



# AOASG

Australasian Open  
Access Strategy Group

**Report of activities  
2017**

# Our members

## Executive Committee


- **Judy Stokker** (QUT, Chair)
- **Roxanne Missingham** (ANU, Deputy Chair)
- **Linda O'Brien**

## Members

- **The Australian National University**
- **Charles Sturt University**
- **Council of New Zealand University Librarians (CONZUL)**
- **Curtin University**
- **Griffith University**
- **Macquarie University**
- **University of Melbourne**
- **University of Newcastle**
- **UNSW Sydney**
- **Queensland University of Technology**
- **University of Western Australia**
- **Victoria University**

## Affiliates

- **Creative Commons Australia**
- **Creative Commons Aotearoa New Zealand**

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AOASG works to **advocate,**  
**collaborate, raise awareness,**  
and **help build capacity** for  
open access to scholarship in  
Australia and New Zealand.

# Collaboration

## International engagement

- **OA 2020 and Berlin 13 meeting** (invited speaker and member of advisory group)  
[oa2020.org/b13-conference/](https://oa2020.org/b13-conference/)
- **SCOAP3 Governing Council meetings** and **Future Strategy Working group meetings**  
(Participation in Governing Council and Future Strategy Working group meetings)  
[scoap3.org](https://scoap3.org)
- **SPARC-NA** (member of Open Access Working Group)  
[sparcopen.org](https://sparcopen.org)
- **SPARC Europe** (Global Sustainability Coalition for Open Science Services)  
[scoss.org](https://scoss.org)
- **International Open Access week Advisory Committee**  
[www.openaccessweek.org](https://www.openaccessweek.org)
- **Budapest Open Access initiative 15 year review**  
[www.budapestopenaccessinitiative.org](https://www.budapestopenaccessinitiative.org)
- **Confederation of Open Access Repositories** (ongoing discussions and support of International accord)  
[www.coar-repositories.org/activities/advocacy-leadership/aligning-repository-networks-across-regions/aligning-repository-networks-international-accord/](https://www.coar-repositories.org/activities/advocacy-leadership/aligning-repository-networks-across-regions/aligning-repository-networks-international-accord/)

## Regional organisations or events (in person or online)

- **Collaboration with CAUL**, including:
  - member of CAUL Research Advisory Committee
  - submission for UA DVCRs committee
  - member of F.A.I.R. working group
  - participation in CAUL repositories day
- Co-organizer with Natasha Simons (ANDS) of workshop at **Res Baz Meeting, Brisbane**
- Co-Chair with Natasha Simons (ANDS) **CRAC/AOASG Repository interoperability working group**
- Presentation on **F.A.I.R. at National Scholarly Communications Forum** (with Jill Benn, CAUL)
- For OA week, we collated **information on activities and facilitated the visit of Heather Joseph from SPARC**
- Presentation to **Queensland University Libraries Office of Cooperation**
- **Member of exploratory working group on potential Australian PubMed Central**
- **Collaboration with APO on collection Innovation in Scholarly Communication**  
[apo.org.au/collections/scholarly-communication](https://apo.org.au/collections/scholarly-communication)

# Raising awareness

## Invited presentations

- Presentation at **AHMEN (medical editors group)/ANDS meeting**
- Presentation at **UQ/Springer meeting**
- Presentation to **Universities NZ copyright committee**
- Presentation to **Australian Academy of Sciences Data in Science Committee**

## Conference presentations

- **Open Repositories 2017 presentations on AOASG and Repositories working group**
- **eResearch Australasia presentation on F.A.I.R.**

## Webinars

We organized a series of **very successful webinars which ran from April to November** covering topics from academic views on open access to a presentation from Heather Joseph, SPARC Executive Director. Recordings and slides are available from [aoasg.org.au/webinar-series-2017](http://aoasg.org.au/webinar-series-2017).

## Blogs

We **published a series of blogs throughout the year** on topics ranging from wikipedia, to researcher-led open access journals, to novel incentives for openness.

