



Australian National University

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Fuzkadi Week, 31 May to 6 June – Propaganda banners on the ramblas

SIS News

Welcome back!

Dear SIS Staff

Thank you for being a part of our team through this transition to the "new normal".

The Return to work plan has been approved and I very much appreciate your commitment to making the transition a success for us and our clients.

Do take time to welcome each other and identify any issues that we should be taking a different approach to – there will be many different challenges in the coming months to work through together.

We are also working through how we can assist the university through the financial challenge that the Vice Chancellor has outlined, with consideration including:

- SIS senior managers are reviewing all expenditure for 2020 and 2021
- Continue the 24 x7 Chifley and Hancock Library access with other libraries open 9-5 Monday to Friday and any material wanted from those libraries delivered for collection to the JB Chifley Library for access when libraries are closed
- Reviewing all vacant positions
- Reviewing acquisitions budget to seek some savings
- Collections storage – long term savings through a proposal for a new building
- Flood replacement
- Looking at what services are not as vital at this time and could be deferred, reduced or changed
- Activities that must be undertaken to meet legislative or funder requirements
- The possible changes from our continuation of delivering online training through digital services.

A reminder – if you are unwell stay home and take sick leave

Keep safe.

Roxanne

High Court decision releases the Palace letters. This week saw a major step forward for open government when the High Court decided that the "Palace letters" between the Governor General and the Queen during the Whitlam dismissal can be released. Historian and presenter of last years Noel Butlin Lecture Dr Jenny Hocking took this case to the High Court after decades of persistent requests for access. The National Archives has asserted that it will take up to 90 days to release the letters. There are some insightful news stories [here](#) and [here](#). I was delighted to see the result – this is a very important step forward in the transparency of government and political decision making and influence and vital to ensure transparency to greater support public trust in the institutions of parliament, government and the monarchy. It is very significant decisions and the fact that the court case saw so many arguments not to release from government is not a great signal about our democracy.

Privacy Impact Assessment. The Office of the Australian Information Commission has released a new [Privacy Assessment tool](#) to assist all agencies to undertake these assessments. It focuses on responding to the need for a PIA taking into consideration the size, complexity and risk level of the system and activity. The OAIC has also published [privacy guidance](#) for Australian Government agencies and organisations covered by the Privacy Act 1988 to help keep workplaces safe and handle personal information appropriately during the pandemic.

Library Advisory Committee. The Committee met on Friday and discussed the work of the Library, Archives Press and other areas. ANUSA in particular expressed their appreciation of the work of the libraries during the last 2 months – the access to services through the JB Chifley Library, waiving of fines, delivery of books from closed library and support were much appreciated. The Advisory Committee also discussed the financial change, services and plans for the rest of the year for the Division.

Library Staff Consultative Committee. I look forward the meeting next week. I'd like to welcome Teresa Prowse to the [Library Staff Consultative Committee](#) – this means that all our positions are filled.

Information Awareness Month and COVID-19 record keeping. Recognising the significance of the impact of COVID-19 in Australia and around the world, the **Australian Information Access Commissioners** have released a [statement](#) that emphasises the importance of documenting decisions, preserving records, and providing access to information during and following the pandemic. It calls for governments, businesses, and research institutions to document their decisions and transactions now and for the future.

HathiTrust – increasing access to Australian publications. If you missed the ANU/HathiTrust webinar the recordings and presentations can now be found [online](#). It is very timely to be focusing on how we can increase the Australian open content – a slide from the presentation reminds us how little material is available to us in Australia.



Fabulous feedback on Jonathon Deans ERMS Training. Thank you very much for the ERMS Power user training this afternoon. You did a great job leading me through the program and while I was setting things up for it as well. Very useful and helpful information in regards to the folders, descriptors and using the tools in the system. It really does seem to be one of the better ANU systems to use!

[Roxanne Missingham](#)
[University Librarian](#)

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Events

The Palace Letters and the public right to access records

Monday 15 June 2020 from 5pm to 6:15pm (AEST) An expert panel will review the recent High Court case. They will look closely at public access regimes across the Commonwealth and States and how well they meet the needs of researchers.

