

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.

COVID-19

The latest information is on the [ANU COVID-10 advice website](#).

ACT Situation

The ACT remains in lockdown.

The ACT COVID-19 website is [here](#). ACT Health has issued a list of [ACT exposure sites](#)/close contact venues.

The ACT lockdown remains extended until 11:59pm Friday 15 October 2021. There have been some [amendments to restrictions](#), including for lower risk outdoor activities.

ANU Press and open access

Publication subsidy round 2 now open

The second round of the [ANU Press Publication Subsidy Fund](#) is now open. 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 3 October 2021.

cOAlition S statement on Open Access for academic books

Issued on 2 September this [statement](#) indicates that OA Academic books are finally officially recognised. It notes that Springer Nature has recently shown that OA books receive 2.4 times more citations and are downloaded 10 times more than non-OA books. It recommends that all academic books based on original research (that was directly supported with funding from cOAlition S organisations) should be made available open access on publication.

Liverpool University Press Future OA books program

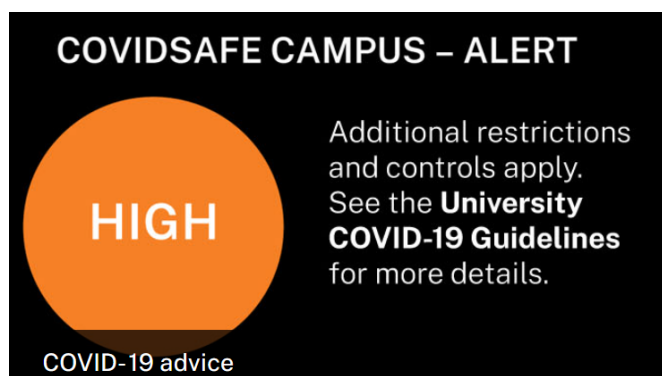
Liverpool University Press (LUP) is delighted to announce that KU Leuven has become the first institution to join its Opening the Future programme. Recently launched as the second of Community-led Open Publication Infrastructures for Monographs

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.

Current alert level

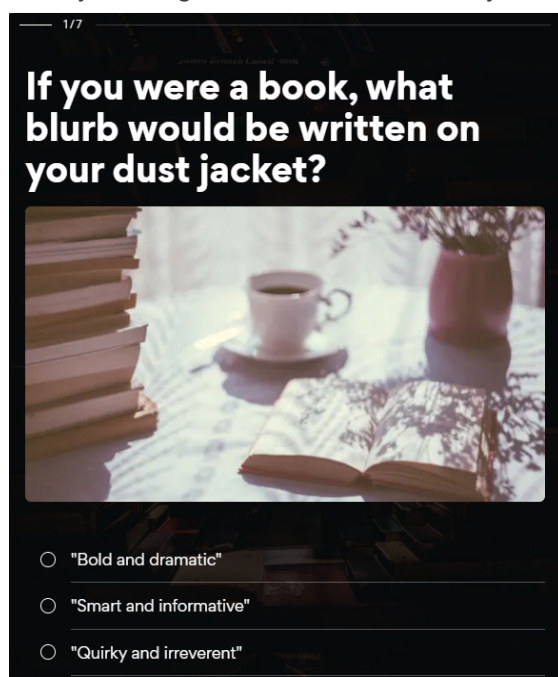
Our current [campus alert level](#) is **ORANGE - HIGH Risk**.



A fun activity for lockdown

Oxford University Press (OUP) has put together a great quiz to help you find [what kind of library matches your personality](#) – are you an old soul like the al-Qarawlyin library? Compassionate like the Beitou Public Library? Quirky like the Culture Perth & Kinross Mobile Library?

I matched the al-Qarawlyin library, Colin Steele got Library of Congress – let me know what you matched!



Follow us on Twitter to stay up-to-date with the latest from [@OUPLibraries](#) and make sure to tweet us your result.

