



Global Summit Diamond Open Access  
Plenary #5

# Australasian Diamond Journal Publishing Community of Practice

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I acknowledge the traditional owners of country throughout Australia and recognise their continuing connection to land, waters and community. I pay my respects to the people, the cultures and the elders past and present. Sovereignty has never been ceded.

# CONNECTING THE DOTS

## 20+ years of open in Australia

There have been open research initiatives in Australia since the very beginning of global discussions on open access to research publications in the early 2000s. The initiatives in Australia have come from a range of actors, including the federal government, funders, institutions, and peak and advocacy bodies. This arrow illustrates some of the key initiatives over the past 20 years. In 2020, the Council of Australian University Librarians (CAUL) and the Australasian Open Access Strategy Group (AOASG, now Open Access Australasia) facilitated a national discussion on open research. In 2021, there is increased momentum towards open access to research publications driven by work from the Office of the Chief Scientist, Dr Cathy Foley.



Links & additional information

**Australian National University (ANU) repository established**  
Australia's first institutional repository.

- Peak / advocacy body
- Government
- Funder
- Institution
- Event

**Federal investment in university repositories**  
through the ARROW, ASHER and RUBRIC programs.

**Australian National Data Service established**  
with the aim of making Australia's "data assets more valuable".

**2000**  
**Queensland University of Technology (QUT) Open Access Policy**  
First university in the world with institution wide OA mandate.

**2003**  
**ANU Press established**  
Australia's first open access university press.

**2004**  
**Creative Commons Australia launched**

**2005**  
**Brisbane Declaration on Open Access published**

**2006**  
**CAUL Statement on Open Scholarship published**

**2008**  
**OAK List published**  
An online, searchable database of publishers' agreements and open access policies developed by QUT researchers.

**2008**  
**Australian Research Council (ARC) Open Access Policy**  
Major Australian funder requires OA after a 12 month embargo for research outputs produced from research funded by the ARC.

**2008**  
**Open Access & Research Conference held in Brisbane**  
Knowledge Unlatched launched at the conference.

**2008**  
**Productivity Commission Report on Intellectual Property Arrangements**  
recommended all levels of government "implement an open access policy for publicly-funded research".

**2008**  
**Government response to Productivity Commission report**  
Accepted the report but did not act on it.

**2008**  
**CAUL Statement on Open Scholarship updated**

**2008**  
**CAUL & AOASG joint statement on Plan 5**  
welcoming the plan's aspirations.

**2008**  
**Australian Academy of Science Position Statement - Open Science**  
supports the development of an open science strategy for Australia.

**2008**  
**Chief Scientist statement on open access**  
Dr Cathy Foley noted that open access was one of her four pillars of work.

**2010**  
**CAUL Statement on Open Scholarship published**

**2011**  
**National Research Infrastructure Roadmap published**

**2011**  
**National Health & Medical Research Council (NHMRC) Open Access Policy**  
Australia's other major funder requires OA after 12 month embargo for research outputs produced from research funded by the NHMRC.

**2011**  
**Australian Government Funding Arrangements for non-NHMRC Research**  
Inquiry recommends strategic approach to open research.

**2011**  
**F.A.I.R. Policy Statement for access to Australia's research outputs**  
issued by a Working Group convened by the Universities Australia Deputy Vice Chancellors (Research) Committee.

**2012**  
**AOASG formed**  
Supported initially by six universities to advocate for open access across Australia.

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**data.gov.au launched**  
allowing access to anonymised public data published by federal, state & local government agencies.

