



Our Vice Chancellor with Amanda, Wan, Ahlam and Fonny.
He thanks us all for the wonderful work this year: “the Library is one of the most important parts of ANU”

News

Yumma Darruwa Ngunnawal

Welcome to Ngunnawal country.

Ngadyung dhaura. This fortnight we have seen water on the ground and all around. The Bureau of Meteorology (BOM) [ENSO Outlook](#) has raised the prediction to La Niña, delivering high rainfall over the summer and early autumn in our region.

Ngadyung means water and *dhaura* means ground. Indigenous Australian seasons are different to the model of four seasons – if you would like to read a brief introduction the BOM has useful information on [Indigenous seasonable descriptions](#) and [weather knowledge](#).

COVID-19 news

ACT pathway forward

The [ACT Government's pathway forward](#) has offered a well thought through approach to recovery.

ANU situation

The latest information is on the [ANU COVID-10 advice website](#). Some key points include:

- Please remember to isolate and get tested if you feel unwell.
- Alert the COVID Response Office through [this online form](#) if you are:
 - a suspected or confirmed case of COVID-19
 - identified as a close, secondary or casual contact
 - notified of a requirement to quarantine or stay-at-home.

Campus Alert Level

Our current [COVID-19 Campus Alert Level](#) at ANU is now AMBER - MEDIUM.

Ventilation in library buildings update

Thanks to Facilities and Services (F&S) staff who are working so hard to make us safe. A short report on activities in relation to ventilation follows.

The F&S Engineering team have been focussing on upgrades to ventilation systems within the Menzies, Hancock, Chifley and Law libraries to provide improved levels of fresh air and ventilation throughout the building.

The following measures have been implemented

- Co2 set points have been lowered for applicable systems. This provides an immediate reduction in allowable Co2 within a building, by introducing more fresh air into the space.
- The energy saving cycle in the Menzies library has been adjusted and its operation is being monitored. Energy saving cycles reduce the amount of fresh air coming into a building. Typically, the more

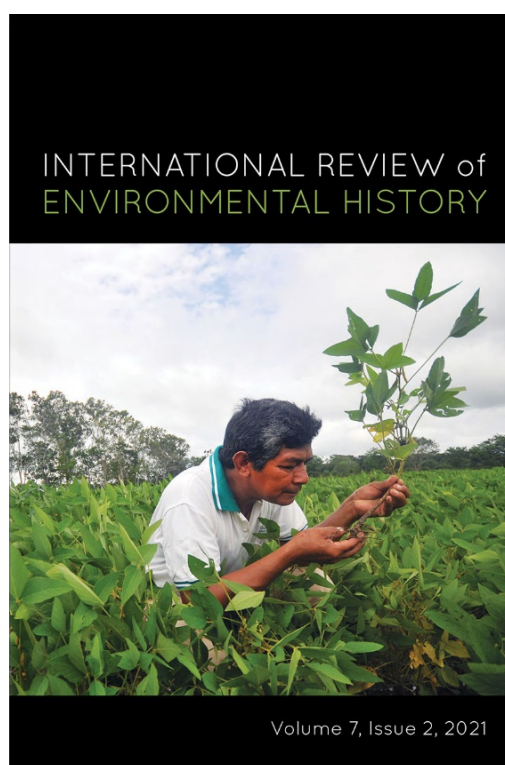
ANU Press and open access

UNESCO recommendation on Open Science adopted

The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) recommendation on Open Science has been unanimously adopted in its entirety by Member States during the Science Commission plenary. The International Science Council has [welcomed](#) this development.

New releases from ANU Press

[International Review of Environmental History: Volume 7, Issue 2, 2021](#)



[Rote-Meto Comparative Dictionary](#)

fresh air – the more a system has to work (and hence drives up energy costs). These energy saving cycles have been adjusted, which again introduces more fresh air into a space.

- Pre and post occupancy purging has been implemented for applicable systems. This means that building are flushed with fresh air in the mornings and evenings, purging out Co2 within the space.
- Improved efficiency filters have been installed. This is actually around improving the filtering of particles from the air, providing overall improved air quality in the space.

Next Thursday!



Let's Celebrate
with Food and Drinks,
Music and
Entertainment!

9 December 2021

12.30
to
2pm

Menzies BBQ Area

SIS
End of Year
PARTY

[Book your ticket on Eventbrite](#) – we look forward to seeing you there!

