



ANU is a Privacy Awareness Week 2023 supporter. See more [here](#).

Yumma Darruwa Ngunnawal

Welcome to Ngunnawal country.

The ANU Archives online exhibition [Aboriginal History of the Canberra Region](#) produced for the 75th anniversary is a good source of information.

ANU COVID-19

COVID inspections are no longer required! If you see supplies are running low of hand sanitiser or masks do let the relevant people in your building know.

Please read all the messages from the University about COVID 19.

All COVID updates will be communicated to staff and students via the weekly *On Campus* email newsletter. You can find previous [staff On Campus](#) and [student On Campus](#) editions here.

From Christian: At the last SIS divisional meeting Sheren mentioned that Figtree could have a slightly different look. I've made a [short video](#) on how to do that, for internal-use only.

The video shows how to change your view settings in Figtree. This adds some buttons so that you can easily add a new incident, report a new hazard or risk, as well as see some statistics.

Library Staff Consultative Committee

ANU Press and open access

Productivity Commission report backs OA

From [InnovationAus.com](#): Removing the paywalls on research literature would boost Australian innovation, according to the Productivity Commission, which is recommending the Albanese government give consideration to the world-first open access model being developed by the chief scientist. Australia's chief scientist Dr Cathy Foley is currently finalising her advice to government on an Australian open access model she says would go much further than global efforts to unlock research.

New resource for OA publishers

[The Publishers Learning And Community Exchange \(PLACE\)](#) is a new online public forum created for organisations who wish to adopt best practices in scholarly publishing. Developed by Crossref, DOAJ, Committee on Publication Ethics (COPE) and Open Access Scholarly Publishing Association (OASPA), it contains a wealth of resources.

A Decade of Resilience for University Presses

Annette Windhorn and Peter Berkery offer insights into the Association of University Presses. The responses to the question "What

Thanks to all who attended the LSCC meeting last week. Great feedback from our clients and partners about the excellent work of staff across all areas in SIS this year. Academics in particular appreciate our [Read and Publish agreements](#) and the speed of ordering now that Rialto is in place.

If you have anything that has been missed in the recent testing and tagging, noting that Hume and ARDC are yet to be done, please make sure it is in a central place in your branch so that the test and tag person can find them easily. The list of places to place the items has been circulated by Christian.

Reminder there is a vacancy in the membership for a staff member in the levels ANU1-4.

WHS

Christian advises that there has been discussion on electric bikes and WHS risks. We have been advised by WHS that electric bikes and scooters should not be charged inside our buildings.

University Research Committee

URC met and considered many important issues including:

- ANU PhD Strategy - Confirmation of Candidature Process
- Cross Disciplinary Strategic Research Areas
- Impact Fund - Update
- Review of the Privacy Act
- Partnering with Companies which contribute to high GHG Emissions

Visit from Maria Berggren

Jacky gave a great tour and discussed special collections with Professor Maria Berggren (Head of Division, Associate Professor, Uppsala University Library, Special Collections), when she visited late last month.

Jacky notes: Maria is so well versed in special and rare collections that I could spend days with her – she was able to look at some of our books and talk about binding, paper, conservatorship, printing – read the dates in Roman and Latin - just so impressive.

She gifted us a book showcasing their collections. Jacky is happy to make a reciprocal visit!

lessons do you think the community of university presses can draw from three years now of pandemic disruptions?" were useful – resilience, flexibility and empathy are the key points.

COPIM and community-led infrastructures for open access books: where are we now and what's next?

Lucy Barnes of Open Book Publishers and COPIM reports on progress of COPIM (Community-led Open Publication Infrastructures for Monographs) and future directions which are happily possible due to an Arcadia and Research England comment of £5.8 million funding. Open Book Futures, will run from May 2023 to April 2026.

Cambridge Open Equity Initiative

Cambridge University Press has launched the Initiative as a new pilot to fully fund open access (OA) publishing where there is a cost barrier for authors. Starting with authors based in [low- and middle-income countries](#), their pilot approach is delivered through collective funding, bringing together financial support from Cambridge and institutional partners. Read more [here](#).

