



May the end of year be a good time for relaxation and recharging. Take care and travel safely. This is the last newsletter for 2023. Wishing you the best for 2024.

Image from [Tidbinbilla Nature Reserve](#).

Yumma Darruwa Ngunnawal

Acknowledging we are on Ngunnawal and Ngambri country is very important for our Division.

Thanks to all those who attended the [Indigenous Cultural and Intellectual Property \(ICIP\)](#) training run by Terri Janke and Company. The next session is in February – a reminder for bookings will be sent in mid-January.

In 2024, we'll have a series of talks and discussions around Indigenous knowledge and research and education.

Our first speaker is Peter Swanton who will talk about Indigenous astronomy on Monday 12 February. Peter Swanton is an astrophysics graduate from ANU and Gamilaraay/Yuwaalaraay man from Mackay, Queensland. He has been working closely with Dr Brad Tucker (ANU) and Professor Brian Schmidt (ANU) looking into Dark Sky Parks for their cultural and scientific significance.

Details will be circulated when the time is confirmed.

ANU Press and open access

Where did the Open Access Movement go wrong?: An interview with Richard Poynder

Noted journalist and scholarly communication observer Richard Poynder [explains](#) why he has given up on the open access movement.

OSTP releases report on financing mechanisms for Open Access publishing

On November 24, the White House Office of Science & Technology Policy (OSTP) published a [report](#) to U.S. House & Senate Appropriations Committees on “financing mechanisms for open access publishing of federally funded research.” The OSTP report is in response to House [report language](#) (p. 116) from the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2023 in which OSTP was directed to provide the Appropriations Committees with a report on the article processing charges and transformative agreement costs borne by federal research grantees. The report expressed concern about how some mechanisms for funding open access publishing “may present growing barriers to knowledge generation and sharing.” The report covers seven topics including trends in open access publishing models, article processing charges, and transformative agreements.



Peter Swanton

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 know in your building.

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

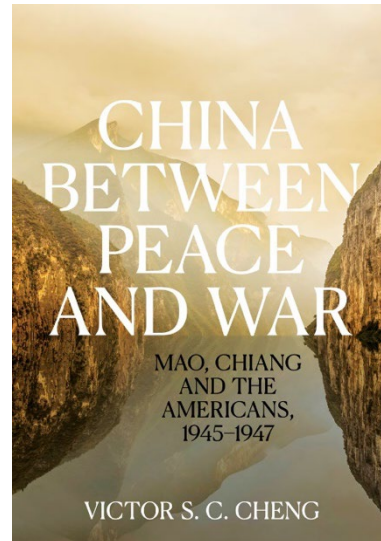
All COVID updates will be communicated to staff and students via the weekly On Campus email newsletter. You can find previous [staff On Campus](#) and [student On Campus](#) editions online.

SIS end of year event

Thank you so much Vanessa and Alisha for a fantastic event!

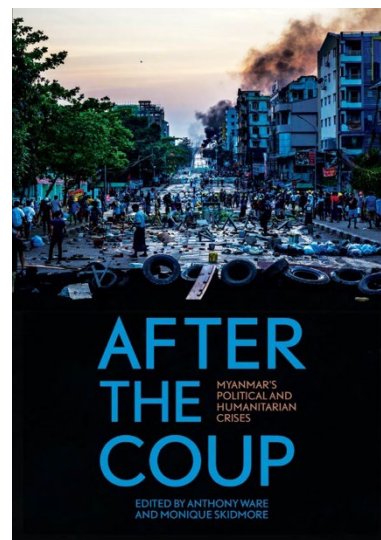


New ANU Press titles



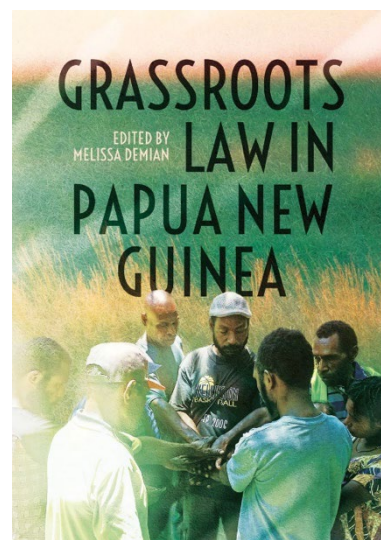
[China between Peace and War Mao, Chiang and the Americans, 1945–1947](#)