Library systems

Thanks to everyone working on this project, especially Jo Poole. Presented the business case to the Technology Investment Committee yesterday and I am delighted to advise that (after a little bit of grilling) they approved it. Many steps to happen now – we are reviewing the agreement and Jo has prepared a request for exemption (for a single source approach)

(COPIM) pilots for sustainable open access books, the initiative will see KU Leuven staff and students benefit from unlimited access to two backlist series of LUP monographs on contemporary Latin American culture, language, politics, and writing. In return LUP will use the subscription fees to produce new open access (OA) monographs, freely accessible to all. The programme is designed to make library funds go further: achieving the dual objectives of increasing eBook collections and supporting OA.

Preprints

- Adjustments to the ARC's position on preprints. After great controversy ARC has now [announced](#) that it "will allow the referencing and inclusion of preprints in any part of a National Competitive Grant Program (NCGP) grant application" or future grants.
- [Revisiting: When is a Preprint Server Not a Preprint Server?](#) David Crotty visits this issue and finds a lack of clear definitions and knowledge – suggesting that "if we want to drive the use of preprints by researchers, we need to be clear about what we are asking them to do."

Liverpool University Press

An interesting article on this revitalised press, [Collaboration across campus: open monograph insights from a library and 'old' university press partnership - UKSG](#). Thanks to Colin Steele for passing it on.

Supporting OA monographs

With UK Research Excellence Framework (REF) requiring OA for monographs, this blogpost from Jisc [explores the different models](#) - Library crowdfunding; Membership fees; and Subscribe-to-Open, and reports on Jisc progress.

When Consolidation Provides Benefits as well as Market Power

Acquisitions are always designed to benefit business owners, sometimes at the expense of customers. But, [as Joe Esposito and Roger Schonfeld argue](#), acquisitions can provide benefits to customers and end-users as well.

Peer review week

The theme for [Peer Review Week 2021](#) was *Identity in Peer Review*. Follow the announcements and read about the activities on Twitter through the hashtags: [#PeerReviewWeek21](#) and [#IdentityInPeerReview](#)

SPARC report out

SPARC (the Scholarly Publishing and Academic Resources Coalition) has released the [2021 Update to the SPARC Landscape Analysis and Roadmap for Action](#). The report reviews the impact of the past year on the broader research and education markets and on key individual firms within these markets.

which will be put up for consideration shortly. Again, thanks to everyone who is contributing at this stage.

Copyright

- The High Court has dismissed an appeal by some of Australia's biggest media outlets including The Sydney Morning Herald and The Australian, finding they are the publishers of third-party comments on their Facebook pages. The High Court rules media outlets are considered the publishers of the comments and therefore responsible for any defamatory content – see [the ABC report](#).
- Australia's medical regulator accuses Craig Kelly of copyright breach. The [report in The Age](#) notes "Therapeutic Goods Administration lawyers allege the United Australia Party leader breached copyright by taking select extracts from the regulator's adverse event notifications database".
- Pearson Education last week filed suit against [textbook service Chegg](#) for copyright infringement, alleging that Chegg's service illegally appropriates Pearson's end-of-chapter textbook questions. The Publishers Weekly story [is here](#).

CAUL

- CAUL Council met last week. The session on OA is now available from the [CAUL website](#).
- The Bold Minds in Leadership session at the meeting is online. You can [watch the recording](#), [download the workbook](#) (includes slides) and access resources posted in the chat during the event: [The power of vulnerability \(Brené Brown\)](#) and [Mindfulness for Wellbeing and Peak Performance \(Monash University\)](#).
- CAUL continues to work on Read and Publish licences with many new offers being considered.