Open repository

USRN releases desirable characteristics for digital publication repositories

The U.S. Repository Network (USRN) Steering Group approved [Desirable Characteristics for Digital Publication Repositories, Version 1.0](#) on March 31. The document was drafted by a USRN working group and is intended to align and work in parallel with the [Desirable Characteristics of Data Repositories for Federally Funded Research](#) already issued by the National Science and Technology Council. This work is an output of the [USRN Action Plan 2022-2023](#), and will be followed by additional guidance and best practices for repositories as well as advocacy for adoption of the desirable characteristics in the context of OSTP's public access guidance.

White House releases progress report on equitable data efforts

The National Science and Technology Council's (NSTC) Subcommittee on Equitable Data released a [report](#) outlining the federal government's progress to date on implementing the recommendations of the Equitable Data Working Group, which was established by Executive Order during President Biden's first days in office. Of particular note in the progress report is the ongoing work at federal agencies to Build Capacity for Robust Equity Assessment for Policymaking and Program Implementation (Recommendation 3). This work includes new investments in human capital, formal and



Our own Jacky Clements with Maria Berggren, Head of Division, Associate Professor, Uppsala University Library, Special Collections

CAUL & CONZUL

- CAUL's [response to the Australian Universities Accord Discussion Paper](#) is now available via the CAUL website.
- Watch the recording of the Australian Open Science Network event— [Open Science in Australia: How can we support key international initiatives](#).
- Matthew Davis is acting as interim University Librarian at the University of Newcastle.

Copyright

- The Australian Digital Alliance Copyright Forum, [A Fair Future for Copyright](#) was held in February at the National Library of Australia. It focused on the work that still needs to be done a decade on from the [ALRC Copyright and the Digital Economy report](#) to ensure fair and flexible copyright exceptions that support creativity, innovation, and research. You can watch [Professor Rebecca Giblin and Cory Doctorow's invigorating keynote talk](#) which discussed the central themes of their new book, Chokepoint Capitalism. Videos from the sessions, as well as the three webinar events hosted by the ADA in the lead up to the Forum that focused on open access, open GLAM collections and fair dealing exceptions are [available online](#).
- NSLA has released a [position statement on Copyright](#).
- The next Ministerial round tables are in June.

Chifley Library Hail repair updates

informal communities of practice, and agency action plans to facilitate equity assessments and evaluation. Connecting this whole-of-government effort to agency public access plans and policies will be key to accomplish the equity goals outlined in the Nelson Memorandum.

New research resources

- [The ghosts of parasitism past: lingering frontline anti-brood parasite defenses in a former host](#)
- [Quantifying cause-related mortality in Australia, incorporating multiple causes: observed patterns, trends and practical considerations](#)
- [The influence of the Southern Oscillation Index on the timing of breeding of a forest-bird community in south-eastern Australia](#)
- [Imperfect mimicry of host begging calls by a brood parasitic cuckoo: a cue for nestling rejection by hosts?](#)
- [Visual obstruction, but not moderate traffic noise, increases reliance on heterospecific alarm calls](#)

Keeping up to date

Privacy

The [National Strategy to Advance Privacy-Preserving Data Sharing and Analytics](#) was released last week at the Summit for Democracy, as one among a slate of U.S. deliverables focused on [advancing technology for democracy](#). “This National Strategy to Advance Privacy-Preserving Data Sharing and Analytics (Strategy) lays out a path to advance PPDSA technologies to maximize their benefits in an equitable manner, promote trust, and mitigate risks. This Strategy takes great care to incorporate socioeconomic and technological contexts that are vital to responsible use of PPDSA technologies, including their impact on equity, fairness, and bias—and how they might introduce privacy harms, especially to disadvantaged groups”.

AI

- From the UK: [Policy paper: A pro-innovation approach to AI regulation](#). “The government will put in place a new framework to bring clarity and coherence to the AI regulatory landscape”.
- The European Union's [Artificial Intelligence Act](#) uses a risk-based approach to classify and regulate AI systems according to their potential impact on human rights and values.
- [GPT and Generative AI: How it works, the risks and how it impacts the legal profession and legal services?](#) – a great piece by Matthew Golab published by InfoGovANZ

Level 4 is open! The latest updates are [online](#).

Retrievals have been delivered successfully during the period it has been closed by an amazing team – thanks to Tom for this information:

Retrievals 25/11/22 - 13/4/2023

Month = start date 25/11	number of requests
Nov-22	98
Dec-22	202
Jan-23	334
Feb-23	409
Mar-23	458
Apr-23	233
TOTAL	1,734

The team - Vanessa, AJ, Bronwyn, Julie, Sadia, Maria, Ahlam, Sue, Somayeh and Maria have worked exceptionally hard on this! Well done.