Authored by: [Victor Cheng](#)



[After the Coup: Myanmar's Political and Humanitarian Crises](#)

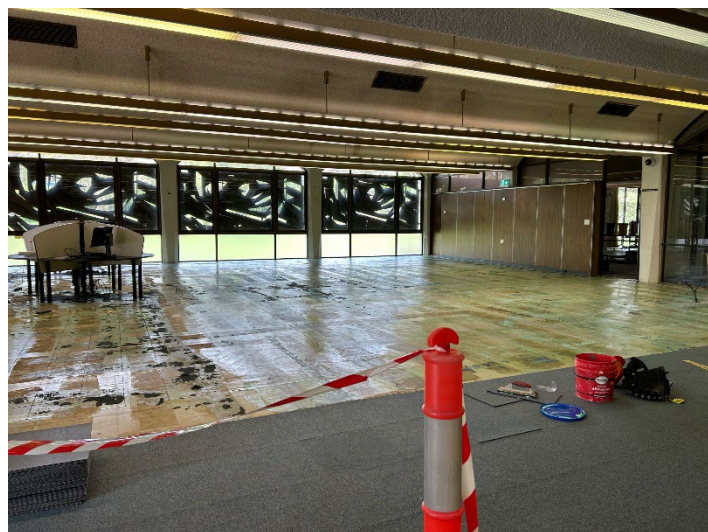
Edited by: [Anthony Ware](#), [Monique Skidmore](#)



Menzies recarpeting

Due to essential repair works and the end-of-year University shutdown period, the Menzies Library will be closed from 5pm 15 December and reopen at 10am on Monday 8 January.

A great start to this project on 13 December. Thank you to everyone for the careful planning and patience. It is a major project.



Academic Quality Assurance Committee

Extraordinary Meeting 2/2023 was held on Monday this week. The agenda led to deep and constructive discussions on the College Pilot Design of Program.

Thanks to Richelle for attending on behalf of the Division.

WHS

We have advised that the process for electing a Health and Safety Representative (HSR) representative has changed. WHS have advised that they are happy to lead us through this process early in the new year.

In the past, the nomination process would be initiated by the Safety and Wellbeing (S&W) team, however the new process will need to be corrected in the chapter, and the local areas will be asked to manage it and keep S&W in the loop. Templates will be supplied by S&W.

A reminder that [Figtree](#) is the ANU workplace safety incident and hazard reporting tool and assists ANU to better manage risk, reduce incidents and provide better assistance staff and students by:

- creating return to work plans for staff
- proactively identifying hazards
- facilitating automated communication through notifications and workflow; and
- easily identifying trends through dashboards and standard reports.

Guidance material and a link to the system can be found on the [Services website](#).

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Grassroots Law in Papua New Guinea

Edited by: [Melissa Demian](#)

Open repository

U.S. Repository Network launches discovery pilot

The [U.S. Repository Network](#) (USRN), supported by SPARC and the [Confederation of Open Access Repositories](#) (COAR), has launched a pilot project to improve the discoverability and tracking of articles in U.S. repositories. The project will use services from CORE, a not-for-profit aggregator service, to enable better discovery and tracking of articles in U.S. repositories. The project will aggregate metadata and full text of articles in U.S. repositories, allowing them to be findable through a centralised discovery service — with prominent links back to the original full text of the repository.

