



Year in Review 2021

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“2021- many significant achievements with such strategic focus”

Carmel O’Sullivan, Acting Chair of CAUL, on behalf of Jill Benn, Chair of CAUL

Some highlights of 2021:

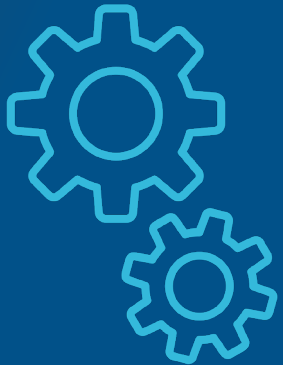
- We finalised the position on the end goal of open access to journal articles after extensive consultation with members
- We made significant savings for members through avoidance of price increases for content subscriptions
- We negotiated nine new Read & Publish agreements, including with two major publishers
- We laid the groundwork for the Open Educational Resources Collective
- We held an inaugural Indigenous Knowledges Symposium, with a record number of attendees
- We held the first three highly successful events in the Learning from Bold Minds in Leadership series
- We laid the groundwork for the review and transformation of the CAUL Analytics portfolio



Carmel O’Sullivan
Acting Chair of CAUL

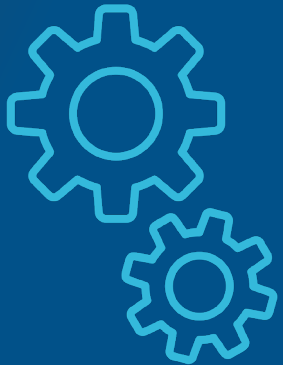


Jill Benn
Chair of CAUL



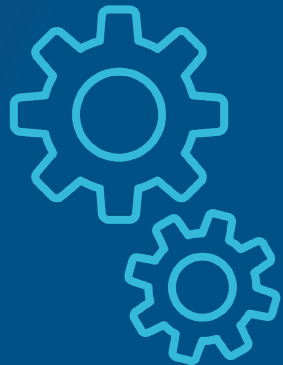
Council, Board and Committee changes

- We welcomed five new substantive Council Members in 2021 and five temporary members were involved at various times during the year
- New members: Hero Macdonald, Clare Thorpe, Michelle Blake, Carlo Iacono, Janette Wright
- Departed members: Craig Anderson, Sue Owen, Karen Johnson, Ross Hallett, Pete Maggs, Paul Sherlock
- Jill Benn, Bob Gerrity and Gwenda Thomas were re-elected to the Board and Fiona Salisbury was re-appointed
- Hero Macdonald joined the Content Procurement Committee following the completion of Martin Borchert's term
- Representation of Content Coordinators on the Content Procurement Committee changed from Belinda Nicolson-Guest to Helen Lynch



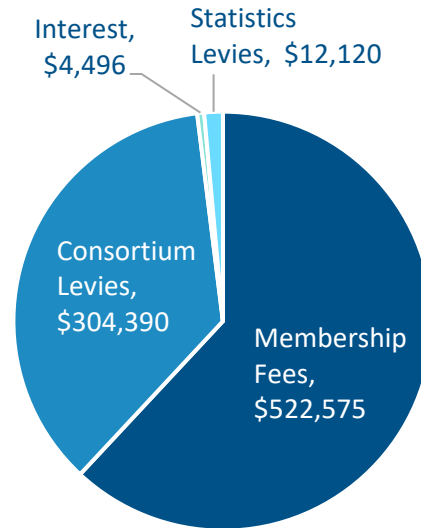
We ensured prudent financial management of CAUL

- The final surplus for 2021 (\$22,234) was larger than projected in the budget (\$664) due to savings associated with in-person meetings and events that were not held. The surplus would have been larger if CAUL had not applied additional savings to subsidise the first three events in the Learning from Bold Minds in Leadership series
- Expenses associated with changes to the Analytics Service and technology improvements were covered by operational savings
- The CAUL Savings Account, along with two Term Deposits, constitute CAUL's AUD reserves totaling just over \$316,000 in April 2022
- USD expenses incurred by CAUL such as SPARC and COUNTER memberships, as well as a LibGuide subscription and consortial subscription to Unsub were approved for payment from excess funds in the Consortium USD account
- For 2022, a fully balanced budget was approved by the Board with additional income from events anticipated, and income from the OER Collective expected to cover associated expenses

