

2015

THE YEAR IN REVIEW

Key Achievements

- ✦ The Bibliographic Utilities Project examined how the changing environment for collection management and resource sharing in university libraries intersects with services currently offered through the National Library, and identified trends for the future. CAUL will now consider, with the NLA, the impact of new and changing technologies and relationships with national and global bodies working in this space, particularly OCLC.
- ✦ Reinventing University Publishing, an international symposium held in Canberra in March 2015, included speakers Sarah Lippincott (Library Publishing Coalition), Kevin Hawkins (Director of Library Publishing, University of North Texas Libraries) and Randy Kiefer (CLOCKSS). The 70 delegates from Australia, the USA and New Zealand, represented university and scholarly presses, university and state libraries, and government departments.
- ✦ CAUL has developed a contemporary set of good practice principles and guidelines to provide a quality framework for Australian higher education libraries. This framework was developed to acknowledge the continuing evolution of university libraries and the unique professional skills and capabilities held within libraries that contribute to institutional and national higher education performance outcomes. The principles & guidelines will be published in 2016.
- ✦ A survey of Article Processing Charges for publishing in scholarly journals shows them to be costly, difficult to track and potentially not improving open access as claimed by publishers. Considerable variation in policies and practices exists across ANZ universities however their libraries are well placed to provide advice on publishing options, payments and the various ways of achieving open access.
- ✦ A study of university libraries involved in scholarly publishing shows that one in four ANZ university libraries is publishing original scholarly works in some form (mostly journals). Most are online and open access, attracting more than 3.4 million downloads by readers both locally and internationally in 2014. The study attracted international comment, particularly about the role played by the university library publishing in enhancing the brand of the parent institution.
- ✦ A CEIRAC team successfully negotiated the renewal of contracts with Elsevier (for *Scopus*) and ThomsonReuters (for *Web of Science*). Both 3-year contracts had been managed by Universities Australia since 2010 and 2002 respectively.
- ✦ CAUL piloted a trend analysis of ANZ university library statistics. The analysis shows trends over the past 20 years in expenditure, loans, document delivery, books and journals (both electronic and physical) and the data will be updated annually.
- ✦ Eighty registered delegates attended the annual Research Repositories Community Event held at the University of Melbourne in November. Speakers included representatives from the World Confederation of Open Access Repositories, Jisc (both virtually), the NHMRC, and the NLA. ANDS organised a related event the previous day on Managing Data in Repositories.
- ✦ Annual workshops on negotiation and influencing skills are designed to build the capacity of member libraries. The 2015 event, held in Melbourne in November, was fully subscribed with 26 delegates.
- ✦ 140 people participated in a webinar on Information and Digital Literacy jointly conducted by the CAUL Learning and Teaching Advisory Committee and the QULOC Information Services Working Party. The presenters were Helen Mountifield (University of Auckland), Hadrian Taylor (Lincoln University, NZ) and Sue Owen (Deakin University).

- ✦ An anniversary dinner on 21 March celebrated the establishment of CAUL in 1965 and the founding of its permanent office at the Australian National University in 1995. Guests included previous CAUL Presidents and Colin Steele, Australian National University Librarian in 1995.

Collaboration

- ✦ CAUL, through its Research Advisory Committee, cooperates closely in areas of research support, open access policies and research data management with the ARC the NHMRC, ANDS, and AOASG.
- ✦ CAUL joined the Galleries, Libraries and Museums (GLAM) peak bodies group to improve access to Australian content through digitisation of their collections. A meeting of the Cultural Ministers in October 2014 established a working party to work closely with the peak bodies group during the next year.
- ✦ CAUL has endorsed the 23 (research data) Things program to be offered by ANDS in 2016. This self-learning program is designed for those who want to learn, or learn more, about research data. ALIA members can claim professional development points for participation.
- ✦ CAUL's Linda O'Brien is an active member of the ORCID Working Group whose representatives include Universities Australia, ANDS, CAUDIT, the Australian Research Management Association and the Australian Access Federation. The group successfully established a new alliance to make research more accessible through the adoption of [ORCID](#) researcher identifiers.
- ✦ CAUL worked with ALIA on the revision of the Tertiary Education Quality Standards Association Guidance Note: Information Resources.
- ✦ Three CAUL members, including the President, attended a forum of the Australian Publishers' Association Scholarly and Journals Committee in November to discuss ways of enhancing the quality and sustainability of Australian research.
- ✦ CAUL is represented on the Confederation of Open Access Repositories Working Party looking into interoperability of open access repositories.
- ✦ Two CAUL representatives on the Libraries Australia Advisory Committee "provide advice on strategic issues which influence, *inter alia*, changes occurring in the library community which are likely to affect services."
- ✦ Liaison continues with other international major international and national organisations: CAUDIT, ALIA, ACODE, the International Coalition of Library Consortia, CONZUL, and National and State Libraries Australasia.

Awards

- ✦ The CAUL 2015 Achievement Award recipient was Stephen Cramond, Manager of the Institutional Repository at the University of Melbourne. The award was made for his significant contribution to both the local and national professional discourse on scholarly communication to increase understandings, dispel myths to improve and streamline scholarly communication support mechanisms to maximise dissemination and discovery.
- ✦ The CAUL/ASA 2015 Fellowships have been made possible through a grant from the Copyright Agency Cultural Fund. Two fellowships were awarded for 2015.
 - Dr Michael Davis, Honorary Research Fellow at the Sydney Environment Institute, The University of Sydney, for 'The making of Aboriginal heritage: Leonhard Adam and Anthropology at the University of Melbourne' using the University of Melbourne archives.
 - Dr Catherine Bell, Senior Lecturer in Visual Arts, ACU Gallery Director (Vic) and Australian Catholic University for 'a studio investigation of sculptor Dianne Mayo's role in shaping Brisbane's cultural identity' using the Fryer Library at the University of Queensland.