An initial cohort of 20 repositories will participate in the pilot, which is designed to produce:

- Centralised metadata and full text aggregation, enriched by CORE, with a search interface and machine access (e.g. API or dataset) for text and data mining;
- Institutional dashboards for participating repositories that offer various functionalities and analytics of institutional research outputs;
- Recommendations for other institutions/repositories to increase their visibility and maximize the benefit of the aggregation and other types of services.

The project is slated to last for 12-18 months. Additional information can be found [here](#).

New report on the state of repositories in Europe

This week, [OpenAIRE](#), [LIBER](#), [SPARC Europe](#), and [COAR](#) have released the results of a new comprehensive survey examining the European repository landscape. The survey found that European repositories collectively acquire, preserve, and provide open access to tens of millions of valuable research outputs and provide critical not-for-profit research infrastructure in the European open science landscape, and that they are well-placed to support both the expansion of open science practices and research assessment reform across Europe.

The survey also identified three areas repositories could be improved: maintaining up-to-date, highly functioning software platforms; applying consistent and comprehensive good practices in terms of metadata, preservation, and usage statistics; and gaining appropriate visibility in the scholarly ecosystem. The survey provides essential data that will help shape a joint strategy

Lots of work continuing on the collection move – thanks to Rob and Tom and colleagues in F&S.

Welcome Fern

Dr Fern Hyde has joined us as Manager of Academic Skills and Digital Competencies (ACDC) – do say hello to her.



CAUL & CONZUL

- Library Collections Analysis Community of Practice 2023/6 will occur next week
- Library Learning and Teaching Leaders Community of Practice 2023/6 will also be held next week.

Copyright

Ministerial Roundtable

The fourth and final ministerial roundtable on copyright was chaired by the Attorney General on Monday. It was an extremely productive meeting demonstrating significant progress through negotiation and discussions held by the department this year. When the summary is released, I will send a link to members.

In summary, further discussions are required around quotations. CAUL, the Australian Publishers Association and Universities Australia will engage in discussions in early 2024 to explore issues around a purpose-based exception for research. Good progress has been made on orphan works and remote learning.

An outcome of the process is the establishment of a copyright and artificial intelligence (AI) reference group to better prepare for future copyright challenges emerging from AI. The Attorney General's [media release is now online](#).

Other copyright news

- The CAUL Working Group met on copyright and will seek input to finalise issues for the 2024 work plan, building on information received through the workshop

to enhance and strengthen European repositories that will be developed over the next several months. The full report is available [here](#).

CARL, OCUL, and University of Toronto Libraries sign MOU outlining collaborative intent to develop a national institutional repository service

The Canadian Association of Research Libraries (CARL), the Ontario Council of University Libraries (OCUL), and University of Toronto Libraries [announced](#) an MOU outlining collaborative intent to develop a National Institutional Repository Service to be hosted by Scholars Portal.

The agreement establishes a framework for collaboration among the three parties involved in the planning, hosting, supporting and providing access to the service. It articulates a cooperative planning process for piloting and hosting a production implementation of the open-source software, DSpace. The University of Toronto Libraries will be responsible for managing the software which will be available to institutions across Canada through Scholars Portal.

New research resources

- [Characterizing environmental change and species' histories from stratified faunal records in southeastern Australia: A regional review and a case study for the early to middle holocene](#)
- [Social intimacy](#)
- [Real world theory, complacency, and aspiration](#)
- [Reverend Voyce and Pere O'Reilly's excavated collection from Bougainville: A case study in transnational histories of archaeology in the Pacific](#)
- [Judicial arbitration of unfair dismissal cases: The role of peer effects](#)

Keeping up to date

Video training resources: First Nations collection description guidelines for the library sector

Following the recent webinar launch of 'Guidelines for First Nations Collection Description' for the Australian library sector, we're pleased to let you know that Tui Raven has created additional video training resources to complement the guidelines document.

These resources are now available on the [ALIA Vimeo channel](#).

Videos have been categorised into the following sections:

[Topic 1: Introduction](#)

[Topic 2: Terminology to understand the](#)

at the CAUL meeting in September and other channels. We hope to have the survey out shortly.

