

Jill Benn



Institution

University of Western Australia

Position

University Librarian

Qualifications

AICD (Graduate); Principal Fellow of the Higher Education Academy; Deputy Chair CAUL; Board Member, International Association of Technological University Libraries; former CAUL Program Director, Fair, affordable and open access to knowledge.

Current Affiliations

- Executive Committee Member, Australasian Open Access Strategy Group
- Expert Panel Member, NMC Horizon Projects
- Chair, Australian F.A.I.R. Access Steering Group
- Steering Committee Member, Knowledge Unlatched

Key areas of expertise or strengths

As a graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors, Jill has brought new rigour to the effectiveness of the CAUL Executive and its execution of the Constitution and CAUL strategy. In particular, Jill has made a determined and unwavering commitment to advancing learning, teaching and research which is reflected in her qualifications and strategic affiliations. Her strengths include:

- Knowledge of CAUL's stakeholders
- Extensive knowledge and understanding of the eResearch landscape
- Business acumen
- Board governance and leadership
- Finance experience
- Strategy development and execution
- National and international networks and affiliations

Statement about you and why you are nominating

Jill is well positioned to Chair the Board on behalf of the Council of Australian University Librarians (CAUL). My nomination is informed by my observations and experiences of working closely with Jill as a Program Director for fair, affordable and open access to information and knowledge and her more recent elected position of Deputy Chair.

She is an exemplary leader who has vision and acuity to advance the role of libraries and information organisations across the nation and international regions. She is ensuring that libraries are at the forefront for policy makers and funders through sustained advocacy and through the provision of expert opinion, this is reflected in presentations to national governance organisations such as Universities Australia. Recognition of her vision is reflected in her role as an Expert Panel Member, NMC Horizon Projects, charged with the task of revealing and prioritising technological trends impacting higher education and university libraries.

She has exerted a powerful professional voice for CAUL while fostering and sustaining critical stakeholder relationships with peak organisations and national institutions such as Universities Australia, research-funding organisations such as the Australian Research Council and DVC Research Committees etc.

She is a highly respected member of CAUL and is proactively engaged in the Council's strategies. If elected as Chair, members can be confident that she will leave a legacy of openness, transparency, integrity and strategic positioning and recognition of CAUL as an advocate and trusted authority on the value, necessity and relevance of university libraries.