

Morning tea for Emeritus Professor Peter Rimmer last Friday. He is delighted with our services, especially Click & Collect.

## News

### Yumma Darruwa Ngunnawal

Welcome to Ngunnawal country.

May the dhurrawang (light) be with us to help us see the way to have a first semester that brings joy to students, academics and all staff in SIS.

Thank you again for all your support in this challenging time.

### COVID-19 news

#### ACT pathway forward

The ACT Government has made changes this year. A great way to keep up is on the [ANU COVID-19 advice website](#).

#### ANU situation

The University's plan for working on campus goes over and above mandated COVID-19 safety requirements.

There is [updated information](#) on local area arrangements for safely returning to campus next month; classroom teaching in semester one; COVID-19 absences, flexibility and leave arrangements; the University's stance on

## ANU Press and open access

### ANU Press Advisory Committee

The advisory committee welcomes new member Professor Paul Pickering.

### MIT direct to open

[The MIT Press Open Monograph Model: Direct to Open](#), a new white paper published by [Chain Bridge Group](#) and the [MIT Press](#), describes a collective model for supporting the open dissemination of scholarly monographs. The report examines the context for designing the framework and explains the logic behind the model's design.

The MIT Press, supported by a grant from Arcadia, a charitable fund of Lisbet Rausing and Peter Baldwin, has developed and implemented a business model capable of disseminating the Press's scholarly monographs open access.

The framework, christened [Direct to Open](#) (D2O), is designed to induce support by balancing the dual motivations of academic research libraries: the value of private benefits, exclusive to contributing institutions, and mission-aligned support for open business models.

vaccinations; and the latest [guidance on travel approvals](#).

- Please remember to isolate and get tested if you feel unwell.
- Alert the COVID Response Office through [this online form](#) if you are a confirmed case of COVID-19.
- You no longer need to notify the COVID Response Office if you are identified as a contact or notified of a requirement to quarantine or stay-at-home.

### Campus Alert Level

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

### Copyright

The Commonwealth Government released the Exposure Draft of the [Copyright Amendment \(Access Reforms\) Bill 2021](#). Responses to the draft are due by 5pm (AEDT) Friday 11 February 2022.

### CAUL & CONZUL

A [Community of Practice](#) has been set up on implementation of Transformative Agreements – Katie and Philippa are representing ANU.

Anita Brown has been confirmed in the position of Associate Director, Library at CQUniversity Australia for a 5-year term commencing 1 January 2022.

Griffith University has selected OCLC's WorldShare Management Services (WMS) as its new library management system.

### WHS

Thanks to Heather for leading the WHS inspection of the Art & Music Library – thanks to Margaret and Belinda for all their work on the inspection and actions.

I would like to remind all staff that if you are moving from your position to another, please refresh your WHS training and seek OSLO guidance when moving desks.

### Library Advisory Committee

Associate Professor Roald Maliangkay, Associate Dean, Student Experience will represent the College of Asia & the Pacific while Associate Professor Carol Hayes takes some leave.

### 2021 achievements

The statistics for 2021 are now [online](#). Thanks to Margaret for coordinating them and to everyone who contributed.

In summary – many areas were affected by COVID-19 but overall use was solid:

(% is the difference from 2020)

Library

## So can publishing respond to a crisis? An evidence-informed approach

A recording of this webinar is [now available](#) on the Open Access Scholarly Publishing Association (OASPA) website.

### Academic fraud factories are booming

From [Times Higher Ed](#)

Firms that sell co-authorship on papers accepted by reputable journals are likely turning over millions of pounds a year.

Anna Abalkina, a research fellow at the [Free University of Berlin](#) who focuses on academic fraud, said she believed the trade in ghostwritten journal papers was growing rapidly as scholars seeking publication by nefarious means turned away from low-quality predatory journals and towards businesses that guaranteed them publication in recognised outlets.

“While predatory publishers are still with us, I understand things aren’t going well for them,” said Dr Abalkina. “Many people now realise that it is very risky to work with these publications which could be delisted by Scopus or Web of Science at any point.”

Such low-quality publications were now “easily detected”... Instead, many scholars were turning to businesses such as International Publisher LLC, which offers the opportunity to become a co-author of a manuscript that is already accepted for publication by a journal...

In a new investigation of International Publisher LLC, published on the [arXiv preprint server](#), Dr Abalkina identifies 303 journal papers with potential links to the paper mill, which, it says, “guarantees the publication and indexation of a manuscript in the journals indexed [by] Scopus...[or] Web of Science”.

