Congratulations to Ahlam and Jon – a beautiful boy!

News

Yumma Darruwa Ngunnawal

Welcome to Ngunnawal country. This fortnight I would like us to reflect on the words **bungi dhurrawang** which mean *to make light* in Ngunnawal language.

Across the Division we seek to add the light of knowledge to education and research. This light takes many forms – knowledge supported by collections, services, and continuing feedback from our clients. In addition, we are exploring the strategic initiatives that are shedding a light on changes that need to happen particularly education.

I encourage everyone to continue to take the opportunity in the autumnal light to consider how we can work together as a team to nourish and evolve our internal and external partnerships and collaboration to bring light to all activities at the university.

COVID-19 news

ANU update

Use of the CheckIn CBR app remains strongly recommended and mask wearing remains mandated on the campus for a range of activities. Please read all the messages from the University about COVID-19.

Please remember to isolate and get tested if you feel unwell.

ANU Press and open access

Directory of Open Access Books (DOAB)

DOAB has published a guest post by Tom Mosterd in recognition of the milestone of reaching over 50,000 open access books, published in 90 languages by 560 academic book publishers.

Open Access and the Direction Moving Forward

A.J. Boston offers recommendations in a blogpost for how funding agencies and research institutions can better lead the change toward open access.

Annual Reviews' Subscribe to Open: From Idea To Full Adoption

Ann Michael reports on her most recent interview with Richard Gallagher, President and Editor-in-Chief of Annual Reviews.

If you test positive to COVID-19, please:

1. Register your positive result with ACT Health using this online form, or with the state/territory health authority where you are located.

2. Alert the University through this online form.

3. Apply for personal leave.

4. Isolate for at least seven days after the day you test positive.

Campus Alert Level

Our COVID-19 campus alert level remains MEDIUM risk.

What's new?

ACT Health have made changes to quarantine requirements for household contacts. Read more.

COVID-19 research

The OCLC REALM project is hosting online forums to foster discussion, knowledge sharing, and mutual support among those who work in and with the cultural heritage field. Read this blogpost to understand the findings of the forums held so far this year.

Academic Board

The Academic Board met with a very strong agenda. Great discussions including:

- Appeals Panel Appointments
- Reports including budget implications and priorities
- Dean HDR gave a very detailed and informative report on activities including information on changes to funding drivers to encourage industry engagement for HDR candidates
- Academic Freedom Reference Group Paper
- Teaching and Learning Strategy Paper
- Student Partnership Agreement
- Foreign Interference Advisory Committee (FIAC) - Update

WHS

The Work Environment Group have some very useful advice on preventing injury.

ANU training

Pulse has a great set of 10 modules in the category Core Cultural Learning, created by the Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies (AIATSIS).
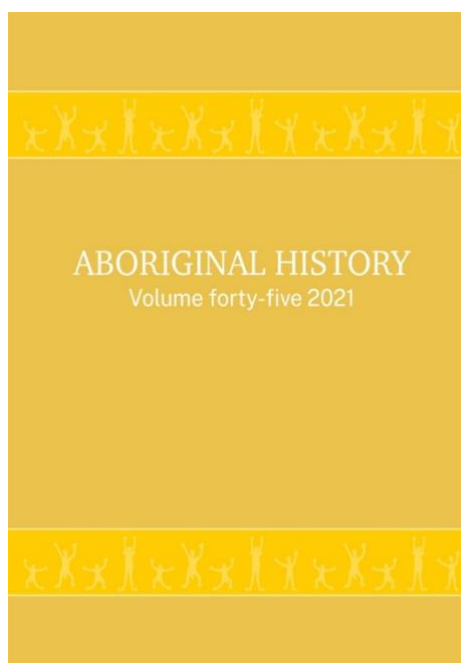
I encourage all in SIS to work on completing all the modules this year, perhaps doing one each fortnight through the rest of the year.