SIS Statistics 2023

ANU Library	Jan - Mar 2023	Jan - Mar 2022	Difference 2023-2022
Print collection			
Number of print resources borrowed	12,907	15,551	-17.0%
E-Resources			
Number of uses (download/search)	1,123,489	1,396,901	-19.6%
Reference enquiries			
Number of enquiries	6,141	3,854	59.3%
Total number of visitors to buildings	201,089	146,895	36.9%
Archives			
Collection use - Physical	10,500	5,827	80.2%
Archives enquiries	272	284	-4.2%
Records			
Folders (Manual creation)	1,780	529	236.5%
Folders (auto creation)	5,945	12,532	-52.6%
Use of records (Document Views)	5,028	11,637	-56.8%
ANU Press			
Number of titles published	7	12	-41.7%
Usage Downloads	683,123	980,548	-30.3%
Open research			
No. of works digitised	3,913	3,073	27.3%

- [Generative AI Miniseries - Opportunities and risks for Australian organisations](#) – the fourth in a series from Clayton Utz “the series takes a deep dive into a number of topics related to generative AI and its applications, as well as the legal and ethical implications of this technology, and provides practical takeaways to help you navigate what to expect in this fast-evolving space”.
- A regional Victorian mayor may file the [world's first defamation lawsuit](#) against Open AI's automated text service ChatGPT for false claims he was a guilty party in a foreign bribery scandal involving the Reserve Bank of Australia.

Means. Motive, Opportunity: A Composite Narrative about Academic Misconduct

Published in the series Understanding AI in education, this [blogpost](#) by Lawrie Phipps analyses the student and staff stories, and other data to seek to create an understanding of how large language models and so-called generative AI have been used.

Read the article [here](#).

WSU Library reimaged project

Annie Talve has released the project for Western Sydney University Library led by Fiona Salisbury, Executive Director and Lisa Tyson, Associate Director. The report is now available [online](#).

National Library of Australia request for expression of interest for resource sharing

The National Library of Australia has now released a Request for Expression of Interest (REOI) for a potential supplier of a national Resource Sharing service as part of Trove Collaborative Services. It is open until 8 May AEST 5.00pm.

Metaverse: the future of learning? Whitepaper

Out from Hurixdigital this paper examines the metaverse from the perspective of learning and development professionals. It helps you wrap your mind around the current state of play and decide what to look out for in the space. Read the report [here](#).

On social justice, diversity and inclusion in academic & research libraries

IFLA Academic & Research Libraries Section (ARL)'s latest iteration of its Webinar Series, "On social justice, diversity and inclusion in academic & research libraries", took place last week. The recording and the slides available [here](#).

Collection size (Research collection in repository)	141,840	132,392	7.1%
Usage (Downloads)	937,133	686,324	36.5%
CartoGIS			
Consultations and Visualisations	16	54	-70.4%
Training - number of people attending courses	1	90	-98.9%
Research and Information Skills			
Number of Attendees	1,916	2,203	-13.0%
Number of Sessions	88	106	-17.0%
One to one consultation	93	99	-6.1%
ACDC			
Number of students attending training courses	3,677	3,903	-5.8%
Number of training sessions	114	142	-19.7%
One to one consultation	505	401	25.9%

Australian Association of Pacific Studies Conference

From Tom:

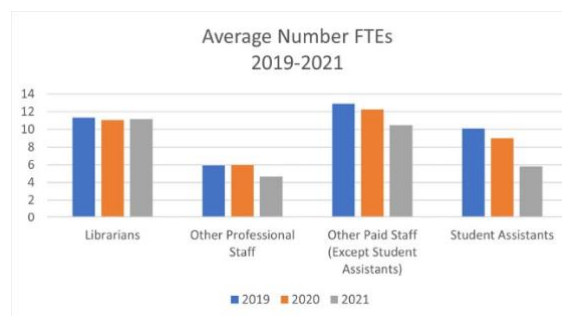
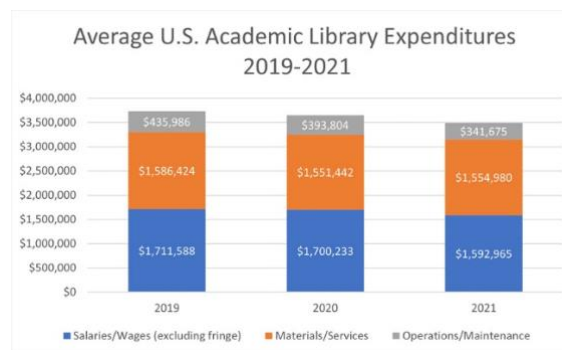
Jacky Clements was on the panel session *Navigating the Archives* convened by Kathryn Dan at the [conference](#).