Prices for co-authorship begin at €180 (£150) but could go as high as €5,000 for a first authorship in a reputable journal, she explains.

### New titles from ANU Press

[Wives and Wanderers in a New Guinea Highlands Society](#)

- Print resources borrowed 77,068 (0.4%)
- E-Resource uses (downloads/searches) 6,841,076 (7.1%)
- Reference enquiries 15,311 (-24.4%)
- Total number of visitors to buildings 466,934 (-18.3%)

#### Archives

- Collection use (physical) 17,298 (-4.0%)
- Archives enquiries 1,115 (5.8%)

#### Records

- Folders (manual creation) 4,069 (-74.6%)
- Folders (auto creation) 31,989 (14.3%)
- New Documents (manual) 87,177 (-21.2%)
- New Documents (auto) 183,806 (17.5%)
- Use of records (document views) 51,848 (-22.0%)
- Document Searches 180,310 (-35.5%)

#### ANU Press

- Number of titles published 55 (-19.1%)
- Usage Downloads 5,789,570 (5%)

#### Open research

- Number of works digitised 61,251 (290.3%)
- Collection size (Research collection in repository) 128,601 (10.8%)
- Usage (downloads) 3,217,103 (17.8%)

#### CartoGIS

- Consultations and Visualisations 349
- Training - number of people attending courses 157

#### Research and Information Skills

- Number of attendees 4,476 (-28.4%)
- Number of sessions 439 (-8.9%)
- Page views - How to and LibGuides 112,352 (-27.7%)

#### ACDC

- Number of students attending training courses 19,161
- Number of training sessions 3,314

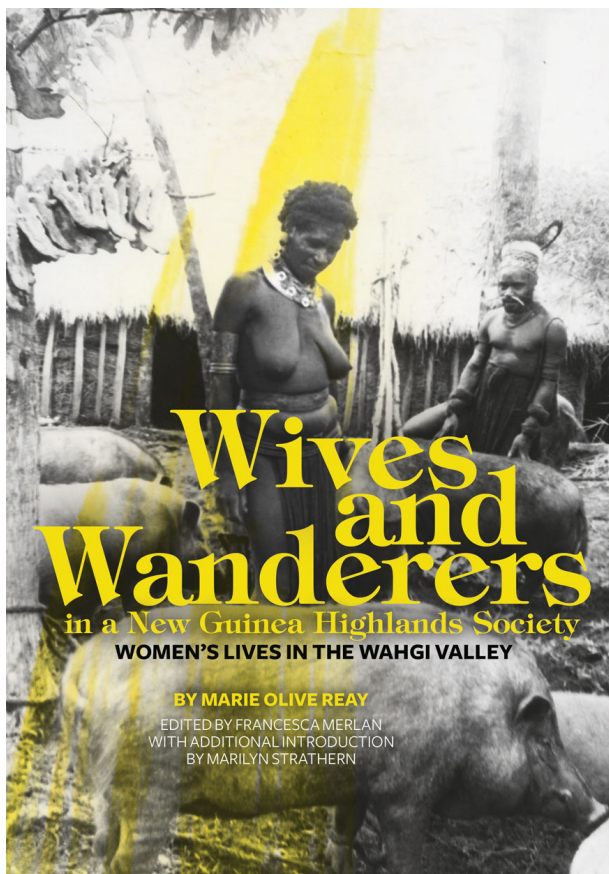
### Reopening the Art & Music Library

We are working with the School of Music and School of Art & Design to find the best time to open.