2022 first quarter statistics

There were some interesting trends in the statistics this quarter. Continuing growth in use overall through digital means and happily steady use of our services through enquiries are a feature of this quarters reporting. The full report is on the intranet.
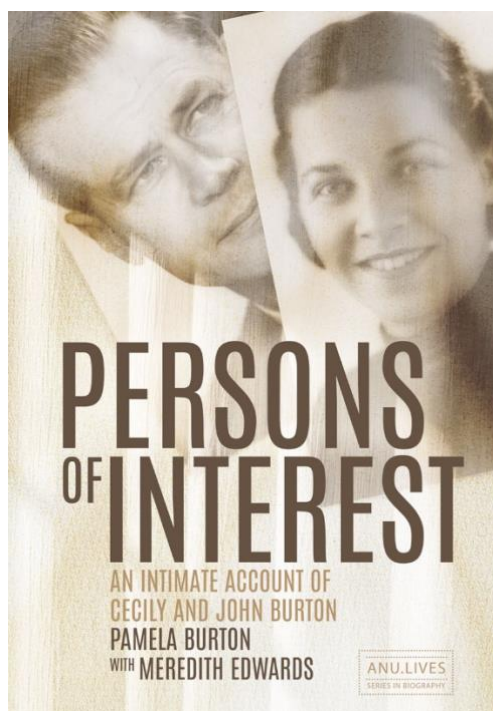
Selected key statistics including comparison to Quarter 1, 2021:

New titles from ANU Press

Aboriginal History Journal: Volume 45

The latest Aboriginal History Journal includes meticulous research on the identity of Jackey Jackey of the Lower Logan River, as well as Radio Redfern's coverage of Aboriginal protests in Sydney during the 1988 Australian Bicentenary celebrations.

Persons of Interest

A story of love, duty, betrayal and resolve, which explores the interweaving relationships of Cecily and John Burton.

Open repository

ANU Library

Number of print resources borrowed 15,551 (-45.7%)

Number of uses (downloads/searches) 1,042,650 (+14.1%)

Reference enquiries 6,803 (+8.2%)

Total number of visitors to buildings 151,048 (-8.2%)

Archives

Collection use (physical) 5,827 (-0.2%)

Archives enquiries 284 (-17.2%)

Records

New documents (manual) 15,745 (-26.1%)

New documents (auto) 55,030 (+27.5%)

Use of records (document views) 11,637 (-14.7%)

Document searches 22,585 (-63.7%)

ANU Press

Number of titles published 12 (-14.3%)

Usage downloads 980,548 (-26.6%)

Open research

Collection size (research collection in repository) 132,392 (+12.0%)

Usage (downloads) 686,324 (-17.1%)

CartoGIS consultations / visualisations 54 (-41.9%)

Research and Information Skills

Number of attendees 2,223 (-14.2%)

Number of sessions 107 (-20.7%)

ACDC

Number of students attending training courses 3,903 (-55.6%)

Number of training sessions 142 (-17.9%)

Hail remediation

There have been further delays in the anticipated arrival of the copper roofing – you may have been reading about the backlogs in shipping around the globe! It will be at least 15 weeks till the copper arrives.

Student First

Professor Maryanne Dever is leading this project which is "The University's largest ever transformation across learning and teaching and student services".

You can see a presentation that Professor Dever gave to the SIS senior staff group to understand the background, scope and approach to this extremely important project.

Copyright

- Australian Libraries and Archives Copyright Coalition - the AGLIN representative has changed with Bronwyn Coupe standing down after great service and David Church from IP Australia joining the group.
- The Australian Publishers Association has assessed party platforms on copyright – "There are few references to copyright in the political parties' 2022

Sustainable Development Goals search filter

In this blogpost Patty Smith provides very clear guidance on using the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) search filter in Altmetric Explorer.

New research resources

Farm size and production efficiency in Chinese agriculture: output and profit

CSIRO and land research in Papua New Guinea 1950-2000: Part 1: Pre-Independence

CSIRO and land research in Papua New Guinea 1950-2000: Part 2: Post-Independence

Critically Assessing Estimated DSGE Models: A Case Study of a Multi-sector Model

"There Will Be No Stopping the Okinawan Resistance," an Interview with Yamashiro Hiroji

Keeping up to date

Privacy – European Commission

The European Commission announced agreement on a comprehensive set of new rules for all digital services, including social media, online market places, and other online platforms that operate in the European Union: the Digital Services Act and the Digital Markets Act.

It includes new measures to empower users and civil society, including:

- the possibility to challenge platforms' content moderation decisions and seek redress, either via an out-of-court dispute mechanism or judicial redress;
- provision of access to vetted researchers to the key data of the largest platforms and provision of access to NGOs as regards access to public data, to provide more insight into how online risks evolve;
- transparency measures for online platforms on a variety of issues, including on the algorithms used for recommending content or products to users;

Read the full press release here and the Fact page on the Commission's proposal on the Digital Services Act.

UN SDGs

The National Diet Library recently held a webinar entitled *Libraries and UN SDGs: IFLA supporting the libraries to achieve the SDGs*.

This this webinar, IFLA President Barbara Lison talked about the IFLA's strategy, examples of initiatives taken by libraries in some countries, and international cooperation from the perspective of achieving the SDGs. A video of the webinar is now available on the NDL's YouTube channel.

election platforms. Copyright is seldom a first order political issue, so it's not a surprise."