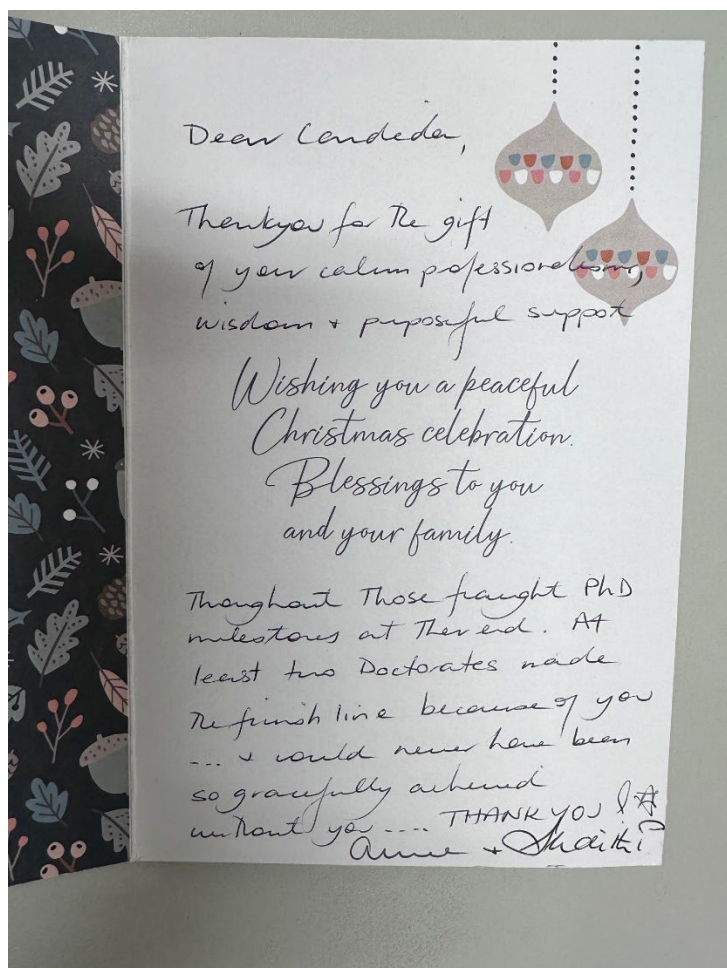
- Universities Australia has circulated the draft music survey. Copyright officers will be attending a web meeting to discuss the draft, taking into account previous consultations this year.
- The music licence is proposed to be extended to give time to finalise the new agreement.

CBE intern

Rohan Pothumsetty has been selected as the SIS internship project officer from the College of Business and Economics (CBE). Rohan will report to Katy.

Rohan is undertaking a Master of Business Information Systems (MBIS) with Major in Project Management/ Information Systems.

Feedback



Transcription: Thank you for the gift of your calm professionalism, wisdom & purposeful support throughout those fraught PhD milestones at the end at least two Doctorates made the finish line because of you ... & would never have been so gracefully achieved without you....
THANK YOU

Candida is a star!

[guidelines](#)

[Topic 3: Overview of the guidelines](#)

[Topic 4: Culturally appropriate language](#)

[Topic 5: Adding information about ICIP to records \(Part I\)](#)

[Topic 6: Adding information about ICIP to records \(Part II\)](#)

[Topic 7: Contextual information and Discrete groupings](#)

To view a recording of the November 2023 webinar launch and panel discussion, visit the [NSLA website](#).

Building digital capability in the land down under

The University of Wollongong (UOW) is empowering its students on a self-guided journey to take their digital capabilities to the next level and make them stand out in the job market. Kristy Newton, digital literacies coordinator at [UOW's](#) library, guides us through this transformative digital development and how [Jisc's digital capability service](#) worked as an invaluable part of their Digital Skills Hub. [Read more](#).