This session aims to promote discussion and exchange about collections and archives. It will start with comment on introductory topics from those responsible for collections, researchers and community members: What we have, where and why How archives/collections are managed and accessed The complexity of the archives – systems, resources, format Opportunities to relate, collaborate, improve This will be followed by open forum and small group discussion encouraging participants to address issues of concern or contention in an open way and to seek pathways to navigate the archives.

An associated exhibition *Citing Ourselves* is in the Menzies foyer until 21 June – highly recommended.

2021 ACRL Academic Library Trends and Statistics Survey

Highlights from the [findings](#) reveal interesting trends:



US Library Survey 2022: Navigating the New Normal

The key findings of this new [IthakaS+R survey](#):

- Priorities continue to shift from collections to services.
- For roughly half of respondents, convincing campus leaders of the library's value proposition remains a challenge.
- Student academic success remains a top priority across institution types.
- Information literacy may not have kept up with today's needs.
- Many library deans and directors are grappling with talent management and recruitment challenges.
- Confidence in library and institutional DEIA initiatives is waning.
- Deans and directors see an increasingly open future—one they believe will result in an increase in costs for their institution.

How resource sharing and collections data can inform collaboration

Dennis Massie's [blogpost](#) analyses a recent OCLC report [Sustaining Art Research Collections: Using Data To Explore Collaboration](#).

Key findings:

- Rareness is common
- Partnering with institutions unlike your own brings benefits
- For special partners, trust can trump distance.



Jacky at the Library stand in Coombs.

Privacy Impact Assessments

Thank you so much Alex Caughey Hutt for updating the PIA register. The updated first quarter register is on the [web site](#).

University House opens in Kambri

Symposium a new venture of University House, opened on 14 April. It is a new wine bar in the heart of the ANU Kambri Precinct. The chefs are sourcing local produce to create an exciting menu of share plates and platters to complement the wine list. Opening hours are 12 - 7pm, Tuesdays to Fridays, and occasionally later in the evenings for special events. The menu is [here](#).

For more information contact events.unihouse@anu.edu.au, ph 02 6125 5270.

ALIA statement on the Voice to Parliament

The ALIA Board has released its [statement](#) on the upcoming Referendum on the Voice to Parliament. Libraries have an essential role to play in this process by providing access to quality information and information literacy provision, as well as documenting and facilitating the democratic process.

And congratulations to Jane Cowell the incoming President of ALIA.

ANU Gender Equity Strategy

The University has made a commitment to diversity and inclusion as a part of the ANU Strategic Plan 2021-2025 (ANU 2025). Pillar 4 of ANU 2025 states the University's intention to become a 'standard-bearer for equity and inclusion'. In light of this goal, the Gender Equity Plan Taskforce has developed a first draft of the University's first Gender Equity Strategy (GES) in collaboration with key stakeholders. The first draft of the GES can be found [here](#).

Roxanne Missingham

Coming events

ALIA Information Online 2023

When? 17-18 May 2023

Where? Online

More details. More details [here](#).

Open Repositories 2023

When? 12-15 June 2023

Where? Stellenbosch, South Africa

More details. The theme for the conference will be *Repositories unlocked for machine and humankind*. Click [here](#) for more information.

From HR

The [ANU Wellbeing website](#) has a wealth of great information for staff including:

- flu vaccinations
- staff relief fund
- employee assistance program
- end violence
- mindfulness
- smoke-free campus
- staff wellbeing

ARDC

ARDC Connect

ARDC produces a great newsletter ARDC Connect. The latest issue is online [here](#). To subscribe go to the bottom of [this page](#).

Genomic Sequencing Database Exposes Australia's Most Invasive Species

The Australian Pest Genome Partnership has published its first 28 genomic datasets, and later this year will make public genomic data assets for some of Australia's top pest and invasive species.

See more [here](#).

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