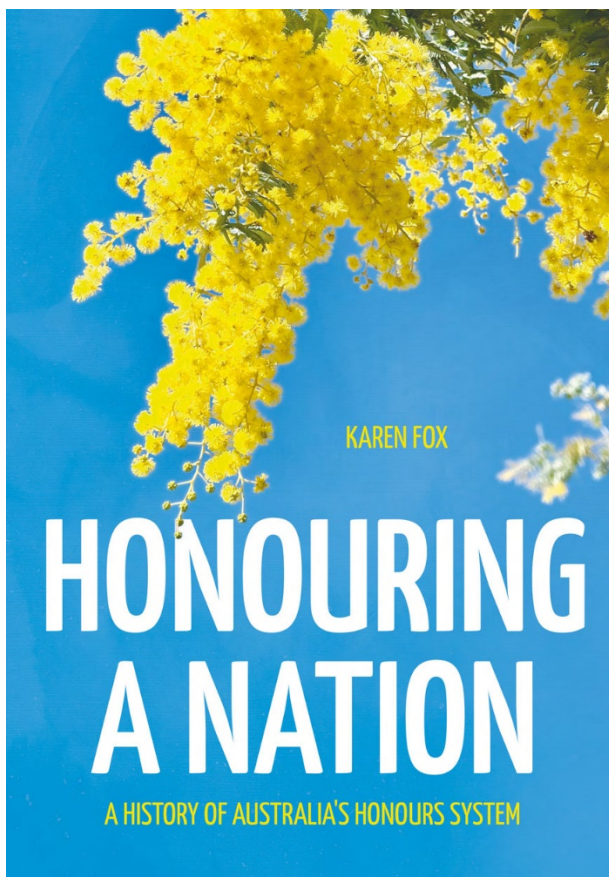
### Privacy

Office of the Australian Information Commissioner (OAIC) reviewed the ANU Privacy Impact Assessment (PIA) and found it was compliant, but could not see the date of updating (it is on the bottom of each page of the report).

The [PIA register](#) has been updated to 25 January with the date moved to the top of the page.



### [Honouring a Nation](#)



### [Xinjiang Year Zero](#)

## The Palace Letters

The Conversation has two new articles on this issue:

- [New, exclusive letters between the queen and 6 governors-general show the evolution of a relationship of equals.](#)
- [At long last, we can tear open the queen's secret letters with Australia's governors-general.](#)

Roxanne Missingham  
Director, Scholarly Information Services

## Coming events

### NISO Plus Global Conversations: Global Connections

**When?** 15 – 17 February, 2022

**Where?** Online

**More details:** [Visit the website.](#)

### 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. [Visit the website.](#)

### 17th International Digital Curation Conference

**When?** 13 – 16 June, 2022

**Where?** TBA

**More details:** [Visit the website.](#)

### 87th IFLA World Library and Information Congress

**When?** 26 – 29 July 2022

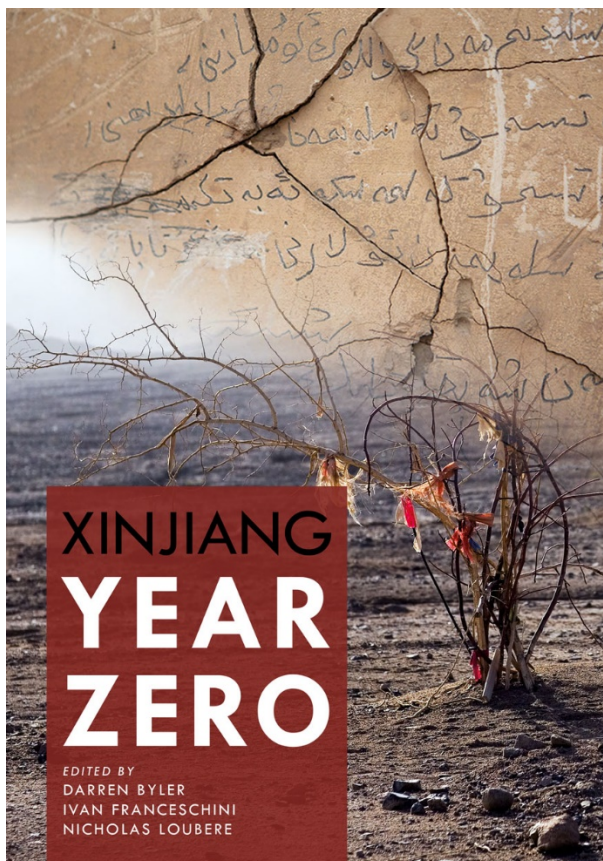
**Where?** Dublin, Ireland

**More details:** [Visit the website.](#)

## FROM HR

The HR website holds a wealth of information. The page on [Respect & inclusion](#) contains information including employment of Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people; gender equity initiatives; disability support; and LGBTIQ inclusion.

## ARDC



## Open repository

### The role of impact metrics in researchers' literature selection processes

Steffen Lemke, Researcher at ZBW Leibniz Information Centre for Economics, reported on multiple studies' findings on how researchers perceive and use various types of impact metrics when deciding which literature to read.

He reported on a survey that revealed a combination of qualitative and quantitative characteristics that researchers consult when selecting literature, while regression analysis showed that among quantitative metrics, citation counts tend to be of highest concern, followed by Journal Impact Factors.

The results suggest a comparatively favourable view of many researchers on bibliometrics and widespread scepticism toward altmetrics. Slides can be accessed [here](#) and the recording [here](#).

