

Member Benefits

[Open Access Australasia](#) is the major regional Australasian organisation that advocates for innovative change in scholarly communication, specifically to make Australasian research Open and FAIR (Findable, Accessible, Interoperable and Reusable). The group works with relevant regional and global initiatives. We expanded our membership again in 2022. The group is now [supported](#) by 22 Australian universities, eight Aotearoa New Zealand universities (via CONZUL), ALIA and five affiliate organisations, Creative Commons Australia, Tohatoha, Aotearoa New Zealand, ADA, Wikimedia Australia and Australian Citizen Science Association.

The [Executive Committee](#), chaired by Kim Tairi, Auckland University of Technology (AUT) Te Wānanga Aronui o Tāmaki Makaurau, provides broad representation from across the sector. Dr Ginny Barbour, Director, Open Access Australasia is an experienced open access advocate.

In order to inform regional debate, Open Access Australasia provides comprehensive free resources:

- an informative [website](#) on Open Access with a particular focus on Australasia
- downloadable infographics and other [resources](#) on specific topics
- regular [events](#) throughout the year
- co-ordination of an open access community of practice
- a regular [newsletter](#)
- commentary on [social media](#)

Specific Open Access Australasia Member benefits:

- The opportunity to influence national and international open access advocacy discussions and debates through input into submissions and consultations that Open Access Australasia provides to government, funders and other high-level stakeholders
- Access to OA101, a member-only online training course
- Access to specific advice on capacity building through in-person workshops at member institutions or through individual discussions
- Regular member-only updates on open access and related issues
- A member-only listserv for discussion of open access and related issues
- Participation in discussions on the development of resources

Full Institutional Members (single and multiple) are entitled to:

- Specific advice on the implementation of open access within their institution
- Free attendance for staff at Open Access Australasia in-person strategy and other meetings
- A yearly institutional workshop/meeting (or, for a group of institutions, at one of the group)
- Participate in General Meetings
- Nominate issues for consideration at any General or Executive Committee Meetings
- Nominate individuals for a position on the Executive Committee
- Vote on membership to the Executive Committee

Affiliate Organisational Members are entitled to:

- Free attendance at Open Access Australasia in-person strategy and other meetings
- Participate in General Meetings
- Nominate issues for consideration at any General or Executive Committee Meetings

Membership

Membership fees are tiered based on the size of the institution (EFTSU numbers). For more information on joining, please contact Dr Virginia Barbour, Director, Open Access Australasia. director@oaaustralasia.org

Open Access Australasia: activities in 2021-2022

Definitive online resources for open access in Australasia

- Expansion and update of online resources including comprehensive set of directories of regional OA initiatives, extensive FAQs, articles and news
- Development and launch of four-module online Open Access 101 course. More than 250 participants from member institutions have now done the course.

Key collaborator from Australasia in international open access advocacy

Leadership positions include:

- Ginny Barbour provided expert advice to the [UNESCO Consultation on Open Science](#) and participated in the [2nd UN Open Science Conference](#)
- Executive Committee members and Ginny are participating in the Working groups of the UNESCO Open Science Recommendation
- Ginny Barbour is Vice-Chair of the [DORA Steering Committee](#)
- Ginny Barbour is a [cOAlition S ambassador](#)
- Ginny Barbour is a member of the Executive Board of [COAR](#)

Leader in regional open access advocacy

- Supported work on open access by Australia's Chief Scientist, Dr Cathy Foley
- Provided input into the NHMRC's updated Open Access policy
- Provided advice to CONZUL
- Made submission to [Australian National Research Infrastructure Roadmap 2021 Review](#)
- Published [2022 Australian Election statement](#)

Public writing on open access

A renewed impetus for open research in Australia

International Associations of Universities (IAU) Horizons, May 2021

Openness, Integrity, Inclusion, and Innovation in Scholarly Communication: Competing or Complementary Forces? Front. Res. Metr. Anal. Jan 2022

The US has ruled all taxpayer-funded research must be free to read. What's the benefit of open access? The Conversation, August 2022

No turning back on global open access BMJ, October 2022

Regular contributions to Campus Morning Mail: eg on the [NHMRC OA policy](#); the [US Public Access Policy](#)

Highlighting the diversity of open access through a [webinar program](#)

2021-2022 topics included open access and the UN Sustainable development goals, Confederation of Open Access Repositories' vision for the role of repositories in Open Science, the role of 'open' in image credibility, Global Sustainability Coalition for Open Science Services (SCOSS), and Open Book Publishing

The established leader in running regional Open Access weeks

A group coordinated by Open Access Australasia ran a week-long series of [ten events in October 2020](#), [eight in October 2021](#), with speakers from across Australia, New Zealand and internationally. In 2021 we had more than 1700 registrants and more than 1000 attendees. We are coordinating the 2022 OA week events.

Training and support for open access practitioners

We facilitate an Australian [open access community of practice](#) and collaborate with other [regional communities of practice](#).

Open Access Australia: 2023 fees

Membership is tiered based on size of institution as assessed by Equivalent Full Time Student Unit (EFTSU). Membership fees have been frozen since 2018 and will not be raised in 2023. Membership runs for the calendar year. Pro rata fees are available if joining during the year.

Size of institution (EFTSU)	Membership fee yearly amount
>40000	AUD \$13000
20001-40000	AUD \$10000
10001-20000	AUD \$6000
0-10000	AUD \$3000
Non-university institutions	AUD \$2000