EU announces provisional agreement on AI Act

On December 9, 2023, after three days of extensive negotiations, the Council and European Parliament negotiators reached a provisional agreement on the EU AI Act. This legislation marks the first-ever dedicated law on artificial intelligence, establishing a world-leading regulatory framework to ensure the safety, legality, trustworthiness, and respect for fundamental rights within AI systems. [Read more here](#).

2022/23 digital experience insights findings

JISC now offers surveys for students, teaching staff and professional services staff. Over 200 organisations have engaged with JISC surveys so far. Reports are [online](#).

UKRI monograph open access policy coming soon: advice for UK universities from JISC

A useful [blogpost](#) from Anna Hughes.

Looking towards a brighter future: the potentiality of AI and digital transformations to library space

Pirgova-Morgan's [paper](#) 'Digital Futures research report: Artificial Intelligence (AI) in Libraries Project. Leeds: University of Leeds Libraries is fascinating'. "In order to uncover data about the use of AI in libraries and what recommendations should be offered to University of Leeds Libraries, a multi-faceted methodology was conceived. This methodology included a desk-

To Whom It May Concern,

I just wanted to send my thanks for an incredibly helpful response to a document request. I put in a request for an online document (an interview with Nick Hornby), and Amanda Valent's response showed the steps taken to try and find the document, which weren't successful, and letting me know that if I sent more information about the document in question this could be looked into further. In looking for more information on the document in light of what Amanda found, I was able to find a copy of the interview on the Wayback Machine!

My biggest thanks to Amanda for her help on this matter as well as everyone at Document Delivery for all your work and help.

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Kind regards,

Roxanne Missingham
Director, Scholarly Information Services

Coming events

ALIA national conference

When? 6-9 May 2024

Where? Adelaide

More details. Conference Theme: Truth and Dare. With this theme, organisers extend an invitation for First Nations Truth Telling, to showcase the battle against disinformation, and dare ourselves to push our work forward to continue to bring vibrant, relevant services to library users and communities. Click [here](#) for more information.

ALIA Library Technicians Symposium

When? 20 March 2024

Where? Online

More details. The theme is "Embracing the library Revolution". The aim of the symposium is to explore how these issues and events are impacting the roles of library technicians, library officers, librarians and allied information professionals to: revitalise our professional practice and services; review our commitment and impact to the sustainable development goals; and reposition and promote our value in the broader contextual environment. Click [here](#) for more information.

From HR

Call for mentors and mentees

The ANU Professional Staff Mentoring Program has been running since 2020. The response and engagement from professional staff during that time has showed a high

based assessment, a survey and a series of expert interviews with relevant stakeholders. Interviews were held with experts. Stakeholders and library users".

Recommendations include:

- first recommendation for future studies is to identify what AI is in the library context, before asking for any data
- second recommendation is about the technological convergence and synergy between the transformative image of a library and the currently evolving AI technologies
- The final theoretical recommendation is about the library's strategies for future progress and development, in terms of how to target development efforts as well as how to evaluate what could be promising AI tools and techniques. There are three subsections to highlight here:
 - Create a roadmap
 - Incorporate Ai literacy
 - Focus on the value of the library.

ALIA framework of skills, knowledge and ethics for the library and information services workforce

Launched this month, the framework is the central component of the Professional Pathways project led by ALIA in collaboration with library and information service sectors across Australia. 'The Framework', as it will more commonly be known, is a resource that distils and presents the skills, knowledge and ethics needed to work effectively in the LIS sector and to provide high-quality services to library communities. Comprising three domains: core domains, professional knowledge domains and active professionalism, it is designed to be used at all levels and across different roles in the sector. Each of the domains has a more detailed breakdown, which may be further tailored to roles or sectors. Read more on the [page on the ALIA website](#).

