

**Wiley and CAUL Sign Three Year Transformational Open Access Agreement
Agreement Represents Largest in the Region by Article Output**

November 4, 2021 – Hoboken and Canberra – Global research and education leader Wiley today announced a new three year agreement with CAUL, the leadership organization for university libraries in Australia and New Zealand, to begin in 2022. The largest transformational agreement to date in Australia and New Zealand, it highlights Wiley’s global commitment to the proactive pursuit of open access and will transform the experience of thousands of researchers publishing with Wiley, representing a momentous change in the publishing landscape of the region.

The agreement, which represents Wiley’s first in the region, allows members of CAUL unrestricted access to all of Wiley’s hybrid and subscription journals and grants researchers at the 52 participating institutions the ability to publish accepted articles open access in all of Wiley’s 1,400 hybrid journals. This agreement will dramatically increase open access output in the region by more than 6,000 articles every year of the agreement, furthering the global discoverability and impact of published research and delivering on many of the objectives recently laid out by the Office of the Chief Scientist of Australia.

“Wiley is a proud partner to the academic community, serving as the largest publisher of society journals in Australia. We know first-hand that these researchers play an essential role in driving scientific discovery,” said Jay Flynn, Wiley Executive Vice President & General Manager, Research. “At Wiley, we are focused on accelerating the transition to open access. It’s a pleasure to partner with CAUL and extend the benefits of open access publishing more widely across the region.”

Jill Benn, Chair of CAUL, said, “Given Wiley’s size and standing within the research and publishing ecosystem, a Read and Publish agreement between CAUL and Wiley has the potential to significantly accelerate the volume of open content being produced in Australia and New Zealand. Wiley have certainly set benchmarks in terms of progressing partnerships between authors, publishers, libraries and the CAUL Consortium and we look forward to great outcomes from this new arrangement. We really appreciate the efforts Wiley have made to be flexible in progressing the open access agenda, while taking into account the financial challenges facing many Australian and New Zealand institutions due to COVID.”

She added, “This is the final of CAUL’s major new Read and Publish agreements for 2022 and I’d like to thank Bob Gerrity, Chair of CAUL’s Content Procurement Committee, and Angus Cook, Director of Content Procurement at CAUL for their leadership and achievements which will result in public access to thousands of articles in 2022.”

In partnership with more than 70 leading societies across Australia, Wiley publishes many of the country’s most prestigious journals, including the *Medical Journal of Australia*, *ANZ Journal of Surgery*, *Immunology and Cell Biology*, *Australian Dental Journal*, and *Australian Veterinary Journal*.

This agreement marks Wiley’s fifteenth transitional open access agreement globally and seventh announced in 2021, illustrating a proactive commitment to open access publishing worldwide and building on previous agreements in the United States, Switzerland, Ireland, and Italy.

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About CAUL

The Council of Australian University Librarians (CAUL) is the peak leadership organisation for university libraries in Australia. CAUL members are the University Librarians or equivalent of the 39 institutions that have representation on Universities Australia and the 8 members of the Council of New Zealand University Librarians (CONZUL). CAUL makes a significant contribution to higher education strategy, policy and outcomes through a commitment to a shared purpose: To transform how people experience knowledge – how it can be discovered, used and shared. CAUL’s vision is that society is transformed through the power of research, teaching and learning. University libraries are essential knowledge and information infrastructures that enable student achievement and research excellence. www.caul.edu.au

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