REALM research and perspectives from the field

- The [latest research from Battelle](#) on COVID-19 vaccination, variant strains of the SARS-CoV-2 virus, and ventilation that may affect building operations, policies, and procedures.
- [Materials collected by Vaccines & US](#), a project led by the Smithsonian Institution, about vaccination for young children and teens, and how young people can cope with pandemic-related anxiety.

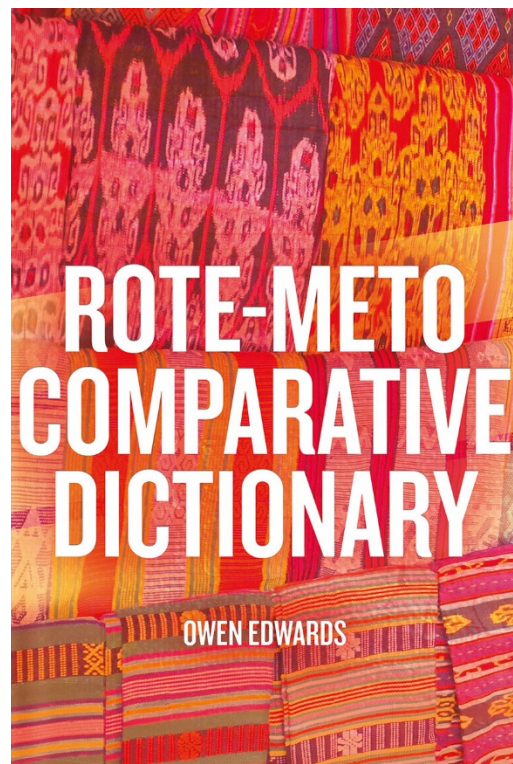
Library Advisory Committee

The Committee met last week and expressed their great appreciation of the work of all staff in the Division over 2021.

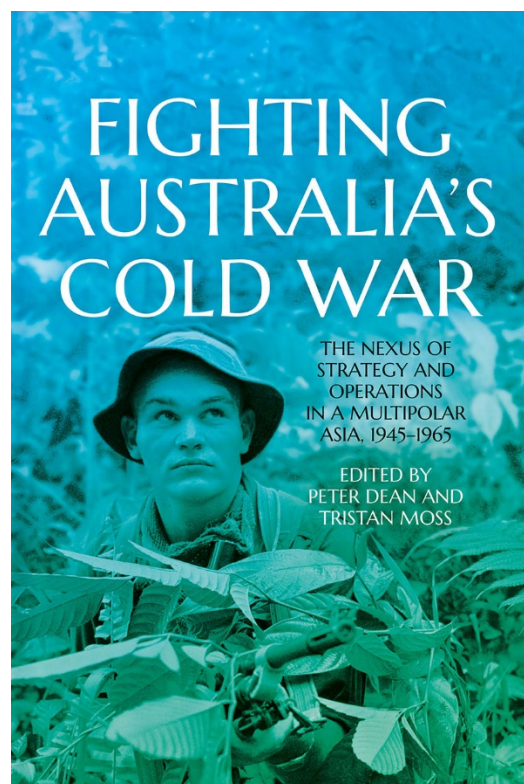
It was Prof Paul Pickering's last meeting and I would like to record my gratitude for his excellent leadership. The agenda and discussions covered:

- COVID-19 response
- Client feedback including Insync report
- Library collection including Read and Publish agreements
- Flood collection replacement project report
- Scholarly Information Services report against business plan and mapping of activities to new ANU strategic plan
- Library report
- Archives and Records report
- Digitisation report

The new chair of the committee is Associate Professor Keturah Whitford.



[Fighting Australia's Cold War](#)



In 2022 we will focus on a range of activities with advice from the committee, including an extensive communication campaign on Read & Publish licences.

JB Chifley collection flood rebuilding

The Working Group met last week and discussed the progress of purchasing replacements and also extending the collection. More than 135,000 issues have been purchased through JSTOR, with permanent access significantly increasing the resources available to the community. The list was provided to the group.

The group encouraged us to organise an information campaign on the collection work and also an event to recognise the 4th anniversary of the flood on 25 February in 2022.

Academic Board

The last meeting of the year was busy. Matters included:

- Report from Vice Chancellor
- Life on campus and engagement for 2022
- Dean of Students report
- Students coming to Australia and recent policy changes
- ANAO report
- 2015-2020 Cohort analysis of Undergraduate and Postgraduate Coursework Progress Rates and Attrition Rates – excellent and detailed paper
- Academic integrity rule change and report (update)
- ANU Graduate Attributes Consultation Paper
- 2021 Self-Assessment Update and Working Group Presentations
- Academic Data Governance Draft Principles.