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2000 - 2010

2011 - 2019

2020 - 2021



Please attribute CAUL & OA

# Snapshot: Open Access initiatives (Australia and Aotearoa New Zealand 2023)

Catterall, J., & Barbour, G. (2023, June 26). Open access initiatives by research active institutions in Australia and Aotearoa New Zealand: A snapshot of the landscape in 2022. Zenodo.  
<https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.8081166>

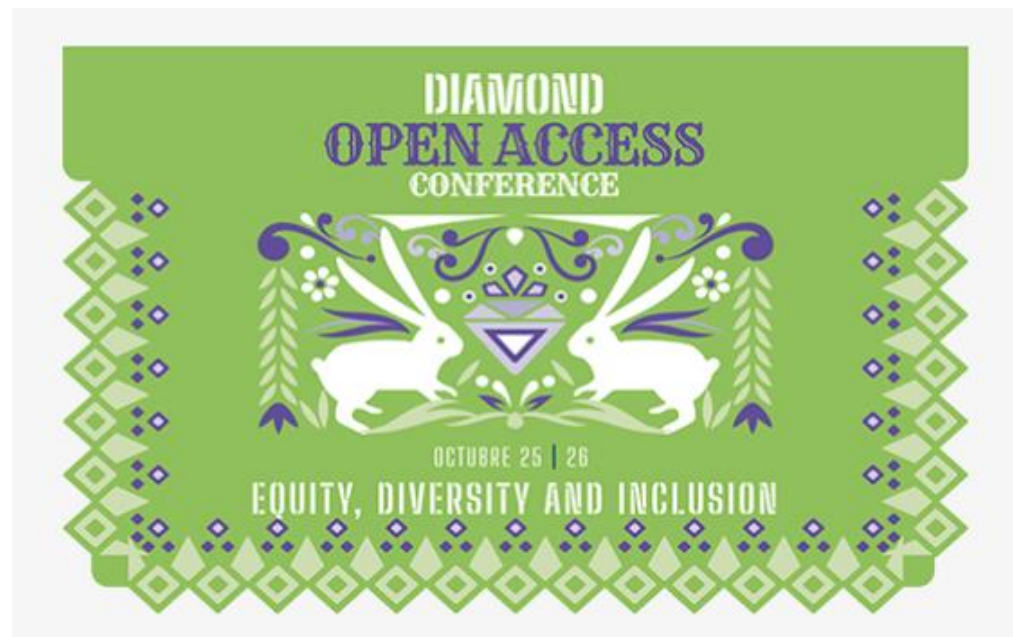
## Key messages:

ANZ's share of OA outputs found to be below the world median and below potential (despite taking the lead on the establishment of open repositories/Green OA in the early 2000s)

Support for external OA initiatives was low overall and showed no consistent pattern: SCOSS, DOAJ, airXiv and DOAB, OJS/PKP, Open Book Publishers

31 of the 56 universities published easily discoverable open journals, and 24 published more than one

“OA in ANZ is currently practised in a piecemeal, inconsistent and reactive way, subject to the vagaries of resourcing, leadership and competing priorities of each individual institution.”



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Open Access Week  
24-27 October 2023

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AUSTRALASIA

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## Shine on Diamond journals: Making sure they're forever

**Thursday, 26 October 2023**  
9-11:30AM AWST | 11AM-1:30PM AEST | 12-2:30PM AEDT | 2-4:30PM NZDT

**Slido #2444 049**

**Facilitators**  
Michelle Blake (University of Waikato) & Dimity Flanagan (University of Melbourne)

**Panellists**  
Sean Ulm (ARC Centre of Excellence for Indigenous and Environmental Histories)  
Johan Rooryck (cOAlition S)  
Arianna Becerril-Garcia (Redalyc; Autonomous University of the State of Mexico; UAEM; AmelICA)  
Donna Coventry (Auckland University of Technology)

**Break-out rooms**  
David Nichols (University of Waikato); Tracy Creagh (QUT); Helen Chan (UTS)

# 2024

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## Formation

A sub-group of the Australasian Scholarly Communications CoP

Supported by the Council of Australasian University Librarians (CAUL), Open Access Australasia (OAA) and Creative Commons Australia

## Membership

65 members (Feb 2026)