Advocacy and Expert Advice

CAUL contributed submissions to a range of government and other public inquiries:

- ✚ Targeted Consultation on the Draft Principles for Accessing and Using Publicly-Funded Data for Health Research. CAUL's response was prepared by Linda O'Brien and Natasha Simons (ANDS), and submitted on 13 February 2015.
- ✚ Vision for a Science Nation. Responding to Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics: Australia's Future. CAUL's response was prepared by Stephen Cramond and the CAUL Office and submitted on 31 July 2015.
- ✚ Securing Australia's Future – Research Training System Review. CAUL's response was prepared by Wendy Abbott and submitted on 31 August 2015.
- ✚ Review of Research Policy and Funding Arrangements being conducted by the Australian Council of Learned Academies. CAUL's submission was prepared by Stephen Cramond and the CAUL Research Advisory Committee and submitted on 19 September 2015.
- ✚ Productivity Commission Enquiry into Intellectual Property Arrangements. The CAUL response was prepared by the CAUL Copyright Advisory Committee (Sylvie Saab, Jessica Coates, Catherine Clark, and Alison Makins) and submitted on 21 December 2015.
- ✚ Public consultation on the Higher Education Workforce of the Future, a study to be conducted by the Australian Higher Education Industrial Association and the Deputy Vice-Chancellors Corporate group of Universities Australia. The CAUL response was prepared by Margie Jantti and submitted in December 2015.

CAUL Hot Topics 2015

Communication & Influence

Universities Australia. Belinda Robinson, Chief Executive, Universities Australia.

Australian Research Council. Professor Aidan Byrne, CEO, Australian Research Council.

Library Advocacy and Higher Education. Sue McKerracher, ALIA Executive Director and John Shipp, ALIA President.

Access to Information

Copyright: Recommendations of the Report of the Australian Law Reform Commission. Trish Hepworth, Australian Libraries Copyright Committee/Australian Digital Alliance, Dr Rebecca Harris and Vanessa Tuckfield, Universities Australia.

Contribution to Learning & Teaching

Libraries as part of University Transformation. Professor David Sadler, Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Students and Education), University of Tasmania.

Library Engagement in Delivering MOOCs. Hester Mountifield, University of Auckland, Lisa Smith, Monash University and Jenny Ellis, University of Melbourne.

Integration of Library and Student Services and other Organisational Challenges. Ralph Kiel, Karmen Pemberton, Helen Taylor, Jill Benn, Jennifer Peasley.

Learning and Virtual Reality. Constance Wiebrands.

Research

Supporting the Impact of University Research with Business and Industry Groups. Roxanne Missingham.

Australian Open Access Support Group. Dr Virginia Barbour, Executive Officer, AOASG.

Article Processing Charges (APCs). Greg Anderson.

Researcher Identifiers. Linda O'Brien, Robert Gerrity and Simon Huggard, Deputy Director, La Trobe University.

Delivering Quality & Value

IThaka S+R Report on discovery and use of information resources by academic staff. Philip Kent, Roxanne Missingham.

CAUL Members

In 2015 CAUL welcomed the following new members: Jill Benn (University of Western Australia), Constance Wiebrands (Edith Cowan University), Helen Taylor (University of Canberra), Kim Tairi (Swinburne University of Technology), Carmel O'Sullivan (University of Southern Queensland) and Anthony Hornby (Charles Darwin University)

Members who were farewelled in 2015: Ann Horn (Deakin University), Ray Choate (University of Adelaide), Anita Crotty (University of Canberra) and Ruth Quinn (Charles Darwin University)

Executive Committee 2015

Margie Jantti	President (from September 2015, Deputy President to September 2015)
Heather Gordon	President (to September 2015)
Anne Bell	Deputy President (from September 2015)
Ralph Kiel	Treasurer (from September 2013)
Sue Hutley	(from September 2014)
Roxanne Missingham	(from September 2015)

In attendance: Diane Costello – Executive Officer

Advisory Committees

CAUL Copyright Advisory Committee (CCAC)	Chair: JoAnne Sparks
CAUL Electronic Information Resources Advisory Committee (CEIRAC)	Chair: Philip Kent
CAUL Finance Advisory Committee (CFAC)	Chair: Ralph Kiel
CAUL Learning & Teaching Advisory Committee (CLTAC)	Chair: Wendy Abbott
CAUL Library Publishing Advisory Committee (CLPAC)	Chair: Roxanne Missingham till November 2015 then Mal Booth
CAUL Quality & Assessment Advisory Committee (CQAAC)	Chair: Jennifer Peasley
CAUL Research Advisory Committee (CRAC)	Chair: Linda O'Brien
CAUL Statistics Advisory Committee (CSAC)	Chair: Leeanne Pitman

Acronyms

ACODE	Australasian Council on Open, Distance and e-Learning
ALIA	Australian Library and Information Association
ANDS	Australian National Data Service
AOASG	Australian Open Access Support Group
ARC	Australian Research Council
CAUDIT	Council of Australian University Directors of Information Technology
CLOCKSS	Controlled Lots of Copies Keep Stuff Safe
MOOCs	Massive Online Open Courses
NHMRC	National Health and Medical Research Council
NLA	National Library of Australia
ORCID	Open Researcher and Contributor ID
QULOC	Queensland University Libraries Office of Cooperation

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