Powerhouse Indigenous Collections

Powerhouse Indigenous Collections professionals explore the [Paradise Camp Vārchive's](#) dual role as artwork and archival practice that could catalyse a transformative shift within the heritage sector by highlighting the imperative for Indigenous interventions within colonial collections to foster truth-telling. Listen to or read provocations by Professor Francesca Tarocco and excerpts of responses from Tammi Gissell, Madeline Poll and Nathan Mudyi Sentance as they contemplate the need to redefine heritage by encompassing Indigenous communities and sites as archives and memory holders which are increasingly threatened by

demand for this kind of development opportunity, with 432 mentor and mentee pairs participating in the program over the last five programs.

Participants have given very positive feedback about their experience and valuable suggestions for improvement which have been incorporated into subsequent programs.

Expressions of interest are now open for the next program commencing in February 2024 and there are places available for both mentors and mentees.

Please promote this opportunity to the professional staff in your teams, and particularly encourage more experienced staff to consider being involved as mentors.

Mentors can be professional staff from ANU classification level 6/7 or higher and can be 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 2024.

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 Emily Lawton in our Talent and Capability team via hrd.development@anu.edu.au

ARDC

New Self-Assessment Tool to Promote FAIR Research Software

Developed by the Netherlands eScience Center and the ARDC, the FAIR Software Checklist can be used to assess how your software is aligned with the principles of findability, accessibility, interoperability and reusability (FAIR).

[Read more here](#)

The Research Data Alliance: Celeb rating a Decade of Data

2023 marks 10 years of the Research Data Alliance, an international community building the social and technical infrastructure to enable open sharing and re-use of data.

[Read more here](#)

climate change.

International Principles for Research Libraries on a Safe and Open Internet

Research libraries, along with their home institutions, provide access to the internet for students, faculty, researchers, and the broader communities we serve. As such, it is a key priority to ensure that users have unfettered access to information in a safe and open environment. As technology advances and governments around the world attempt to develop legislation to address these changes, there is a lack of consistency across nations on proposed legislation. As libraries try to navigate legislative and regulatory proposals globally, members of the International Alliance of Research Library Associations (IARLA) stand behind the [principles](#), which will guide each IARLA member's position and advocacy on internet speech and functions.

Welcome to the Future: Innovate UK's 50 Emerging Technologies

New UKRI report "[Welcome to the Future: Innovate UK's 50 Emerging Technologies that will shape the UK Economy in 2040 and Beyond](#)"; is a wide ranging very high level look at a lot of different (and interacting) technologies, not simply information and computing based developments. Well worth a read.

Artificial Intelligence: the great divider

This was a very informative DeGruyter seminar

[Recorded Webinar](#)

[Presentation: Dr Andres Guadamuz](#)

[Presentation: Dave Puplett](#)

[Presentation: Svein Arne Brygfeldt](#)

[Blog: ChatGPT in Academia: How scholars integrate AI into their daily work](#)

C&RL News

December 2023 issue of College & Research Libraries News (C&RL News) is now freely available online both as a [full issue PDF](#) and as [individual articles](#)

- Meredith Farkas. "[Neither open nor equitable: The high cost of open offices.](#)"
- Kim L. Ranger. "[Engaging with Indigenous practices: Inclusive pedagogy.](#)"
- Jessica Quarles, Dani Carmack. "[It's your library too: Inviting staff to a library event designed just for them.](#)"

Report on Infrastructure for Public Access Usage and Impact Reporting

In April 2023 a National Science Foundation funded workshop was held in conjunction with the CNI Member meeting in Denver, Colorado. The [report](#) from this workshop, which examined the development of infrastructure that could

aggregate and report usage of openly accessible materials, is openly available.

IFLA's Environment, Sustainability and Libraries Section

Volume 3, Number 2 (December 2023 issue) of the IFLA ENSULIB Newsletter has been published and is available online as [a downloadable PDF](#). [IFLA's Environment, Sustainability and Libraries Section](#) publishes its official newsletter twice a year, which reviews ENSULIB's activities and achievements and provides a platform for presenting interesting stories, events or projects from libraries all over the world, that follow a clear green and sustainable commitment.

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