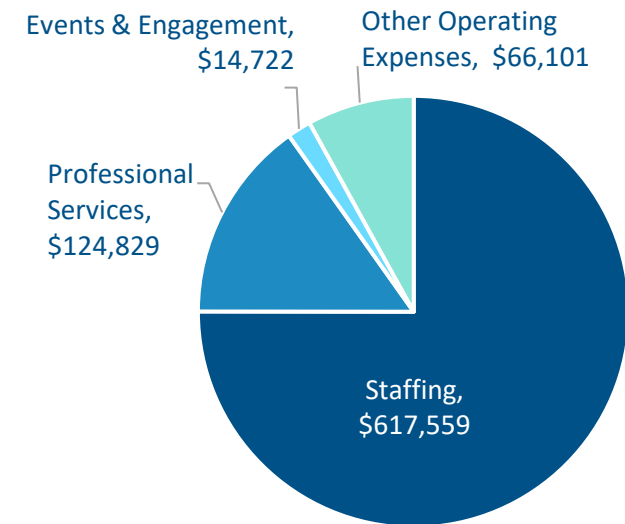


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Revenue 2021



Expenses 2021



Assets 2021

Current assets	\$12,319,291
Non-current assets	\$8,606

Liabilities 2021

Current liabilities	\$11,424,016
Non-current liabilities	\$12,633

Net Assets **\$891,248**

Equity 2021

Other reserves	\$130,181
Retained earnings	\$761,037
Total Equity	\$891,218



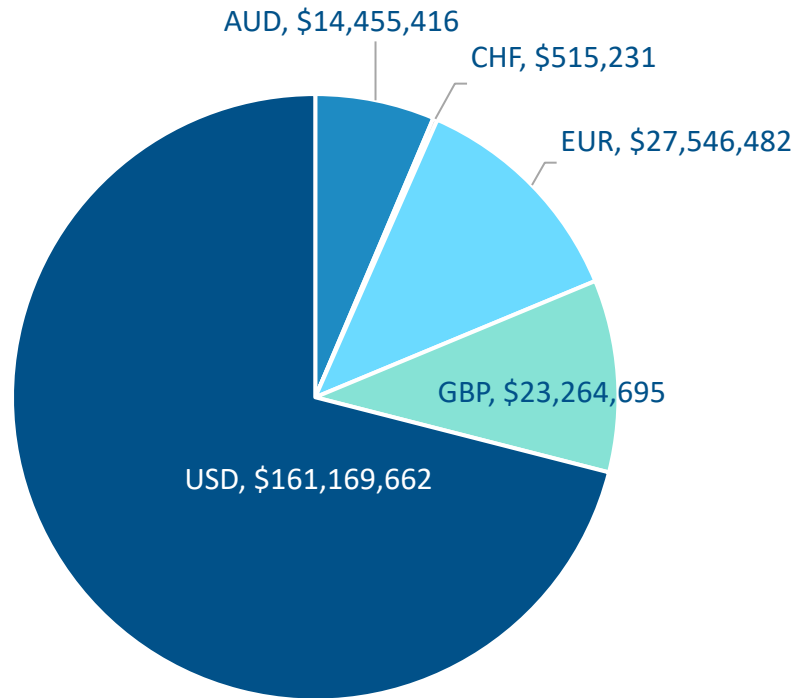
On top of the \$8.4m we saved the sector in cost avoidance of price increases for the 2022 subscription year, further consortium achievements and activities included:

- Completion of a comprehensive procurement survey, providing much detail on member capabilities and needs for consortium agreements
- Introduction of a set of agreement principles (informed by the procurement survey) used as framework for negotiations for 2022 consortium agreement
- Four new R&P Agreements with medium/large publishers (Cambridge University Press, Oxford University Press, Wiley, Springer Nature)
- Five more R&P agreements with smaller publishers under the Fast-Track to OA program (Brill, Company of Biologists, De Gruyter, Future Science, MA Healthcare)
- Introduction of Slack to enable greater intelligence sharing between Content Coordinators about vendor and product developments, in a confidential and convenient platform
- Introduction of LibGuide Pages for communicating information about R&P agreements for direct access by authors, or for repurposing by institutions
- AUD \$281,000 rebate applied across consortium members subscribing to Informit services, due to poor experience during Informit's platform migration
- New Agreements: CAVAL (JUSP & IRUS), ClickView, Taylor & Francis EBA, AustLII

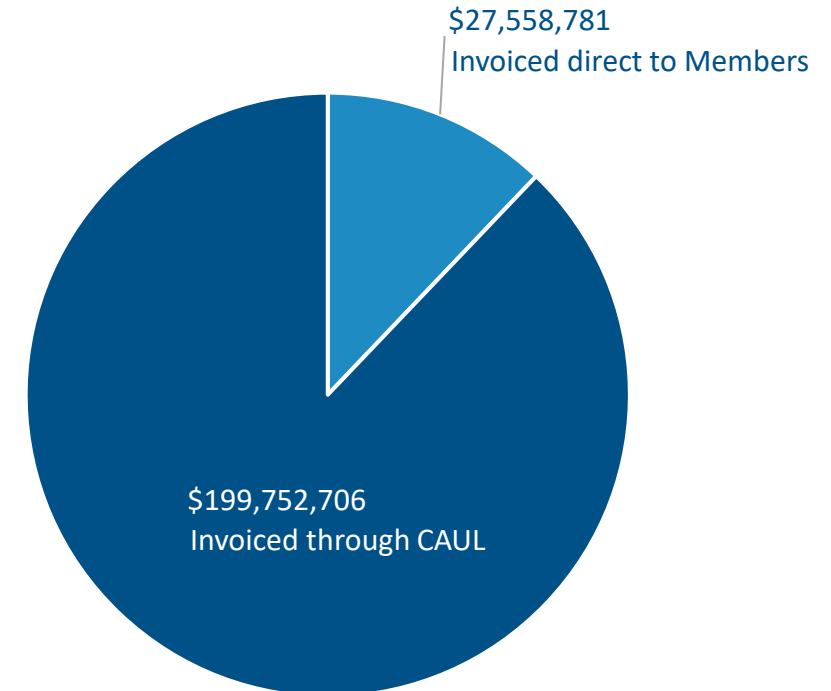


Through the CAUL Consortium, we procured half the total value of all content acquired by member institutions