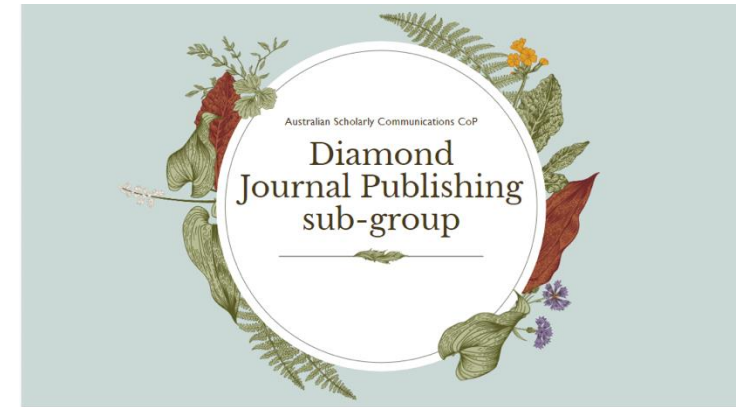
Representing 27 AUS and 5 NZ universities

Includes 5 members from external organisation

## Mission

The Diamond OA Sub-Group's mission is to advocate for inclusive, equitable, sustainable, community-controlled OA publishing with no fees to either reader or author.

We seek to provide members with a participatory and engaging community for helping each other with everyday practice, as well as opportunities for discussion, development, and dissemination of best practices and strategies towards realising our mission.



## Sub-group co-convenors



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Office for Scholarly Communication  
QUT



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Scholarly Communications Specialist  
University of Melbourne



Caitlin Savage  
Research Librarian,  
Publishing & Open Access  
Deakin University



Lauren Halcomb-Smith  
Manager, Scholarly Communication &  
Research Outputs  
Deakin University



Lucy Walton  
Open Publishing Librarian  
Western Sydney University



# Australasian Diamonds

- So far, 108 titles (10 are archived)
- 7 Australian university collections
- 10 NZ university collections (includes polytechnic institutions)
- Publishing platforms: OJS(open source and hosted); Scholastica; custom websites; university webpages; Dspace
- Potentially 18 more institutions with titles?

Australian Journal of Asian Law	<a href="http://www.anu.edu.au/ajal">http://www.anu.edu.au/ajal</a>	ANU	
Context: Journal of Music Research	<a href="http://www.musicaeuropea.com/context">http://www.musicaeuropea.com/context</a>	University website	
Humana 2	<a href="http://www.humana2.com">http://www.humana2.com</a>	Custom website	
Melbourne Asia Review	<a href="http://www.melbourne.asia.review">http://www.melbourne.asia.review</a>	University website	
Melbourne Journal of International Law	<a href="http://www.melbournejournalofinternational.com">http://www.melbournejournalofinternational.com</a>	University website	
Melbourne University Law Review	<a href="http://www.melbunilr.com">http://www.melbunilr.com</a>	University website	
Platform: Journal of Media and Communication	<a href="http://www.platformjournal.com">http://www.platformjournal.com</a>	Custom website	
Social	<a href="http://www.socialjournal.com">http://www.socialjournal.com</a>	University website	
Stakeholders & Citizenship Review	<a href="http://www.stakeholdersandcitizenship.com">http://www.stakeholdersandcitizenship.com</a>	OJS (Open source)	
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Papers: Explorations into Children's Literature	<a href="http://www.deakin.edu.au/research/publications">http://www.deakin.edu.au/research/publications</a>	OJS (Open source)	
The Postcolonial Letter	<a href="http://www.deakin.edu.au/research/publications">http://www.deakin.edu.au/research/publications</a>	OJS (Open source)	
TEFL in Context	<a href="http://www.deakin.edu.au/research/publications">http://www.deakin.edu.au/research/publications</a>	OJS (Open source)	
Journal of Teaching and Learning for Graduate Employability	<a href="http://www.deakin.edu.au/research/publications">http://www.deakin.edu.au/research/publications</a>	OJS (Open source)	
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Journal of Resident Economies	<a href="http://www.deakin.edu.au/research/publications">http://www.deakin.edu.au/research/publications</a>	OJS (Open source)	
<b>University of Technology Sydney</b>	<a href="http://www.uts.edu.au/research/publications">http://www.uts.edu.au/research/publications</a>	University website	Supported by UTS Library
Commonwealth Journal of Local Governance	<a href="http://www.uts.edu.au/research/publications">http://www.uts.edu.au/research/publications</a>	OJS (Open source)	
Contribution Economics and Building	<a href="http://www.uts.edu.au/research/publications">http://www.uts.edu.au/research/publications</a>	OJS (Open source)	
Competition and Fairness: An Interdisciplinary Journal	<a href="http://www.uts.edu.au/research/publications">http://www.uts.edu.au/research/publications</a>	OJS (Open source)	
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Developing Institutional Open Access  
Publishing Models to Advance  
Scholarly Communication