- > Professor Anne Twomey, of Sydney of Constitutional Law, University of Sydney
- > Professor Bridget Griffen-Foley, Centre for Media History, Macquarie University
- > Adrian Cunningham, previously Director, Strategic Relations and Personal Records, NAA, and Director, Digital Archives Program, Queensland State Archives

The Panel will be moderated by Dr Mike Jones, ANU College of Arts and Social Sciences and ASA Councillor.

David Fricker, Director-General, National Archives of Australia will join the webinar as a guest speaker.

To register and receive the webinar link click [here](#).

EBLIDA-IFLA sustainable development in Libraries
Webinar: "SDGs: EBLIDA and IFLA Approaches" on 15 June 2020.

To attend the webinar, please register [here](#)

Date and time:
15 June 2020
From 7 – 8.30 PM our time

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No news

ARDC

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Online workshops: key to connected and collaborative learning

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ANU Press and Open Access Publishing

Challenges in the Scholarly Publishing Cycle – 2019/2020 yearbook – Delivering the Open Research Agenda.

Contains a great range of articles including the meaning of open, breaking down the barriers, transforming the academic publisher and making the potential actual.
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Partnership Project MUSE and DOAB.
A new partnership between the Directory of Open Access Books (DOAB) and Project MUSE. This cooperation will enhance the discoverability of the OA titles on MUSE and increase the number of publishers and OA books listed in DOAB..
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New titles:



Open Research

COAR Recommendations for Repositories and COVID-19. COAR notes that research related to COVID-19 is being undertaken at unprecedented rates and rapid sharing of early research outputs at the international level is critically important. Many governments and funders are requiring immediate open access to COVID-19 outputs in the form of preprints, data and other formats.
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TRUST principles for digital repositories.

The [Open Preservation Foundation](#) has endorsed the TRUST principles for digital repositories. Following on from several months of consultation and discussion within the digital repository community, a set of guiding principles have been developed to facilitate best practice in trustworthy data management:

- Transparency
- Responsibility
- User focus
- Sustainability
- Technology

The principles were recently published in an article for *Scientific Data*, co-authored by Barbara Sierman, chair of the OPF's board of directors.
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OA Switchboard. A progress report for The OA Switchboard has been posted on the OASPA blog. The OA Switchboard initiative is a collaboration between funders, institutions and publishers with the aim to facilitate the fulfilment of OA strategies across business models, policies and agreements, whilst providing a better experience for researchers/authors. The project in 2020 will explore how we can together build an operational solution to tackle these problems, determine the technical requirements, and include a subsequent pilot phase. Now in MVP and pilot stage – it aims to:

- enable all publishers to locate central OA funds, and to get publication charges paid from these funds in an efficient and cost-effective manner.
- enable institutions and funders with central OA funds to have them used as intended, and have real-time monitoring and reporting (tracking predicted/committed OA spend and article numbers), without having to negotiate contracts.
- enable publishers with (transformative) agreements to deliver standardised real-time insight and reporting on articles published and covered under an agreement, in line with the needs of institutions.
- Help authors and their publishers understand – in a specific (pre)publication situation at hand – whether their choice of journal has the potential to fulfil the requirements of their institution and/or funder, and whether central funding is available to pay for any open access publication charges that may be required.

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Predatory publishing - Firm action is required. This article by E Krauskopf calls for change.
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OMICS appeal the FTC case. Read about the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit hearing including oral arguments in Federal Trade Commission v. OMICS Group Inc.,
>> [read more](#)

Digitised CAP maps. Lovely to see the [news article](#) about the maps which are available in Open Research. It has been picked up in a number of news outlets:

User feedback. I appreciate this repository very much: it's been a great boon to my research.