ALIA

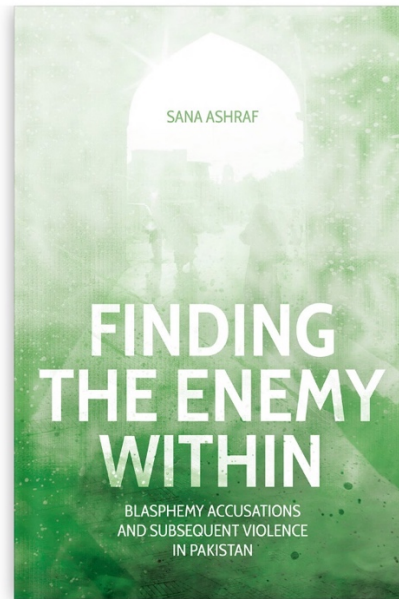
The ALIA Board has released a statement on COVID-19 which is underpinned by two Objects of the Association. The [full statement](#) can be read on the ALIA website.

Major concerns are rising market concentration, increased bundling, further divergence in the interests of academic institutions and the vendors that claim to serve them—and tracks emerging concerns that have grown over the past year.

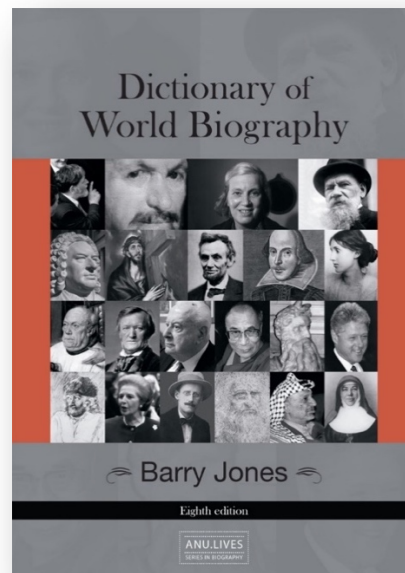
A number of positive developments also emerged: a large textbook publisher merger failed; new large-scale initiatives were launched, including Invest in Open Infrastructure (IOI), thus strengthening a global effort to build community-owned infrastructure; and some significant legislative and regulatory progress was made.

New releases from ANU Press

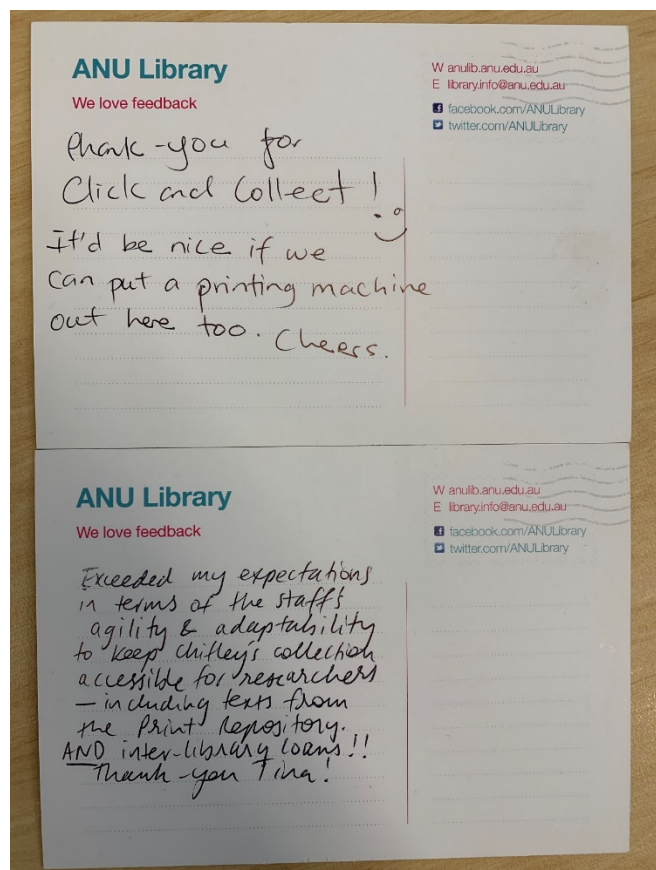
[Finding the enemy within](#)



[Dictionary of world biography](#)



Feedback from our clients.



