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2023

47 Members

Co-facilitation

19 published open educational resources

58 attendees at OER PD program

10 benchmarking surveys

"I would like to thank all the members for making me feel so very welcome both online and at events."

16 topical, collaborative webinars

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Value negotiation

$1M+ saved on consortium agreements via direct negotiation

"The way you guys front up for us to publishers and don't take any nonsense. You really are doing a superb job."

$2.6M+ saved by negotiating lower price increases

4 new OA agreements negotiated

215 library delegates & **29** global publishers represented at trade fairs in Sydney, Melbourne & Perth

Interconnection

2270 communities of practice attendees

2 conference style Council meetings delivered with national and international thought leaders

"CAUL is a wonderful network, and I am very grateful for the opportunity to meet with fantastic leaders."

25 separate discussion lists with facilitated communications

12 informative newsletters

Elevation

6 submissions on key public policy & sector issues

17 Industry partnerships

"I have found CAUL to be the most professional, productive and effective Council and network I have had the pleasure of being a part of."

Celebrated & encouraged indigenous & emerging leadership at annual CAUL Awards

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CONZUL Highlights 2023

- Ongoing CONZUL representation on CAUL Board with CONZUL Chair Sue Roberts in 2023
- Members actively participated in and contributed to CAUL activities, committees and project work
- Progress in the national OA space with the Universities New Zealand Open Access Steering Group, leading to a national universities' Open Access Statement. Project to develop Open Access 101 toolkit for academics was progressed.
- Webinar for all staff of CONZUL libraries was held on the role and priorities of CONZUL.
- Further indigenising libraries initiatives during the year; reflected in the development of an article for the New Review of Academic Librarianship.

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Council, Board, Committees & National Office

- We welcomed 4 new substantive Council Members in 2023 with 3 temporary members involved at various times of the year
- **New members:** Matthew Davis, Ruth Greenaway, Steve Wilcox, Kat Cuttriss, Trish Wilson
- **Departing members:** Janette Burke, Simon Huggard, Frances O'Neill, Adrian Gallagher, Danny Kingsley, Ruth Greenaway
- Nicole Clark, Hero Macdonald and Kylie Percival were **elected to the Board** and commenced in October with the Council farewelling Jill Benn, Robert Gerrity and Gwenda Thomas at the end of their terms in September
- The CAUL Board elected Carmel O'Sullivan and Fiona Salisbury **Chair and Deputy Chair of CAUL** from 1 October
- The CAUL Board elected Kylie Percival as **Chair, Finance, Risk & Audit Committee** with Hero Macdonald elected **Chair, Content Procurement Committee**
- **The Content Procurement Committee** welcomed Belinda Tiffen and Martin Borchert to serve with the departures of Robert Gerrity and Janette Burke
- The **National Office** welcomed Katya Henry and Grace Daw to the team while Kate Davis and Cicy Zheng departed for parental leave.

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CAUL Board

Carmel O'Sullivan
Chair of CAUL

Fiona Salisbury
Deputy Chair of CAUL and Program Director, CAUL Open Educational Resources Program

Sue Roberts
Program Director, CAUL Open Access Program

Prashant Pandey
Service Lead, CAUL Analytics Service

Nicole Clark
Service Lead, CAUL Professional Learning Service

Hero Macdonald
Service Director for Content Procurement and Chair of Content Procurement Committee

Kylie Percival
Chair of Finance, Risk & Audit Committee

Jane Angel
Executive Director, CAUL

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National Office

Jane Angel
Executive Director

Angus Cook
Director, Content Procurement

Katya Henry
Director, Strategy & Analytics

Arthur Smith
Associate Director, Content Procurement

Alisha Ashley
Finance & Procurement Officer

Grace Daw
Engagement & Administration Officer

Rani McLennan
OER Collective Project Officer

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Key numbers:

AUD $2.65 Million (Amount saved to CAUL members)*

*Based on comparison between average uplift for CAUL agreements in comparison to uplifts from non-CAUL agreements

Consortium Portfolio	Member Enquiries	Vendor Exhibitions	OA Article Approvals
• 111 Agreements • AUD $256 million consortium spend • 2.5 staff	• 988 inbound enquiries • 81% members • 29% vendors • 39% of all enquiries OA related	• $95K revenue generated • 200+ delegates • 3 Locations (Sydney, Melbourne, Perth)	• 20,032 Articles in capped agreements approved • 4,000 + reviewed • 841 articles checked • 185 articles rejected

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Open Access:

APA | ASME | ACM | Benjamins

New OA Consortium agreements

Elsevier: Continued negotiation throughout 2023 to improve author interfaces resulting in a significant increase uptake of OA by CAUL Authors