**Open Access**  
Journals Toolkit



**IOAP**

**OPEN ACCESS AUSTRALASIA**

**Community over Commercialisation**

International Open Access Week  
21-27 October 2024

**Webinars on 22, 23 & 24 October 2024**

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**OEGLOBAL 24  
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13-15 November 2024

**Brisbane, Australia**

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October 21, 2025

**Diamond OA communities-  
of-practice in action:  
Wayfinders #6**

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**DOAJ**  
Guest blog post

“Diamond Journal  
Publishing  
– Gems from Australia”

**Tracy Creagh**  
Journal Manager for Academic Journals  
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Tuwhera (pronounced 'tu-fer-a' – see Māori Dictionary to hear pronunciation) can be translated to mean 'be open' in Te Reo Māori, the Indigenous language of Aotearoa, New Zealand. Tuwhera is the name we give to the umbrella of services the Library runs in support of open research at AUT, from our institutional repository to our open publications hosting service, and reflects our commitment to creating a sustainable and equitable knowledge commons.

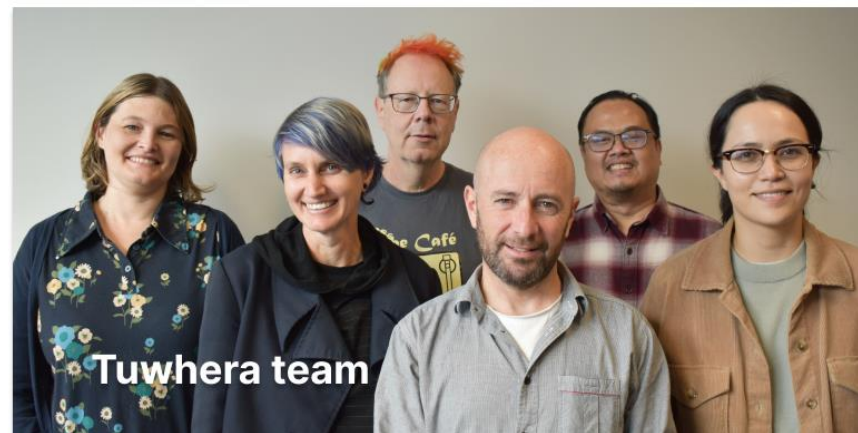
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<https://blog.doaj.org/2025/07/29/tuwhera-a-commitment-to-open-access-and-a-sustainable-and-equitable-knowledge-commons/>



## Guest blog post

“Tuwhera: A commitment to open access and a sustainable and equitable knowledge commons”



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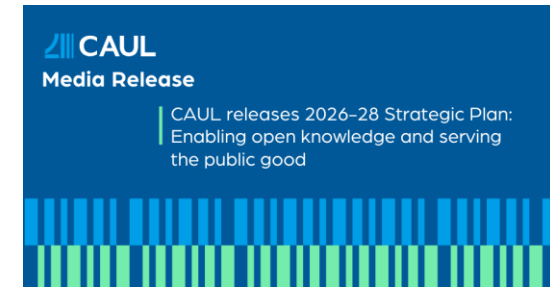
## International initiatives



## Global strategies



## National



# Open Access in Australia and Aotearoa New Zealand

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