

# FROM SUBSCRIPTIONS TO SOLUTIONS: CAUL'S OPEN ACCESS JOURNEY Australia and New Zealand



## MARCH 2019

### Green light for transformative agreements

CAUL Members indicated support for CAUL to pursue transformative agreements.



## October 2019

### First transformative Agreements signed

With Portland Press and the Microbiology Society.



## January 2021

### Five additional agreements commence

including the first with and Australian Publisher, CSIRO.



## January 2022

### First Open Access Agreements with large publishers commence

Agreements struck with Springer Nature, Wiley, OUP and CUP



## June 2022

### Infrastructure to support OA agreements built

Associate Director for Content Procurement hired. Libguides used for communications, Tableau used for ROI reporting.



## December 2024

### CAUL continues to grow the OA portfolio

27 OA agreements in total  
Large agreements due for renegotiation



## Institutional funding and policies:

### Main source of funding for Australian and New Zealand research.

Institutional policy (sometimes contractual) requires that authors publish OA. Only 50% of ANZ institutions have a policy. Policies are often unclear, not monitored and not enforced

### Australian Research Council (2021):

"Any Research Output Published in respect of ARC Funded Research must be made Openly Accessible within a twelve (12) month period".

### National Health and Medical Research Council:

All peer-reviewed publications that are supported in whole or in part by NHMRC must be made immediately open access, that is, without any embargo period at the time of first online publication

## January 2025 Strategy and Plan:

### Increase the volume and diversity of OA publishing opportunities for authors at CAUL member institutions.

- Improve outcomes for existing OA agreements
- Onboard new OA agreements
- Increase bibliodiversity and support for pure OA

### Reduce the sector's overall expenditure for publishing and read access

- Mature negotiation strategy through establishment of new sector-wide OA Agreement Negotiation Strategy Committee
- Explore and develop alternative pricing models
- Address global/local pricing inequities

### Negotiate robust, favourable agreements that align with member needs and priorities

- Establish new agreement principles
- Develop preferred eBook models

### Develop a sustainable, high-performance Content Procurement service model

- Assess and implement new consortium initiatives
- Develop a sustainable consortium licensing model
- Streamline & uplift National Office operations
- Invest in new strategic capabilities



Pursue national agreements with major publishers to maximise read and publish access for all Australians



Protect Australian authors' rights to their research outputs to maximise choice of publication venue and re-use



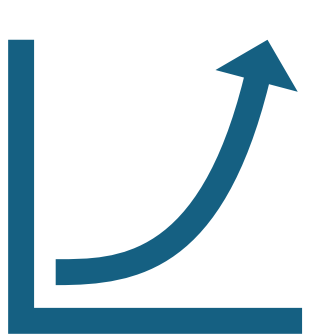
Advance Australian scholar-led publishing initiatives to nurture bibliodiversity

MULTI-FACETED OPEN ACCESS MODEL FOR AUSTRALIA

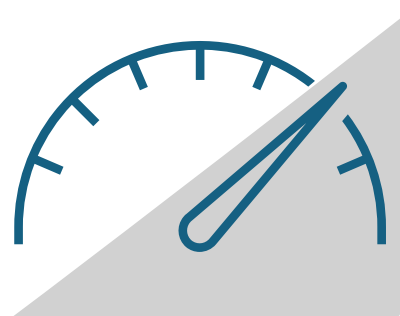
CAUL: Council of Australasian University Librarians  
47 Universities + 13 other consortium members



27 Open Access Agreements, including Elsevier, Wiley, Springer Nature, Taylor and Francis, Sage, Emerald, OUP, CUP, and more.



In 2024, 22,953 articles were published OA via CAUL agreements providing AUD \$119.8 mil of APC avoidance.



Rapid transition to OA: despite facing the unique challenge of limited policy and funder mandates compared to other regions. Nearly all members participating in one or more of the OA agreements



How much Open Access is there in ANZ

