AOASG

Who we are
What we have done
What we plan to do

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AOASG

Australian Open Access Support Group

Committed to the advocacy of open access through collaboration, raising awareness and by leading and building capacity in this area.
The basics

• Australian Open Access Support Group was formed in Open Access Week 2012, and started operations in January 2013

• The AOASG is supported by nine institutions with a commitment to open access
AOASG Members

• Australian National University
• Charles Sturt University
• Curtin University
• Griffith University
• Macquarie University
• University of Newcastle
• Queensland University of Technology
• University of Western Australia
• Victoria University
• Your institution????
Membership conditions

• Membership to the AOASG is open to institutions undertaking research, including Australian and international research institutions that receive public funding and have an office based in Australia. Members should be committed to supporting open access but are not required to have an open publishing mandate.
What we do

• Open Access advocacy
  – Meetings with strategic groups and organisations
    • ARC (Australian Research Council)
    • NH&MRC (National Health and Medical Research Council)
    • CAUL (Council of Australian University Librarians)
    • ANDS (Australian National Data Service)
    • Publishers – PLOS, Springer, CSIRO publishing
    • Universities Australia
    • Australian Academy of Science
    • AusGOAL (Australian Government Open Access & Licenceing Framework)
What we do

• Open Access advocacy
  – Meetings with Universities
    • Macquarie
    • Edith Cowan
    • Victoria
    • ANU
    • QUT
What we do...

• Give presentations at Conferences and Events
  – Towards Research Excellence Summit
  – ARMS
  – National Scholarly Communications Forum
  – CAIRSS Research Repository Community Days
  – Open Access Research Conference
  – ALIA
  – Valuing the Humanities conference
  – Canberra Skeptics
Attend events and contribute

• History Editors
• Engineers without Boarders
• ANU talks
• Open Government
• Research Support Community Day
Draft submissions

- Department of Innovation
  - Discussion Paper “Assessing the wider benefits arising from university-based research”

- ARMS Executive
  - comments and feedback on the issue of Open Access

- Universities Australia
  - response to the Universities Australia OA target
Review

• Reviewed the Australian Research Council open Access policy

• Reviewed the Open Access Policy Survey for CAUL (Council of Australian University Librarians)
Signed

- Budapest declaration of Open Access
- COAR Statement about embargo periods
- AOASG Supporters page where all can declare their support for Open Access (http://aoasg.org.au/support-for-open-access/)
Write

• Articles for The Conversation
  – UK’s open access policies have global consequences
  – Busting the top five myths about open access publishing
  – What is open access and why should we care?

• Blog posts
  – Our own and commissioned pieces
Inform the community - Events

• Face to face
  – Roundtable with ARC & NH&MRC
  – Open Access Forum – Nov 5th in Sydney – “sold out”

• Online
  – Webinars – 4 in open Access week 2014 – over 300 signed up but broadcast lecture style at 3 universities
Inform the Community - Updates

• Twitter – 737 followers

• Newsletter (started Aug 2014) – 302 subscribers

• Mailing list – 263 members
Website

- Blog
- Supporters page
- Events

Open access graphics
Give Awards!

- We have an Open Access heroes award that we give out over two years.
- The inaugural one was given in Open Access Week 2013 to .......
Provide resources

• Slides – for OAWk 2013
• Graphics - Which have been adapted by Australian and international universities for their own use.
• Open access supports footer for email signatures
Researchers in developing countries can see your work.

More exposure for your work.

Practitioners can apply your findings.

Higher citation rates.

Compliant with grant rules.

Your research can influence policy.

The public can access your findings.

Taxpayers get value for money.
Open Access journal options flowchart

Seek a prestigious journal appropriate for your content which reaches its intended audience

Is journal Open Access?
- Yes
- No

- Does journal permit deposit of work in a repository?
  - Yes
  - No

- Does journal offer Open Access for a fee? Hybrid?
  - Yes
  - No

- ARC & NHMRC allow authors to use part of their grant to pay for publication fees.
- Many Open Access journals will waive fees for students or researchers from developing countries.
- Some journals make articles available after an embargo.

- Do you have the funds* or are you eligible for a waiver?*
  - Yes
  - No

- Choose another journal appropriate for your content which reaches its intended audience

- A version of your work is freely available, subscribers are able to see published article

- Your work is only immediately available to those institutions that can afford to subscribe to this journal

- Fantastico! Your Published Article is freely available from the time of publication
Policy Compliance
Decision Tree

article/chapter/book accepted for publication

? Funded research?
NO
Voluntary deposit in institutional repository

YES
Deposit metadata in repository (mandated)

article/chapter/book published

? Published in OA journal?
NO
Repository points to OA version

YES
Publisher allows OA in repository?

NO
Repository holds record without making item OA

YES
Repository makes work available, respecting embargoes

Researcher provides written explanation why no OA in Final Report

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STEP 1: Accepted
article/chapter/book

Provide details
publication metadata etc

STEP 2: Published
article/chapter/book

Provide copy
author's version

Provide URL
link to OA article in journal

Provide URL
link to OA item in discipline repository

Published materials
Materials suitable for Open Access include articles, chapters, notes and books

Policy links

NHMRC revised policy on the dissemination of research findings — www.nhmrc.gov.au/grants/policy/dissemination-research-findings
How To Make Your Traditionally Published Research Green Open Access

You have an idea. You do some science.

You then write a discussion paper which you polish and submit to a journal.

Some peers very kindly review this (hopefully) becomes the accepted version usually.

You sign a contract and the publisher makes the published version. Copyright, you can’t usually make this open access.

Check your journal! Sherpa/BUCK/ROMEO

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Send a copy of the version your publisher allows

A version of your work is freely available, subscribers are able to see published article

No

Check at www.doaj.org

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Check work elsewhere

Does journal charge an article processing fee?

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> The Accepted Version is the author's final peer-reviewed and corrected version.
Going Forward

• Continue what we have started!
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Thank you.