New in the repository

- [Laser-Patterned n-Type Front-Junction Silicon Solar Cell With Tantalum Oxide/Silicon Nitride Passivation and Antireflection](#)
- [Redescription of Szelepis liu, 1981 \(Placodermi, Arthrodira\), from the Lower Devonian of China](#)
- [Interdisciplinary Learning Opportunities for Clinical Students and Teachers - A Case Study Shared](#)
- [Just Jurisprudence: Review of Phillip Pettit's Just Freedom](#)
- [Australian dividend imputation system and corporate tax avoidance](#)

Keeping up to date

Will the pandemic permanently alter scientific publishing? Even Callaway writes in Nature that the push for rapid and open publishing could take off – although financial pressures lie ahead: part 4 in a series on science after the pandemic.
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RBM: Journal of rare books, manuscripts and cultural heritage. The Spring 2020 issue is now freely available online. Articles include:
Leah Tether and Laura Chuhan Campbell. "Early [Book Collections and Modern Audiences: Harnessing the Identity/ies of Book Collections as Collective Resources](#)"
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Stewarding the Scholarly and Cultural Record. ARL, CNI, EDUCAUSE have released the fourth instalment of a joint report exploring several emerging technologies that pose new challenges and offer new solutions to managing digital content.
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2020 the year of open data? In 15 January the International Association of Scientific, Technical and Medical Publishers launched 'STM 2020 Research Data Year', an industry-wide initiative to expand the numbers of journals depositing data links as well as grow the volume of citations to datasets. Then, two weeks later, eight university networks – representing more than 160 research-intensive universities worldwide – signed the Sorbonne Declaration on research data rights, which sets out the needs and benefits of having research data open, by default, wherever possible.
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ALIA condemns racism. The ALIA Board has released the statement [ALIA condemns racism, racial discrimination and race-based violence](#). You can read an excerpt below and the [full statement on the ALIA website](#). The ALIA Board of Directors condemns the social injustices endured by People of Colour in the US and in Australia, and will actively work to eradicate racism by helping to develop library services that are equitable, culturally aware, and inclusive to all who live in Australian society. Congratulations ALA – I am very proud to be a member.

"We can't just stand on our own anymore": Connection for research (and personal support): Recaps another round of "COVID-19 check-in" sessions with the Research Library Partners Research Support Interest Group. The acceleration of "e over p" has come up multiple times, and how the abrupt transition to everyone working remotely had less disruption for staff who work primarily with electronic or digital collections. Brian's concluding paragraph is notable: "One topic we discussed is worthy of special emphasis. Several participants noted challenges that were experiencing in attending to childcare, home schooling, and other family matters while at the same time managing their work responsibilities. For example, in our discussion of personal networks, more than one participant mentioned that despite the importance of networking and connecting with colleagues, responsibilities at home often precluded taking the time to do so. In our COVID-19 discussions to date, we have heard many inspiring stories of flexibility and adaptation in challenging circumstances, as librarians have kept services up and running. While it is good to hear these stories and share them, it is important not to forget the work-from-home challenges many librarians are coping with as they find their domestic and professional lives increasingly entangled."
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More from the CNI event. A selection of recently released videos:

[Navigating Communal Rights for Digital Preservation and Open Access](#) (Rachel Deblinger, Sharon Farb and Todd Grappone, University of California, Los Angeles)

[Project ReShare: Reimagining Content Delivery Networks with the User at the Center \(Short Update\)](#) (Scott Garrison, Midwest Collaborative for Library Services)

Friends of Noel Butlin Archives. The latest newsletter is out – articles include:
John Weaver, *On Michael Saclier*
Bruce Scates, *Report to FNBAC* AGM
Kathryn Dan, *Noel Butlin Archives Centre 2019 Annual Report*
Debra Leigo, *N380: Maritime Industry Australia Limited deposit*
John Myrtle, *Raymond O'Dea and the Journalists' Work-Value Case*

OSI submission to UNESCO on Open science. UNESCO is developing a recommendation on Open science through global [consultations](#) – "To build a global consensus on Open Science, the development of the UNESCO Recommendation on Open Science relies on an inclusive, transparent and consultative process involving all countries and all stakeholders. The Recommendation is expected to define shared values and principles for Open Science, and open to concrete measures on Open Access and Open Data with proposals for action to bring citizens closer to science, and commitments for a better distribution and production of science in the world."
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