Member Benefits

Open Access Australasia (OAA) is the leading open scholarship advocacy organisation in Australasia. We advocate for innovative change in scholarly communication. Our mission is to make publicly funded Australasian research open, FAIR (Findable, Accessible, Interoperable and Reusable) and CARE (Collective benefit, Authority to control, Responsibility, and Ethics). OAA is committed to upholding the principles of Indigenous Data Sovereignty (see Maiam Nayri Wingara and Te Mana Raraunga) as defined by Indigenous communities. The group works with relevant regional and global initiatives and our membership includes 33 universities across Australia and Aotearoa New Zealand. Six other organisations with a commitment to open scholarship in the region are also members: Creative Commons Australia, Australian Digital Alliance, Wikimedia Australia, Australian Citizen Science Association and National and State Libraries Australasia. You are joining a powerful collective working together for open scholarship.

The Executive Committee, currently chaired by Kim Tairi, Auckland University of Technology (AUT), provides broad representation and expertise from across the sector. The Executive includes experienced senior leaders and practitioners, all with deep commitments to advancing open scholarship in the region.

In order to build local capacity and inform regional debate, Open Access Australasia provides comprehensive resources:

- An informative website on Open Access with regional focus, including a directory of open initiatives across the region.
- Downloadable infographics and other resources on specific topics.
- Regular events throughout the year, including a comprehensive and much anticipated celebration of International Open Access week.
- Open scholarship networks and communities of practice.
- A monthly newsletter.
- Commentary on social media.

Specific Open Access Australasia Member benefits:

- Opportunity to influence national and international open scholarship 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 (beginner), OA201 (advanced) member-only online training courses.
- Advice on capacity building through workshops or through individual discussions.
- Regular updates on open scholarship and related issues.
- A member-only open scholarship forum for strategic discussion, problem-solving and practical action.
- Participation in discussions on the development of resources tailored to member needs.
- Member only webinars that focus on practical outcomes defined by our members needs.
- Opportunities for professional development through committees, working groups, accessing regional and international networks.

Full Institutional Members are entitled to:

- Specific advice on the implementation of open scholarship within their institution.
- Individual meetings to discuss issues of specific relevance to each institution.
- Attendance and participation for staff at OAA meetings.
- An annual institutional webinar (or, for a group of institutions).
- 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:

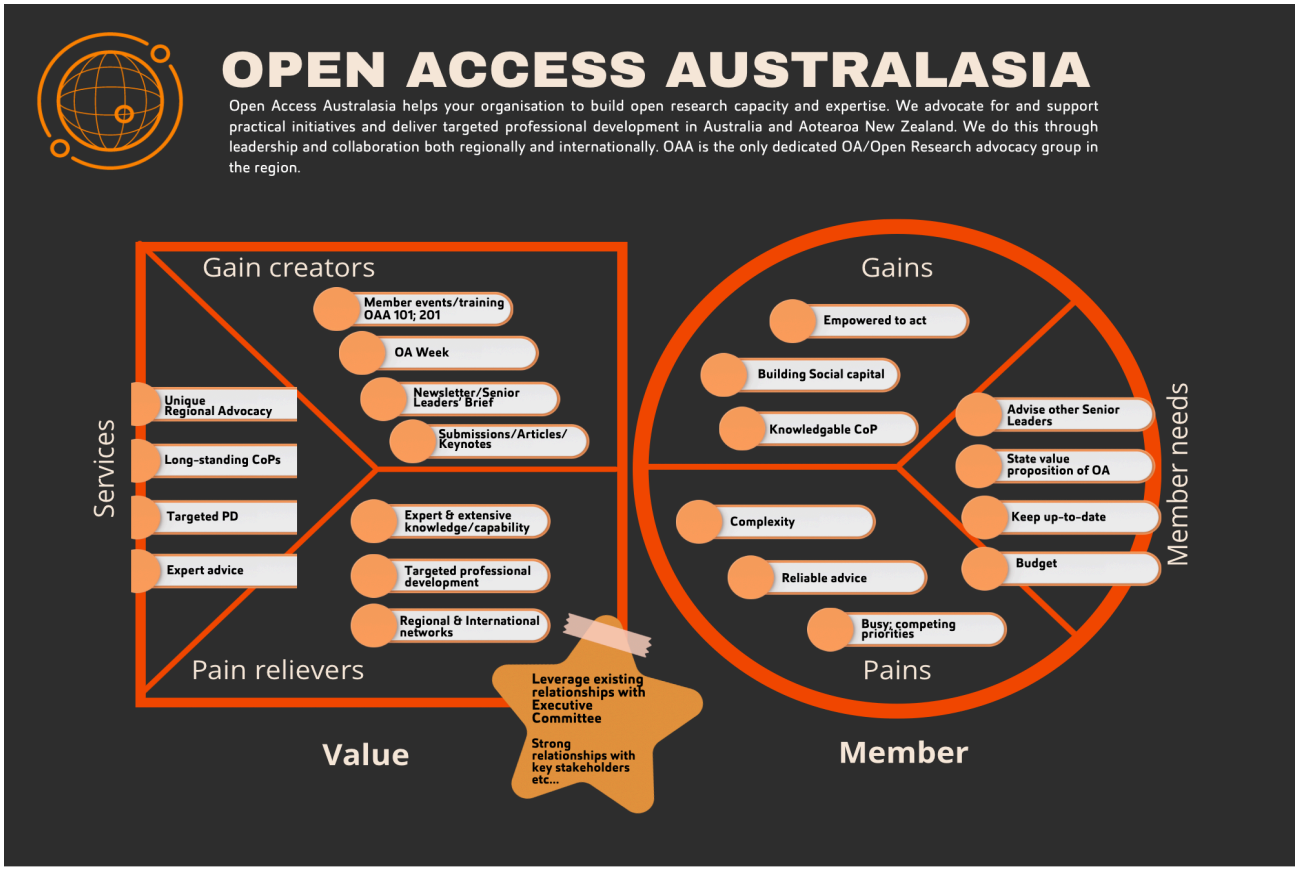
- Free attendance at Open Access Australasia strategy and other meetings.
- Participate in Member Meetings.
- Nominate issues for consideration at any General or Executive Committee Meetings.

Membership Fees

Membership fees are tiered based on the size of the institution as assessed by Equivalent Full Time Student Load (EFTSL). For more information on joining, please email contact@oaaustralasia.org

Membership runs for the calendar year. Pro rata fees are available if joining during the year.

Size of institution (EFTSL) Membership fee yearly amount (includes GST)

>40000 EFTSL AUD $15613
20001-40000 EFTSL AUD $12010
10001-20000 EFTSL AUD $7206
0-10000 EFTSL AUD $3603

Non-university institutions (affiliate) AUD $2402