**THE ROAD TO OPEN THROUGH STRATEGIC PROCUREMENT**

**The Council of Australian University Librarians**

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**MARCH 2019**

Green light for transformative agreements

CAUL Members indicated support for CAUL to pursue transformative agreements.

**OCTOBER 2019**

First transformative agreement signed with the UK-based Microbiology Society.

**THROUGHOUT 2020**

CAUL saved the sector by negotiating 0% increases on the majority of consortium agreements for 2021.

**JANUARY 2021**

Five additional transformative agreements commence including the first with an Australian publisher, CSIRO.

**APRIL 2021**

Procurement Agreement Principles for 2022 published

Major negotiations commenced for 2022 renewals with six principles. Aiming to reduce costs and/or include OA publishing without increase in spend.

**AUGUST 2021**

Read & Publish Agreements Negotiated by CAUL guide

CAUL published a guide containing key information about CAUL-negotiated R&P agreements including information for libraries & authors.

**MARCH 2019**

CAUL Statement on Open Scholarship published

An updated commitment to advancing open scholarship.

**JUNE 2019**

Principles & Framework for Pricing Digital Content published by the CAUL Consortium to guide Members & inform negotiations.

**JANUARY 2020**

First two transformative agreements commence

CAUL-negotiated agreements with Microbiology Society and Portland Press commence.

**LATE 2020**

CAUL’s Fast Track to Open Access Toolkit published

Based on the SPA-OPS Transformative Agreement Toolkit and amended based on the pilot CAUL agreements.

**FEBRUARY 2021**

CAUL Position on the End Goal of Open Access to Journal Articles published

Outlines CAUL’s rationale and strategy to achieve the end goal of open access to journal articles, articulated as universal, immediate and perpetual open access to the version of record.

**MAY 2021**

Return on investment project

Early indications of strong financial ROI plus increased downloads, Altmetrics, & citations for articles published under CAUL transformative agreements.

**JANUARY 2022+**

Four new transformative agreements expected in 2022

Two with large publishers and two with mid-sized publishers.

CAUL’s Advancing Open Scholarship program continues

Strategic engagement & advocacy work alongside targeted projects keeps us focused on the broader open research agenda.

Continuing our work on ROI by gathering and analyzing data

Working to adapt Jisc’s article level metadata reporting approach.

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**MARCH 2020+**

Straitened financial climate in the Australian higher education sector

A significant downturn in international students and other COVID-19 related disruption has had a significant impact across the sector. Budget cuts, redundancies and organisational restructures are occurring across the sector. It is anticipated this will continue for some time.