The Australian ORCID Consortium and members have been featured in a range of external newsletters such as Council of Australian University Librarians (CAUL), Council of Australasian University Directors of Information Technology (CAUDIT) and Australian eResearch Organisation (AeRO), highlighting achievements in 2018. ORCID itself also featured the work of James Cook University in their spotlight on the Connect and Collect program.

**ADVISORY GROUP**

The Australian ORCID Advisory Group acts in the interests of the nation to provide expertise and advice on leveraging maximum benefits through national adoption and use of ORCID.

**Member**

- Organisation: Member Organisation
- Simon Huggard: Advisory Group Chair, Council of Australian University Librarians (CAUL)
- Natasha Simons: Advisory Group Deputy Chair, Australian Research Data Commons (ARDC)
- Adrian Burton: Australian Research Data Commons (ARDC)
- Siobhan Harris: Australian Access Federation (AAF)
- Kathy Whelan: Australian Access Federation (AAF)
- Wee-Ming Boon: National Health & Medical Research Council (NHMRC)
- Justin Withers: Australian Research Council (ARC)
- Cherie Atkinson: Australian Research Council (ARC)
- Heath Marks: Australian Access Federation (AAF)
- Elleina Filippi: Australian Access Federation (AAF)
- Kylie Emery: Invited guest: ORCID Board of Directors (Int. rep)
- Vicky Picasso: University of Newcastle
- Nick Hauser: Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation (ANSTO)
- Laure Haak, Executive Director

The Australians are amazing at community-building! They worked patiently - doggedly - over two years to engage across their research sector, ultimately developing joint ORCID policy statements from library, IT, and research office associations; the national data center; and funding bodies. They developed a consortium governance and cost-recovery model and, with this broad buy-in, AAF was able to bring on two staff to manage a consortium of 40 organizations. They continue to produce high-quality communications materials, and have been very generous in sharing their experiences with nascent consortia.

Laure Haak, Executive Director
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**COMMUNITY FORUM**

The Community Forum continues to be an opportunity for members to engage with one another, make suggestions, provide feedback and communicate with the Consortium Lead in a community environment.

**STATE OF THE NATION WEBINAR**

The ORCID Consortium Lead hosted two events in 2018 to raise awareness of national achievements and planned activities for ORCID in Australia. The State of the Nation webinar held in May, in conjunction with the Australian National Data Common (ARDC), attracted 120 attendees. It focussed on explaining the Consortium's current state and discussed how members could continue to encourage ORCID uptake in their organisations.

**COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND COMMUNICATION**

The National Forums held in Canberra in September attracted 127 attendees (45 per cent, 40 research office, 20 IT, data specialists and vendors). The forum reflected how the national agenda for ORCID has significantly progressed since the commencement of the Consortium in 2016. It provided updates on recent national and international activities and the ARC and NHMRC announced their roadmaps for ORCID integrations. Workshops covering an ORCID integration showcase as well as publisher integration workflows were held as part of the event.

**CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

In 2018, the Consortium Lead attended seven conferences, both national and international, to represent the Australian ORCID Consortium. The AAF presented at five of these events and also hosted a number of conference booths.

**REVIEW**

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