

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. The group is [supported](#) by 24 Australian universities, eight Aotearoa New Zealand universities (via CONZUL), and seven other organisations, Creative Commons Australia, Tohatoha, Aotearoa New Zealand, Australian Digital Alliance, Wikimedia Australia, Australian Citizen Science Association and National and State Libraries Australasia.

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 Virginia 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
- coordination 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
- Individual meetings to discuss issues of specific relevance to each 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 Member 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 Member 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 2022-2023

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 450 participants from member institutions have now done the course.

Key collaborator from Australasia in international open access advocacy

Leadership positions include:

- Executive Committee members and Ginny Barbour are participating in the Working groups of the UNESCO Open Science Recommendation
- Kim Tairi is vice Chair of CONZUL
- Kim Tairi and Ginny Barbour are members of OA Steering Group (Aotearoa New Zealand)
- Michelle Blake (Executive Committee member) is a member of Aotearoa New Zealand National Committee on Data in Research
- Fiona Bradley (Executive Committee member) is [SCOSS Advisory Group Chair](#)
- Ginny Barbour is Co-Chair of [DORA](#)
- 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 and its implementation
- Provided advice to CONZUL and related work on OA in Aotearoa New Zealand
- Published [2022 Australian Election statement](#)
- Responded to Review of the [Australian Research Council Act](#)
- Two submissions to consultation process for [Australian National Science and Research Priorities and National Science Statement](#)
- Submission to Australian House of Representatives [Inquiry into Generative AI](#)

Writing and research on open access

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

Open access initiatives by research active institutions in Australia and Aotearoa New Zealand: a snapshot of the landscape in 2022 Janet Catterall & Virginia Barbour 2023

Highlighting the diversity of open access through a **program** of events

2022-2023 webinar topics included Global Sustainability Coalition for Open Science Services (SCOSS), Open Book Publishing, ebook SPS, DOAJ, Citizen Science and UNESCO, International Open Science Initiatives, and the first Asia Pacific Workshop on Equity in Open Access.

The established leader in running regional Open Access weeks

A group coordinated by Open Access Australasia has run a highly attended week-long series of OA week [events in October 2020](#), [October 2021](#), [October 2022](#) and [October 2023](#) with speakers from across Australia, Aotearoa New Zealand and internationally.

Training and support for open access practitioners

We co-facilitate an Australian [Scholarly Communications community of practice](#) and collaborate with other [regional communities of practice](#). We run a member only OA101 course.



Open Access Australia: 2024 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 2024.
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