[aoasg.org.au/blog](http://aoasg.org.au/blog)



# Advocacy

## Submissions to consultations

- Response to **Australian Government policy on Open Access — September 2017**  
[aoasg.org.au/aoasg-response-to-australian-government-policy-on-open-access](http://aoasg.org.au/aoasg-response-to-australian-government-policy-on-open-access)
- Response to **Innovation and Science Australia's 2030 Strategic Plan — June 2017**  
[aoasg.org.au/response-to-innovation-and-science-australias-2030-strategic-plan-issues-paper](http://aoasg.org.au/response-to-innovation-and-science-australias-2030-strategic-plan-issues-paper)
- Response to **Productivity Commission Inquiry Final Report on Intellectual Property Arrangements — February 2017**  
[aoasg.org.au/2017/02/23/aoasg-response-to-productivity-commission-inquiry-final-report-on-intellectual-property-arrangements](http://aoasg.org.au/2017/02/23/aoasg-response-to-productivity-commission-inquiry-final-report-on-intellectual-property-arrangements)
- Response to **Draft 2016 National Research Infrastructure Roadmap — January 2017**  
[aoasg.org.au/2017/01/23/draft-2016-national-research-infrastructure-roadmap-response](http://aoasg.org.au/2017/01/23/draft-2016-national-research-infrastructure-roadmap-response)
- Response from **Creative Commons Australia and AOASG to the Productivity Commission Draft Report Data Availability and Use — January 2017**  
[aoasg.org.au/2017/01/23/creative-commons-australia-and-the-australasian-open-access-strategy-group-response-to-the-productivity-commission-draft-report-data-availability-and-use/](http://aoasg.org.au/2017/01/23/creative-commons-australia-and-the-australasian-open-access-strategy-group-response-to-the-productivity-commission-draft-report-data-availability-and-use/)

We responded to the ARC and the NHMRC when they requested feedback on drafts to their OA policies.

## F.A.I.R. | Findable, Accessible, Interoperable, Reusable — working group

During 2017 a **website for F.A.I.R. was developed and endorsements sought**. A steering committee was convened and Jill Benn, University Librarian, UWA, took over as Chair of that group. This steering group will focus on development of a plan for implementation and dissemination.

[www.fair-access.net.au](http://www.fair-access.net.au)



# Building capacity

## Engagement with member institutions

- Meetings at **University of Melbourne, Griffith University, QUT** and a number of **meetings for OA week including at QUT and by video at Victoria University.**
- Regular meetings with **CC Australia** and **CC Aotearoa New Zealand.**
- We continue to **run two communities of practice on OA**, one for **New Zealand** and one for **Australia** which meet by phone and online very 6 weeks. These groups started with practitioners based at member institutions but anyone who works in OA is welcome to join.

# Writing for the media

- The Conversation **How the insights of the Large Hadron Collider are being made open to everyone**  
[theconversation.com/how-the-insights-of-the-large-hadron-collider-are-being-made-open-to-everyone-70283](https://theconversation.com/how-the-insights-of-the-large-hadron-collider-are-being-made-open-to-everyone-70283)
- The Conversation **Not just available, but also useful: we must keep pushing to improve open access to research**  
[theconversation.com/not-just-available-but-also-useful-we-must-keep-pushing-to-improve-open-access-to-research-86058](https://theconversation.com/not-just-available-but-also-useful-we-must-keep-pushing-to-improve-open-access-to-research-86058)

# Our reach



## Website

**13,500**  
unique visitors  
this year with  
just under  
**28,000 views**



## Twitter

**2000+**  
followers  
**4787 tweets**  
1000s of  
impressions daily



## Facebook

We have a  
Facebook page and  
Instagram site  
**@openaccessanz**



## Mailing List

**300+**  
members



## Newsletter

**500+**  
subscribers  
**30%+ engagement**



## Webinars

**580**  
registrations  
across 7 webinars

# AOASG staff

Director, **Virginia Barbour**  
Administration, **Sandra Fry**

We are very grateful to ANU for providing support for AOASG staff from the inception of AOASG until 2017. From 2017 onwards the AOASG Director, Virginia Barbour, was employed through QUT and AOASG finances were managed at QUT.

Sandra Fry provides support for AOASG one day per week, based at QUT.



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