by Rachel on the COVID-19 LibGuide.
- Feedback from a library patron: I wanted to pass on some quick positive feedback about one of your staff members Rachel Karasick, who said that she wasn't doing anything extra for me today because it was part of her job and she enjoys it. In my opinion however she is a super-super-super-