Wiley: Negotiation to re-align cap for greater allowances of Gold OA inclusions

CAUL & OAA Statement regarding the American Chemical Society introduction of an “Article Development Charge”

Rejected OA Proposals: Emerald, BMJ, IEEE, ACS, RSC, Nature, Springer “Top Ups”

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Procurement Events

- Content Coordinators meetings throughout 2023
- Procurement Meeting (March 2023)
- Training webinar for new Content Coordinators
- PD webinar for vendor staff on metadata and discovery layers
- Working Groups (Law Content, Licences and eBooks)

Open Access and Engagement

- SCOSS
- OA2020
- SPARC
- Open Access Australasia
- OA Week
- Coalition S
- ICOLC

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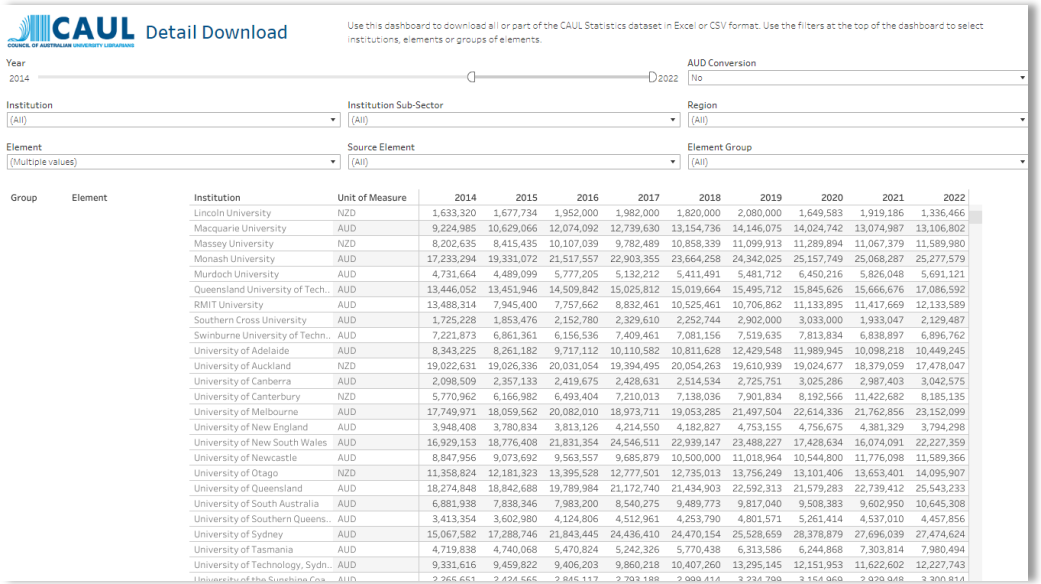