- International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA) has released the Executive Summary of its research report *How well did copyright laws serve libraries during COVID-19?*

    Key finding – "83% of responding library professionals said they had copyright-related challenges providing materials during pandemic-related facility closures."

CAUL & CONZUL

- Kate Elder is Acting Director Library services at Charles Darwin University (CDU) for the next 1-3 months while Anthony Hornby seconded full-time to another role.
- Anne Scott is retiring from University of Canterbury after a career spanning a few years at National Library of New Zealand, 15 years at Lincoln University and 26 years at UC, the last eight as University Librarian. We wish her the best.

ALIA

Congratulations to new board members

- Clare Thorpe AALIA (DCP) – Institutional Director (re-elected), Director, Library Services, Southern Cross University.
- Hero Macdonald AALIA – General Director, University Librarian, Deakin University.
- Janette Wright AALIA – General Director, Director, University Library, Federation University Australia.

ALIA's library agenda for the coming federal election (which will be put to parties and candidates) is online.

Privacy

Privacy regulators from across Australia have issued a joint statement to mark the start of Privacy Awareness Week.

Privacy Awareness Week launch speech is online for the next 30 days.

FOI

Some very interesting new decisions:

'ABK' and Commonwealth Ombudsman [2022] AICmr 44 (1 April 2022)

"I vary the Ombudsman's decision by finding that the material the Ombudsman decided was exempt under s 47E(c) is exempt under s 47E(d) of the FOI Act."

The Hon Mark Butler MP and Prime Minister of Australia (Freedom of information) [2022] AICmr 46 (6 April 2022)

"Under s 55K of the Freedom of Information Act 1982 (the FOI Act), I set aside the decision of the Prime Minister dated 6 April 2020 and I substitute my decision that a practical

Elsevier to Acquire Interfolio

Elsevier intends to acquire Interfolio, the provider of researcher career management services. This deal could offer a lift to Elsevier in its competition with the new Clarivate -- if Elsevier can integrate Interfolio effectively.

- Scholarly kitchen blog
- Listedtech article- "An Acquisition That Reinforces The Oligopoly"

Thomson Reuters antitrust violation claim

SPARC have noted a decision on a case by Ross Intelligence Inc that there is "sufficient evidence to make a "tying" claim under the Sherman Anti-Trust Act against Reuters, which owns the legal research service Westlaw".

Read more on the decision of Judge Leonard P. Stark, Chief Judge of the U.S. District Court for the District of Delaware on 26 April here.

Culturally safe libraries collaboration in Australia

IFLA Academic & Research Libraries Sections latest blog post dealing with the NSLA project culturally safe libraries collaboration in Australia.

Case study 2: computer vision and cultural heritage

The Artificial Intelligence for Cultural Organisations (AEOLIAN) network's second open-access case study titled *Computer Vision and Cultural Heritage* is written by Catherine Nicole Coleman (Stanford Libraries).

The primary focus of this case study is Stanford Global Currents, a project completed in 2017 that applied computer vision techniques to medieval manuscripts. It is now available to read or download.

Coalition for Networked Information (CNI)

CNI have launched a pre-recorded project briefing video series. The first series includes:

- Ashley Champagne of Brown University provides a first-hand look at digital scholarship center management in Flexible Project Planning for Digital Scholarship Centers: A Framework for Managing Multiple Projects of Varying Technical Complexity.
    The briefing explores the challenges of digital scholarship centres with an emphasis on variability, flexibility, and preservation. Champagne outlines how to adapt project planning documents and shares frameworks and closeout document templates from Brown University's Center for Digital Scholarship.

refusal reason does not exist…The Prime Minister must now process the applicant's request and notify the applicant of its decision no later than 30 days after they receive this decision."

Feedback & thanks

The following client services staff made a fabulous contribution to the timely completion of the ALMA configuration form.

Tom comments that the whole team stepped up with confidence and capacity to ensure that required timelines were met and detailed accurate information was provided.

Very grateful to:

> Cathy Burton
> Rebecca Barber
> Vanessa Galloway
> Broderick Proeger
> Michael Zacher
> Amanda Valent
> Brian Kenady
> Tom Foley

Dear Loredana,

Thank you very much for your email. It is really amazing to know that ANU Library has this type of personalised arrangement. I will be in touch with you, whenever I feel like. Hope we will have a great time in the coming year.

Thanks very much and nice to meet you, looking forward to using the great resources from the library!