I placed two call for books over the weekend and impatiently showed up at Chifley on Monday 11am. Even myself was not expecting the books to be ready for collection, as understandably, it was placed virtually on the very business day from the librarians perspective. However, I was greeted with politeness and huge empathy and the librarian went extra miles to get me my books. Really a feeling of being cared about and collegial support. A big thank-you to the librarian who works for keeping our hope glowing.

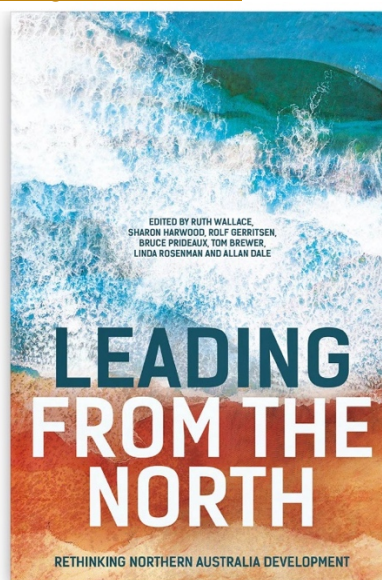
By the way, thank you for everything. During this pandemic, I reckon the library is the best part and service at uni, you guys are doing an amazing job, thank you very much!

Dear Roxanne,

I'm writing to you in my capacity as Research Manager at the National Centre for Epidemiology and Population Health. Amongst other things, my team is working on critical research funded by the Federal Government, is used to inform Australian regulation of e-cigarettes. This work is highly politicised, highly visible and very time sensitive, with the new regulations taking effect on 1 October 2021.

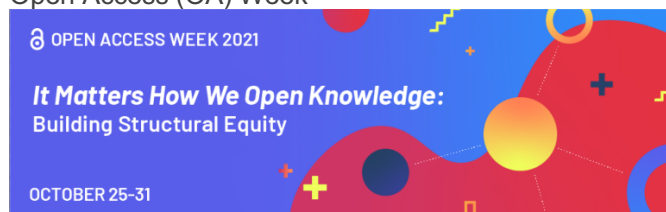
Two of your staff, Cathy Burton and Megan Taylor, have provided outstanding assistance to my team members, as they attempted to gather together the very sparse data on e-cigarettes and public health. Cathy and Megan gave detailed explanations on complex processes related to systematic reviews and evidence repositories, and were generous with their time.

Leading from the North



Open repository

Open Access (OA) 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.

The impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on academic productivity

Andrew R. Casey, Ilya Mandel, Prasun K. Ray have [found that academics are posting just as many publications on the arXiv pre-print server as if there were no pandemic](#): 168,630 were posted in 2020, a +12.6% change from 2019 and +1.4 σ deviation above the predicted 162,577 \pm 4,393. However, some immediate impacts are visible in individual research fields. The most significant change is a 50% increase (+8 σ) in quantitative biology research, all related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Electronic Theses and Dissertations Bibliography

[Includes over 150 selected English-language articles and books](#) that are useful in understanding electronic theses and dissertations.

New research resources

- [The Australian history boom has busted, but there's hope it may boom again](#)
- [The behavior of fiscal policy in Indonesia in response to economic cycles](#)
- [The Australian Psychological Society's Apology to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People](#)

In addition, they have assisted my team members on complex systematic reviews on multiple aspects of cardiovascular disease. At all times they were (and are) professional, helpful and knowledgeable.

I would like to commend you on the knowledgeability of ANU library staff and their commitment to customer service. I ask that you pass on the sincere thanks of the Epidemiology for Policy and Practice Group within the National Centre for Epidemiology and Population Health.