ANAO Performance audit of ANU

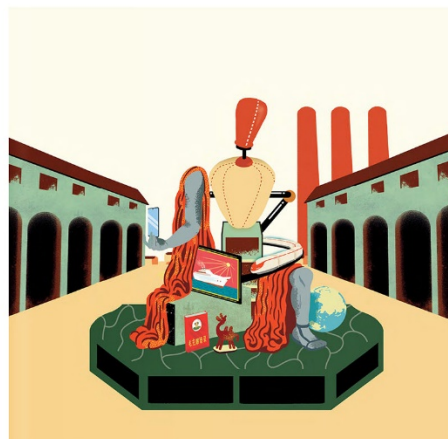
The [Australian National Audit Office \(ANAO\) Performance Audit of the ANU](#) report was presented to Parliament this week.

The purpose of the audit was to ensure an effective governance and control frameworks to assist entities to monitor the performance of the organisation, ensure it complies with its legal requirements, implement and oversee systems of control and accountability and respond to disruptive events.

In a nutshell, it found: “the governance and control framework of the ANU is largely effective”. The six recommendations include “The Australian National University should take the necessary steps to ensure that its information and records management practices meet the information management standards issued by the National Archives of Australia; mandate the use of its Electronic Records Management System; and update its supporting policies and procedures”.

And the rain comes

Thanks to Kel Glover and team for their repairs to the tarp over the Law Library, which reached a point of leaking recently. There was also some water in the archives in Acton Underhill. Kel is working with CC on the roof replacements and will be meeting with us shortly.



Open repository

New research resources

- [Rheumatic heart disease in pregnancy: strategies and lessons learnt implementing a population-based study in Australia](#)
- [Revealing the Faraday depth structure of radio galaxy NGC612 with broad-band radio polarimetric observations](#)
- [Rethinking the role of occupant behavior in building energy performance: A review](#)
- [The Afghanistan Pull-Out is Bad News for Pakistan](#)
- [Inference to the Best Explanation: The Case of Potential Energy](#)

Keeping up to date

Toward Open Research: A Narrative Review of the Challenges and Opportunities for Open Humanities

A very thoughtful [article](#) by Paul Arthur and Lydia Hearn. From the abstract “Open research represents a new set of principles and methodologies for greater cooperation, transparent sharing of findings, and access to and re-use of research data, materials or outputs, making knowledge more freely available to wider audiences for societal benefit...it reviews how the multifaceted nature of humanities research outputs make open communication formats more complex and costly. While new avenues are emerging to advance open research, there is a need for more collaborative, coordinated efforts to better connect humanities scholars with the communities they serve.”



Copyright

- Ireland has adopted EU's Copyright Directive through [legislative changes](#).
- Productivity Commission – [Right to repair report](#). “This report finds that there are significant and unnecessary barriers to repair for some products. It proposes a suite of measures that aim to enhance consumers’ right to repair, while providing net benefits to the community. Information from the submission is mentioned a few times.
- [Criticism over copyright issues prods NZ library to cease book donation to Internet Archive](#).
- Canadian Library associations [lobby for legislative reform](#) around adoption open licencing by government (for crown copyright material).

CAUL & CONZUL

- [CAUL and CAVAL announce changes to the CAUL Statistics Services](#)
- [Open Access Australasia and CAUL support for UNESCO Recommendation on Open Science](#)
- Bold Minds in Leadership - Mundanara Bayles talked about the Aboriginal Terms of Reference and how these offer an alternative way to think about our role and identity, personally and professionally. [Watch the recording](#) of the event. Resources posted in the chat during the event:
- [Living Archive of Aboriginal Languages](#).
- [Map of Indigenous Australia](#).

Feedback from our clients.

From the Library Advisory Committee:

Awesome job! Thanks to all in the Division.

Roxanne Missingham

Director, Scholarly Information Services

2021 National Research Infrastructure

The Exposure Draft has been published on the [2021 National Research Infrastructure Roadmap website](#), accompanied by a set of targeted questions for responses.

The feedback will be shared with the Expert Working Group and will guide the delivery of the final 2021 National Research Infrastructure Roadmap.