Lovely to see the recognition of the fabulous work of Jason Murdoch and Candida Spence in the acknowledgements in Alison Reid's Thesis about the life and work of the Australian artist Aleks Danko.

Roxanne Missingham

Director, Scholarly Information Services

- Danielle Emerling, West Virginia University, introduces an ambitious project in [The American Congress Digital Archives Portal Project](#), which will provide access to congressional archives dispersed across multiple institutions via a single online portal.
The pilot, funded by a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities (2021-2022), was recently completed, and the briefing examines the results and next steps to scale the project.

Metadata life cycle: mountain or superhighway?

Ted Habermann, Metadata Game Changers has written a [blogpost](#) for ARL that is quite fascinating. He notes the opportunities from federally funded mandates for public access to federally funded research data, the US National Science Foundation–funded project [Realities of Academic Data Sharing (RADS)](#) that aims to uncover where researchers are sharing their research data to make it publicly accessible, and aims to assess quality of metadata for these data as measured by metadata completeness.

He concludes "The most challenging steps along the path up Metadata Mountain occur during metadata creation in partnerships between researchers, data managers, and curators, who many times have different goals on different timescales: short-term goals of getting identifiers so results can be published and long-term goals related to trustworthy data that can be reused. The metadata created during this phase enables all elements of FAIR and is, therefore, the most valuable asset in the system."

New ILRS Code recommended fees released for 2022

In line with the Interlibrary Resource Sharing (ILRS) Code recommended fees each 1 July by CPI, the ALIA Interlibrary Lending Advisory Committee have applied the current CPI of 5.1% from the March 2022 ABS data for 12 months prior to the recommended fees in the document found [here](#). These recommended fees come into effect on 1 July 2022.

AI

- Lise Jaillant's edited collection *Archives, Access and AI: Working with Born-Digital and Digitized Archival Collections* has just been published [open access](#). Digital humanities perspective.
- *Lifting the veil: How AI thinks*. The recording from this Monash Tech talk is now [online](#). Hosted by Andrew Patterson the speakers were Dr Mor Vered and Dr Michael Wybrow (co-directors, Human-Centred AI Lab), and Dr Cecile Paris (Chief Research Scientist, Data61, CSIRO).

Coming events

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? Virtual
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.

ARDC

Nurturing research software capability in Australia

ARDC recently launched the Research Software Capability in Australia report, which describes the scale and distribution of software engineering or development capability within research organisations in Australia.

Read more here

2021 National Research Infrastructure Roadmap Released

The ARDC supports the key recommendations in the roadmap:

- Adopt the NRI Principles
- Provide continuity and long-term funding to NRI
- Adopt a challenge framework to support NRI planning and investment
- Establish an Expert NRI Advisory Group to drive a more effective NRI ecosystem
- Drive a more integrated NRI ecosystem
- Improve industry engagement with NRI
- Develop a National Digital Research Infrastructure Strategy
- Prepare Australia to capitalise on future opportunities.

Read more here

ARDC Leadership Series: Sharing Sensitive and Identifiable Human Data

The recording of this great session is now online. Presenters included:

- Ms Rosie Hicks, CEO, Australian Research Data Commons (ARDC)
- Prof Joe Shapter, Pro-Vice-Chancellor, Research Infrastructure, The University of Queensland
- Dr Phillip Gould, First Assistant Secretary, Health Economics and Research Division at Australian Department of Health
- Ms Marion Hemphill, General Counsel, Australian Red Cross Lifeblood
- Dr Merran Smith, Chief Executive, The Population Health Research Network (PHRN)
- Prof Sotiris Vardoulakis, Centre for Public Health Data and Policy, The Australian National University (ANU)
- Prof Peter Soyer, MRFF-NG Practitioner Fellow, The University of Queensland Diamantina Institute Faculty of Medicine

College & Research Libraries

The May issue is now online and includes:

- Native American Student Experiences of the Academic Library, Rosalind Bucy.
- Data Literacy Practices of Students Conducting Undergraduate Research, Theresa Burress.

2022 Library Systems Report

This year's report by Marshall Breeding starts "Previous rounds of acquisitions pale in comparison to the acquisition of ProQuest by Clarivate, which has propelled the leading library technology provider into the broader commercial sector of scholarly communications. This deal signals that the gap in size among vendors is widening, as ProQuest businesses Ex Libris and Innovative Interfaces also join Clarivate" and ends "The stage seems set for other transitions, including further consolidation that will play out over the next year or so. Expect more strategic acquisitions into aligned businesses rather than lateral changes in ownership."

A fascinating and insightful analytic piece.

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