Regards,

Dr Cathy Day, FHEA

Roxanne Missingham
Director, Scholarly Information Services

Coming events

ANU Archives annual lecture Dr Anthea Hyslop: Records and recollections

When? 26 Oct 2021, 6pm

Where? Online and face to face

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

- [The Australasian Psoriasis Collaboration view on methotrexate for psoriasis in the Australasian setting](#)
- [The asteroseismic surface effect from a grid of 3D convection simulations - I. Frequency shifts from convective expansion of stellar atmospheres](#)

Keeping up to date

2021 Whyte Lecture

Professor Lisa M. Given gave the lecture this year and research culture in LIS based on a recent research project. [Watch to the lecture](#) on the Monash Information Technology YouTube channel.

International Group of Ex Libris Users

All IGeLU 2021 Conference recordings are now available on the [IGeLU website](#).

Library assessment conference

Proceedings from the eighth biennial Library Assessment Conference, held virtually between October 29 2020 and March 17 2021 [are now online](#). The program offered six sessions on Diversity, Equity, Ethics, and Privacy; Assessment Programs and Organizational Issues; Critical/Theoretical Assessment and Space; Measurement and Methods; Services; and Teaching & Learning and Value.

COVID Impact Survey

SPARC's survey found:

- Nearly 80% of libraries experienced a cut of 10% or more; the vast majority of those who experienced cuts anticipate that these reductions will likely be permanent.
- Many libraries reported renegotiating publisher agreements or unbundling a Big Deal, or were strongly considering doing so.
- Across the board, respondents reported investing in open initiatives in a range of ways; most felt these investments were either likely to continue at current levels (50%) or grow (35%) in the year to come.
- For many libraries, COVID-related shutdowns have reinforced the importance of the library as a source for provisioning digital content and for supporting online pedagogy.
- Among the concerns raised by library leaders were the long-lasting impact of having run libraries absent their physical spaces, the impact on staff morale, and an inability to move ahead with new plans.

The full text of the report can be found [here](#).

Library Strategy and Collaboration Across the College Ecosystem

Christine Wolff-Eisenberg and Melissa Blankstein of Ithaka S+R [explore how library leaders are navigating](#)

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](#)



real talk

A conversational approach to supporting mental health and wellbeing.

headspace, in partnership with Universities Australia, is hosting a short, practical workshop on how to talk about mental health with people at work and in your personal life.

This workshop will help you:

- notice changes in a person's mood or behaviours that may indicate mental health difficulties
- start a conversation to ask if someone is ok
- provide timely and appropriate support.

This workshop is tailored for people who work in universities. It will also take you through the newly developed resources and tools tailored for the university community and demonstrate how to apply these in your daily practice.

Be part of the conversation that is making our universities a safer and happier place, to work and study, because real talk can equal real change.

Format: sessions will be held online via zoom.

Duration: 2 hours with a 10-minute break.

When: you can select a workshop day and time from one of 50 time slots being offered. Each workshop is limited to 35 participants. Once capacity is reached, registration for that time slot will be closed.

How to register: you must register for your workshop through Eventbrite. Please note, these webinars are for staff connected to an Australian University.

To see the available time slots and register click on [this link](#).

Contact: programsupport@headspace.org.au
headspace National Youth Mental Health Foundation is funded by the Australian Government Department of Health.

[the COVID-19 crisis, setting priorities, and supporting their institutions' missions and goals.](#) They found that the library is well positioned to play a key role in supporting student success—helping to increase student learning, develop a sense of community, provide technological resources, and act as a hub for many other services. They recommend that leaders must continue to communicate with other institutional leaders about their multifaceted roles.

Guidance for Restitution and Return of Items from University Museum and Collections

Developed by ICOM-UMAC the [guidelines](#) contain interesting and practical information.

Linking data and publications – a crisis in science?

Through the Research Data Alliance, the Australian Research Data Commons (ARDC) is [working to change the culture around how data is referenced](#) in publications internationally and in Australia.

Exposing the links between journal papers and datasets is supporting Australian researchers with citation of their research outcomes, enabling validation of research findings and supporting reproducibility.

Big fish are hard to find

An [ARDC-supported research platform](#) is helping researchers keep track of data on big fish in Australia's oceans so we can understand human impacts on our fish biodiversity.

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