### FAIR

[FAIRsFAIR](#) is a H2020 project that aims to supply practical solutions for the use of the FAIR data principles throughout the research data life cycle.

Based on the instruments used during the policy support programme, they have developed an easy-to-use FAIR data policy checklist to support policy-makers at all levels in ensuring their policies align with the FAIR Principles and provide clarity on exactly what is expected of researchers.

The checklist is based on FAIRsFAIR policy enhancement recommendations and will help users assess whether specific elements of their data policies are FAIR-enabling. Comments can be added directly to the [google doc](#). For more about the FAIRsFAIR project click [here](#).

Australian Research Data Commons (ARDC) has a great range of resources that can be found from this [page](#).

## New research resources

- [Security Cooperation in the Pacific: Workshop Report](#)
- [Immune evasion via PD-1/PD-L1 on NK cells and monocyte/macrophages is more prominent in Hodgkin lymphoma than DLBCL](#)
- [An Assessment Framework for Resilient Public Policy](#)
- [Atrocity Crimes](#)
- [Conservation and Development in Cambodia: Exploring frontiers of change in nature, state and society](#)

## Keeping up to date

### Elsevier's ScienceDirect as Content Supercontinent?

This [blog post](#) was motivated by Elsevier's announcement of a pilot project where the American Chemical Society, the Royal Society of Chemistry, Taylor & Francis, and Wiley will syndicate selected content to the ScienceDirect platform. The articles will appear in search and browse listings.

In the pilot, more than 70,000 articles in 35 journals in organic chemistry and transportation will be integrated with Elsevier's content on ScienceDirect. This suggests that the speculation that Elsevier strategy is to aggregate discovery and access, particularly in competing with ResearchGate, a company that Elsevier has ongoing lawsuits against in Germany and the USA.

### IFLA newsletter January 2022

The Health Issue is now [online](#) with articles including:

- [20 Trends, identified by emerging library leaders](#) (starts with tough times ahead) and
- [What matters for libraries?](#) Advocacy study webinar recording available.

### Bloomsbury Acquisition of ABC-CLIO

Mergers are continuing. Maggie Knapp [reports](#) that Bloomsbury Publishing purchased ABC-CLIO in December 2021 for \$22.9 million, bringing ABC-CLIO's four imprints and 32 databases into U.K.-based Bloomsbury's academic and professional division.

### Trends and Issues in Library Technology

A special '[Big Data](#)' Issue of the International Federation of Library Associations (IFLA) IT Section **Trends and Issues in Library Technology** contains articles from around the globe regarding best practices and the latest trends in Libraries and Big Data: Research Data Repositories, Metadata Education, Infrastructure Possibilities and Data Recommender Systems. Includes Ingrid Mason and Steven McEachern's overview collaboration, network complexity and big data.

### Managing metadata, managing hybridity

New from OCLC.

Last year, the [OCLC Research Library Partners \(RLP\) Metadata Managers Focus Group](#) considered impacts of the

pandemic on metadata work, which we are still feeling and working through.

Roxanne Missingham of Australian National University; John Riemer of UCLA; and Melanie Wacker of Columbia University gathered input from and led useful discussions with the focus group, which included common approaches and opportunities that have emerged across RLP institutions, and identified those that are likely to continue.

I'm now happy to share this new blog post with you, [Managing metadata, managing hybridity](#), summarizing key themes from those discussions, including the flexibility and creativity brought to metadata work. In so many cases, managing hybridity – from collection access to work locations and metadata workflows – is becoming the norm.

### **New Model Library: Plan for positive change in the midst of challenges**

The OCLC teams research for the [New Model Library: Pandemic Effects and Library Directions](#) briefing, a term that came up often was “normal” (Is this change part of a new normal? When will this activity get back to normal?).

While interesting, these questions don't acknowledge that libraries are incredibly diverse in terms of culture, size, type, goals, and locations. And the term “normal” isn't really helpful without additional context.

At the same time, the COVID-19 pandemic is a singular, global upheaval that affects everyone who works at and uses libraries. Read the [blog post](#) which includes a [downloadable guide](#).

### **ARL/CARL Joint Task Force report of research data services partnerships**

The Association of Research Libraries (ARL)/Canadian Association of Research Libraries (CARL)

The [report](#) provides a set of tools for libraries to use when assessing their research data services partnerships including assessing partnerships using a partnership life cycle, defining the continuum of possible partnerships and creating a catalogue.

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