Institution	Unit of Measure	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Lincoln University	NZD	1,633,320	1,677,734	1,952,000	1,982,000	1,820,000	2,080,000	1,649,583	1,919,186	1,336,466
Macquarie University	AUD	9,224,985	10,629,066	12,074,092	12,739,630	13,154,736	14,146,075	14,024,742	13,074,987	13,106,802
Massey University	NZD	8,202,635	8,415,435	10,107,039	9,782,489	10,858,339	11,099,913	11,289,894	11,067,379	11,589,980
Monash University	AUD	17,233,294	19,331,072	21,517,557	22,903,355	23,664,258	24,342,025	25,157,749	25,068,287	25,277,579
Murdoch University	AUD	4,731,664	4,489,099	5,777,205	5,132,212	5,411,491	5,481,712	6,450,216	5,826,048	5,691,121
Queensland University of Tech..	AUD	13,446,052	13,451,946	14,509,842	15,025,812	15,019,664	15,495,712	15,845,626	15,666,676	17,086,592
RMIT University	AUD	13,488,314	7,945,400	7,757,662	8,832,461	10,525,461	10,706,862	11,133,895	11,417,669	12,133,589
Southern Cross University	AUD	1,725,228	1,853,476	2,152,780	2,329,610	2,252,744	2,902,000	3,033,000	1,933,047	2,129,487
Swinburne University of Techn..	AUD	7,221,873	6,861,361	6,156,536	7,409,461	7,081,156	7,519,635	7,813,834	6,838,897	6,896,762
University of Adelaide	AUD	8,343,225	8,261,182	9,717,112	10,110,582	10,811,628	12,429,548	11,989,945	10,098,218	10,449,245
University of Auckland	NZD	19,022,631	19,026,336	20,031,054	19,394,495	20,054,263	19,610,939	19,024,677	18,379,059	17,478,047
University of Canberra	AUD	2,098,509	2,357,133	2,419,675	2,428,631	2,514,534	2,725,751	3,025,286	2,987,403	3,042,575
University of Canterbury	NZD	5,770,962	6,166,982	6,493,404	7,210,013	7,138,036	7,901,834	8,192,566	11,422,682	8,185,135
University of Melbourne	AUD	17,749,971	18,059,562	20,082,010	18,973,711	19,053,285	21,497,504	22,614,336	21,762,856	23,152,099
University of New England	AUD	3,948,408	3,780,834	3,813,126	4,214,550	4,182,827	4,753,155	4,756,675	4,381,329	3,794,298
University of New South Wales	AUD	16,929,153	18,776,408	21,831,354	24,546,511	22,939,147	23,488,227	17,428,634	16,074,091	22,227,359
University of Newcastle	AUD	8,847,956	9,073,692	9,563,557	9,685,879	10,500,000	11,018,964	10,544,800	11,776,098	11,589,366
University of Otago	NZD	11,358,824	12,181,323	13,395,528	12,777,501	12,735,013	13,756,249	13,101,406	13,653,401	14,095,907
University of Queensland	AUD	18,274,848	18,842,688	19,789,984	21,172,740	21,434,903	22,592,313	21,579,283	22,739,412	25,543,233
University of South Australia	AUD	6,881,938	7,838,346	7,983,200	8,540,275	9,489,773	9,817,040	9,508,383	9,602,950	10,645,308
University of Southern Queens..	AUD	3,413,354	3,602,980	4,124,806	4,512,961	4,253,790	4,801,571	5,261,414	4,537,010	4,457,856
University of Sydney	AUD	15,067,582	17,288,746	21,843,445	24,436,410	24,470,154	25,528,659	28,378,879	27,696,039	27,474,624
University of Tasmania	AUD	4,719,838	4,740,068	5,470,824	5,242,326	5,770,438	6,313,586	6,244,868	7,303,814	7,980,494
University of Technology, Sydn..	AUD	9,331,616	9,459,822	9,406,203	9,860,218	10,407,260	13,295,145	12,151,953	11,622,602	12,227,743
University of the Sunshine Coa..	AUD	2,265,651	2,424,565	2,845,117	2,793,188	2,999,414	3,234,799	3,154,969	2,929,948	3,300,814

- The CAUL National Office facilitated the collection of the 2022 annual CAUL Statistics following a significant migration project.
- The CAUL Statistics were presented via Tableau for the first time.
- CAUL Statistics turned 70!
- Read & Publish reporting dashboards available, reporting on publishing output under all current CAUL-negotiated Read & Publish agreements.
- Numerous surveys were conducted and published on behalf of the sector.

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CAUL Groups

- Review of CAUL Groups
- New Communities of Practice
  - Teaching & Learning Leaders CoP
  - Library Collections Analysis CoP
  - Australian Scholarly Communications CoP

Open Educational Resources
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OER Professional Development Program

- 12-week online program
- Facilitated by OER experts Nikki Andersen and Angie Williamson
- 58 participants from 23 different institutions

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CAUDIT Leadership Institute

12 participants from CAUL institutions attended the CAUDIT Leadership Institute in 2023.

CAUL Awards

- **Indigenous Leader Award** – Kim Tairi
- **Emerging Leader Award** – Kat Cain
- **Outstanding Library Team Award** – University of Sydney Library's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Cultural Protocols Team
- **Distinguished Service Award** – Bob Gerrity

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Strategic Programs:

OPEN ACCESS

- FAIR and Open Non-Traditional Research Outputs project launched
- Co-leading Australian Open Science Network
- Australian Scholarly Communications Community of Practice established
    - Repositories sub-group
    - Diamond Journals sub-group
- CAUL representation on SCOSS
- CAUL presentation at CAPOS
- We Need to talk about Open: Future scenarios to help shape our CAUL OA Strategic Enabling Program

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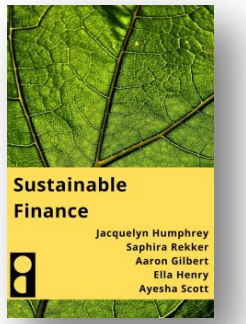
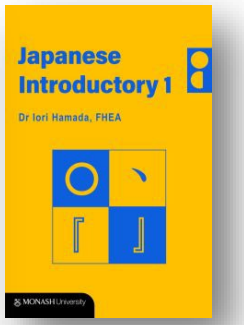
Strategic Programs:

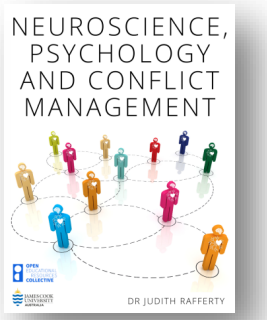
OPEN EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES

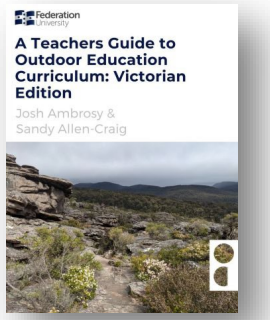
OPEN EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES COLLECTIVE

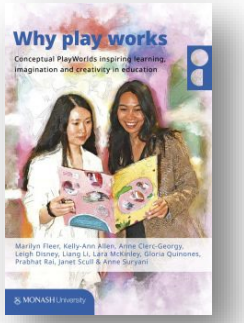
- 12 grants awarded totaling $38,000
- 19 books published
- Successful conclusion of pilot; graduated to service
- 36 institutions participated 2023 (77% of CAUL member institutions from Australia and 75% from Aotearoa New Zealand), up from 32 in 2022
- Over 4,600+ views of Administration Guide for Library Staff (2% increase)
- Over 13,000+ view of Publishing Workflow (7% increase)
- Over 2,300+ views of Advocacy Toolkit
- 500+ attendees at community of practice events











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Strategic Programs:

FROM DECOLONISATION TO INDIGENISATION*

- First Nations Collection Description Guidelines launched
- CAUL representation at Kummargii Yulendji Symposium
- Indigenising the Workforce panel at CAUL Council meeting
- Draft Strategic Program Principles adopted

*This is a working title for this Strategic Program

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Events

- Online Council Meeting March 2023
- Open Science in Australia: How can we support key international events, March 2023
- THETA, April 2023
- Financial Sustainability Webinar, August 2023
- In person Council Meeting September 2023

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Communities of Practice

- Australian Scholarly Communications CoP*
- Deputy University Librarians Network
- Digital Dexterity CoP
- Library Collections Analysis CoP*
- Library Learning & Teaching Leaders CoP*
- Library Value & Impact CoP
- Transformative Agreements Implementation CoP
- Library User Experience CoP**

Working Groups

- CAUL Content Community
- CAUL Statistics Community
- CAUL Copyright Working Group

* new in 2023

** approved in 2023 for 2024

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Submissions

- CAUL Response to the Consultation on Submission to Australian Universities Accord
- CAUL Response to the Consultation for Sexual Harm Good Practice Note
- CAUL Submission to the Copyright Enforcement Review 2022-23 Issues Paper
- Joint submission from library and information service organisations to safe and responsible AI inquiry
- Academy of Social Science Research Infrastructure Decadal Plan
- cOAlition S “Towards Responsible Publishing” proposal

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Australian Library and Information Association

SPARC

CAUDIT
Council of Australasian University Directors of Information Technology

Australian Bureau of Statistics

ICOLC
International Coalition of Library Consortia

Australian Government
Office of the Chief Scientist

AUSTRALIAN ACCESS FEDERATION

ARMS
Australasian Research Management Society

UNIVERSITIES AUSTRALIA

ARDC
Australian Research Data Commons

Australian Government
National Health and Medical Research Council

NHMRC

OPEN ACCESS AUSTRALASIA

International Alliance of Research Library Associations IARLA

SCOSS

Australian Libraries and Archives Copyright Coalition

Australian Digital Alliance

Australian Government
Australian Research Council

Feedback snapshot

"Congratulations to the National Office in presenting an excellent and professional 2-day meeting."

*"I wanted to convey my sincere thanks to you for the ongoing and critical support you're providing to us for our **OER** publishing efforts. The responsiveness to requests and the advocacy and facilitation via the CoPs and PD programme has been invaluable."*

"I read the CAUL/OA Australasia joint statement on the ACS ADCs tonight. It's great to see CAUL advocating so openly and often for open access and publisher accountability […]."

"CAUL did a lot in 2023. From my perspective keeping down costs was the biggest thing."

"The [CAUL team] are kind, intelligent, and hard working."

*"I'd really like to say thank you to CAUL and to the University Library Partners for making these **open educational resources** opportunities available to us and to colleagues and learners of all kinds all over the world."*

"The CAUL LibGuides, ConsortiaManager information, and Tableau lists are all fantastic, as well as running the Content Coordinator meetings."

"The strategic focus was spot on and relevant to the current big picture issues."