Minister Paul Fletcher on governing in the Internet age

The Hon Paul Fletcher MP – Minister for Communications, Urban Infrastructure, Cities, and the Art has a new book out on governing in the internet age from Monash University Publishing. Listen to him on the [National Security Podcast](#).

OCLC report: Research Information Management in the United States

This [two-part report series on Research Information Management in the United States](#) provides a first-of-its-kind documentation of Research information management (RIM) practices at US research universities. It presents a thorough examination of RIM practices, goals, stakeholders, and system components.

RIM practices at US research universities have taken a different—and characteristically decentralized—course. A complex environment characterized by multiple use cases, stakeholders, and systems has resulted.

This report provides a landscape overview of the state of research information management in the United States, makes sense of the complexity, and offers recommendations targeted at university leaders and other institutional decision makers.

Global Press Archive CRL Alliance adds Southeast Asian Newspapers as digital open access collection

The Center for Research Libraries (CRL) and East View Information Services have launched [Southeast Asian Newspapers](#), the fifth open access collection of titles digitised under the Global Press Archive CRL Alliance.

Southeast Asian Newspapers follows [Imperial Russian Newspapers](#), [Independent and Revolutionary Mexican Newspapers](#), [Late Qing and Republican-Era Chinese Newspapers](#), and [Middle Eastern and North African Newspapers](#), the Alliance’s first five open access collections

Southeast Asian Newspapers adds to the growing body of open access material available in the Global Press Archive, by virtue of support from Center for Research Libraries members and other participating institutions.

The Southeast Asian Newspapers collection encompasses over 265,000 digitized pages from 65 publications, including: *Gia định báo* (the first Vietnamese newspaper, published in Saigon from 1865–1910), *Nagara vatta* (the first Cambodian-language newspaper), and *Bramartani* (a weekly newspaper from Surakarta, Indonesia), among others.

Coming events

Force11

When? 7 - 9 December 2021

Where? Online

More details: Covers the changing the ways scholarly and scientific information is communicated, shared and used.

[Register here.](#)

10th International Summit of the Book

When? 9 - 10 December 2021

Where? Online

More details: [Register here](#)

NISO Plus Global Conversations: Global Connections

When? February 15-17, 2022

Where? Online

More details: [More details here](#)

ALIA National conference

When? 16 - 19 May 2022

Where? National Convention Centre Canberra

More details: This conference provides opportunities to become strong as professionals and as an industry with engaging programs and a forum to collaborate, network and build partnerships amongst our colleagues, peers, industry leaders and corporate partners. [More details here.](#)

87th IFLA World Library and Information Congress

When? 26-29 July 2022

Where? Dublin, Ireland

More details: [More details here](#)

FROM HR

Dear Colleagues

The ANU Professional Staff Mentoring Program has been running since the second half of 2020 with three full programs now delivered.

The response from our community has showed a high demand for this kind of development opportunity, with 48 mentoring pairs in the first program, 120 pairs in the second program and 75 pairs in the third program.

Participants in the first two programs gave very positive feedback about their experience and valuable suggestions for improvement which have been incorporated into subsequent programs.

We will shortly be seeking feedback from the third cohort to help us make further improvements.

Expressions of interest recently opened for the next program commencing in February 2022 and we have places available for both mentors and mentees.

National Reading Survey 2021

[Australia Reads](#) has surveyed more than 3,000 Australians in an online interview designed to help the book industry better understand reader behaviour (especially around how consumers choose books) and inform key investment decisions when it comes to promoting Australian reading culture.

The National Reading Survey 2021 explores how Australians read, borrow and buy books, and discovered how this has—and hasn't—changed during the Covid-19 pandemic of 2020 and 2021.

Some key findings:

- Most Australians read a book a year.
- More Australians not reading books at all.
- Most Australians are occasional readers.
- A third of Australians read frequently.
- Paperback fiction most popular choice.

NISO: Recommended Practice for Content Platform Migrations

The National Information Standards Organization (NISO) has published Recommended Practice, NISO RP-38-2021, Content Platform Migrations, which provides guidance to improve processes and communication between all parties, with suggested steps involved before, during, and after the migration of content from one platform to another.

Content platforms enable libraries and their patrons to access and interact with scholarly content. Every year, for a variety of reasons, publishers move their content from one platform to another. Making migrations as smooth as possible — with no broken links, loss of functionality, interruptions in access, or loss of customer information — significantly benefits librarians, publishers, service providers and users alike.