Spend for 2022 Subscription Year
(AUD equivalent - all Consortium Members)



Invoicing for 2022 Subscription Year
(AUD equivalent - all Consortium Members)



The total spend of \$231,976,398 through the Consortium represents approximately 50% of the total spend on scholarly content by the sector, including direct spend by member institutions with vendors and publishers



We continued to collect sector-level data about library operations and made plans for the future of the Analytics Portfolio

- 2021 marked the beginning of a significant transition for CAUL Statistics and the CAUL Analytics Portfolio more broadly, with the commencement of a review of the Portfolio.
- Work began on developing a contemporary analytics stack for CAUL and the CAUL dataset was migrated from CAVAL's servers to the new environment.
- CAVAL completed the 2020 data collection on behalf of CAUL, and in November, CAUL and CAVAL issued a joint statement announcing the end of the partnership arrangement under which CAVAL managed the collection and presentation of CAUL Statistics.
- We undertook a number of surveys, including:
 - CAUL Salary Survey
 - University Librarians' Additional Responsibilities
 - University Librarians' Reporting Lines.



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We established or consolidated programs of work in each of CAUL's four strategic programs



Advancing Open Scholarship

Program Director: Catherine Clark

- The *CAUL position on the end goal of open access to journal articles* was released in February following extensive Member consultation
- CAUL continued to work closely with Open Access Australasia, issuing a number of joint statements and collaborating on a poster for the 15th Berlin Open Access Conference, *Connecting the dots: 20+ years of open in Australia*
- The joint CAUL and Australasian Research Management Society (ARMS) Open Research Working Group produced the Open Research Toolkit
- CAUL made submissions to relevant national consultations on research and open access
- Two new projects were established:
 - Libraries and Open Publishing Case Studies
 - FAIR and Open Non-Traditional Research Outputs



View the paper



View the poster



View the Toolkit



View project information



Building Sustainable Leadership

Program Director: Gwenda Thomas

- Two new projects were established:
 - Senior Leader Development and Networking Project
 - Learning from Bold Minds in Leadership
- Over 1200 staff from CAUL Member institutions and beyond registered to attend the first three Learning from Bold Minds in Leadership events



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View series information



Respecting Indigenous Knowledge

Program Director: Constance Wiebrands

- The Indigenous Knowledges Symposium was held over two days in June and July, with approximately 900 logins over the two days
- A survey on the direction of the Respecting Indigenous Knowledge program was undertaken, with 160 responses
- The Board approved the establishment of an Indigenous Knowledge Advisory Group, to be formed from the beginning of 2022



View Symposium recordings



Enabling a Modern Curriculum

Program Director: Fiona Salisbury

- Five new projects were established:
 - Open Educational Resources Collective Pilot
 - Open Educational Resources Advocacy
 - Open Educational Resources Professional Development Program
 - Enabling a Modern Curriculum with Students as Partners
 - CAUL Conference
- We laid the groundwork for a new national collaborative open textbook publishing initiative, the Open Educational Resources Collective, for launch in 2022
- We launched the Enabling a Modern Curriculum blog as a mechanism to provide updates on program projects and to promote the work that libraries' work in teaching and learning



View project information



Find out about the Collective



View the blog

In 2021, we established 9 program projects,
involving 80+ staff from 33 CAUL Member institutions



We continued to provide a valued forum for knowledge sharing and collaboration

- Facilitated extensive member sharing on responses to dealing with the pandemic, adapting to restrictions and other impacts
- Facilitated and hosted a range of webinars and virtual events
- Sponsored communities of practice and associated email lists for a range of audiences on a number of topics:
 - Digital Dexterity Champions Network
 - Research Support Community of Practice
 - Library Value and Impact Community of Practice
 - Statistics Community
 - Content Community
 - Deputies and Associate Librarians (DALIANZ)
- CAUL Newsletter with over 1000 subscribers



We strengthened partnerships, expanded stakeholder engagement and increased advocacy

- AARNet
- AAF
- ACOLA
- ACCC
- ALCC and ADA
- ALIA
- ARC
- ARDC
- ARMS
- CAVAL
- CAPOS
- CAUDIT
- CSIRO
- Department of Education, Skills & Employment
- IARLA
- ICOLC
- LATN
- NSLA
- NHMRC
- OA2020
- Office of the Chief Scientist
- Open Access Australasia
- ORCID
- Publishers – a wide range
- QULOC
- SCOSS
- SPARC
- UNESCO
- WAUL
- UA



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