This [new Recommended Practice](#), developed by the librarians, publishers, and content platform providers on the Content Platform Migrations Working Group, intends to streamline the process and clarify the communications needed to ensure seamless transitions.

Rare Books & Manuscripts Librarianship

The [Fall 2021 issue](#) is now freely available – articles include

- [The Steward of Book History in the Digital Age: The Struggle and Rewards of Collecting e-Books for Special Collections Institutions](#) (Jessica Bigelow)
- [Fostering Graduate Student Research: Launching a Speaker Series](#) (Kara Flynn and Lori Birrell)
- [Privacy in Public Archives: Managing Personally Identifiable Information in Special Collections](#) (Zachary G. Stein)

The Year in Architecture 2021

A great new [report](#) from Library journal. Major trends identified:

- [Nature Reflected and Celebrated](#)
- [From Grand to Intimate Experiences](#)
- [Make Ways To Create](#)
- [Texture, Shape, Material Dominate](#)

Mentors may be professional staff from ANU classification level 6/7 and above in ongoing, fixed-term or continuing contingent funded positions for at least the duration of the mentoring program, in this case until the end of November 2022.

More information about the program and how to apply as a mentor or mentee can be found on the [Professional Staff Mentoring Program](#) web page.

If you have any questions about the program, please contact the HR Culture & Development team at hrd.development@anu.edu.au

Best wishes

Dr Nadine White
Chief People Officer

ARDC

One stop shop for Open Research

Institutions now have a one-stop-shop for making research open with the [Open Research Toolkit](#).

The Open Research Toolkit was launched in November 2021 by the [Australasian Research Management Society](#) (ARMS) and [Council of Australian University Librarians](#) (CAUL). The Toolkit supports Australasian institutions to implement or further develop open research policy, strategy and practice.

Design phase complete for national health studies data infrastructure

In partnership with the health research community, the ARDC is establishing national infrastructure to enable researchers to securely access and share data from health studies, with an initial focus on clinical trials.

The Health Studies National Data Asset (HeSANDA) program aims to stimulate new data-driven research ideas, increase the impact of health research and ultimately improve the health and wellbeing of Australians.



Understanding the Social Wellbeing Impacts of the Nation's Libraries and Museums

The Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS), in partnership with Reinvestment Fund, recently released [Understanding the Social Wellbeing Impacts of the Nation's Libraries and Museums](#), a report on the ways that libraries and museums promote social inclusion and well-being.

SPARC resources

The Campus Planning and Partnerships Working Group of the SPARC Negotiation Community of Practice has just released [resources to support libraries in communicating journal negotiation, cancellation, and other decisions to the campus community](#).

The resources provide a blueprint for centering colleges and universities as domain experts and advocates through the negotiation process.

The Journal Negotiation Group on Campus Planning and Partnership offers this curated selection of sharable resources that libraries can use to help initiate and guide local conversations, including resources focused under the following categories: toolkits and roadmaps, faculty outreach, campus administration, SPARC member libraries communications, and non-disclosure agreement policies.

Will there be any transformation or are we stuck with the transformative agreements?

Wilhelm Widmark, Library Director, Stockholm University [asks this important question and reports on six workshops seeking to obtain a realistic view of the problem and work towards a new strategy](#).

He concludes "Most of the publishers aren't ready yet - they most likely would like to keep the business model from the transformative agreements for the future. When Sweden wants to move beyond the transformative agreements many countries are signing their first licenses of this kind".

Library Impact Research Report Understanding and Communicating Research Impact: The Needs of STEM and Health Sciences Faculty and Postdoctoral Researchers

This 2019–2020 project explored University of Washington (UW) faculty and postdoctoral researcher needs for understanding and communicating the impact of their work.

The project focused on researchers in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) and health sciences fields. The project was designed to understand the challenges researchers face in this area, identify how participants in

these fields define and measure impact, and explore their priorities for research-impact support.

The project team at the UW Libraries conducted a survey and follow-up interviews to investigate these questions. [Results suggest](#) that early-career researchers in particular are interested in assistance not only in identifying metrics to demonstrate impact, but assistance with interpreting and contextualizing these metrics for promotion-and-tenure packages and funding applications.

Researchers are also attempting to reach a variety of audiences (both scholarly and public) and face challenges in reaching different audiences and understanding their wider impact. There are currently gaps in support for researchers in this area, and many opportunities exist for helping researchers understand and communicate how their work makes a difference not only to scholarship in their fields, but also to policy, clinical practice, and wider public understanding of scientific and health issues.

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