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Consortium

Year in Review
2023

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Message from the CEO

2023 was another successful year for the ORCID Consortium led by the Australian Access Federation (AAF).

We would like to acknowledge our members for their continued support. With 44 members across Australia, and over 172,000 ORCID iDs connected by member integrations, ORCID continues to play a significant role in Australia's Higher Education and Research sector.

95% of our members have completed successful ORCID integrations, with some undertaking multiple integrations. Over 1.19 million items have been added through member integrations, and there are over 193,000 ORCID records with a '.au' domain, five times greater than when the Consortium commenced in 2016. With over 24,000 new ORCID iDs were created in 2023, this continued adoption and growth represents the importance of ORCID for the national research community.

In 2023, a National Persistent Identifier Strategy Taskforce was established and and I have participated as AAF's Chief Executive Officer. Its goal was to support the development of a National strategy around persistent identifiers (PIDs) and a 5-year Roadmap. A draft Strategy was released in July, and the Australian research and innovation community was invited to refine the Strategy along with the Roadmap. This was achieved through an extensive consultation and engagement process during the second half of 2023. The Strategy is expected to be released in Feburary 2024, and the Roadmap will follow. We look forward to seeing continued adoption of ORCID and the realisation of the benefits of PIDs.

As part of our ongoing engagement with the community, the AAF conducted over 100 national and international engagements throughout the year. This included live and virtual events, focus group discussions, a coffee break Q&A and many one-on-one consultations.

The summary of achievements for 2023 are reflected in the following report. We look forward to progressing new initiatives and continuing to support our members in 2024.

Heath Marks
CEO
Australian Access Federation Ltd.

History of ORCID in Australia

The Australian ORCID Consortium provides local technical support, assists with member integrations and promotes national uptake of ORCID in organisations. Benefits of Consortium membership include access to premium ORCID membership, reduced membership fees and the opportunity to be part of a national community with localised support and events.

2014

- Australian National Data Service (ANDS) & Council of Australian University Librarians (CAUL) hosted a national forum to address the challenge of identifying researchers and their research

2015

- ORCID Working Group formed
- Release of joint statements by peak bodies and funders supporting initiative
- Universities Australia Deputy Vice Chancellor's support of ORCID
- Consortium model developed
- AAF appointed Consortium Lead
- Agreement signed by 40 members

2016

- Australian Consortium launched
- 40 members
- 52% integrated

2019

- 130,000+ ORCID iDs
- 41 Consortium members

2020

- 136,000+ ORCID iDs
- 42 Consortium members
- 83% integrated
- Maturity Assessment launched

2021

- 152,000+ ORCID iDs
- 42 Consortium members
- 90% integrated

2017

- 70,000+ ORCID iDs
- 40 Consortium members

2018

- 80,000+ ORCID iDs
- 40 Consortium members
- 70% integrated
- Australian Research Council use of ORCID in grant applications

2022

- 172,000+ ORCID iDs
- 43 Consortium members
- 90% integrated
- *Incentives to Invest in Identifiers: A cost-benefit analysis of persistent identifiers in Australian research systems* report released

2023

- 172,000+ ORCID iDs
- 44 Consortium members
- 95% integrated
- National PID Strategy and Roadmap Strategic Advisory Group formed
- National Persistent Identifiers Strategy development
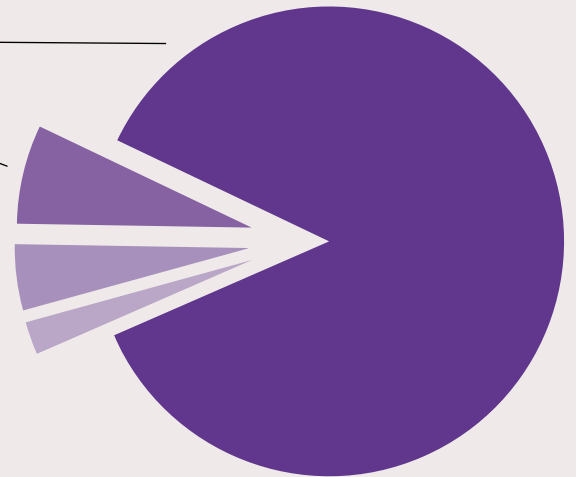
ORCID membership

44 MEMBERS

38 Higher Education Institutes

3 Research Organisations

2 National Funders

1 Government Organisation

Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation (ANSTO)

Australian Catholic University

Australian National University

Australian Research Council (ARC)

Australian Research Data Commons (ARDC)

Bond University

Central Queensland University

Charles Darwin University

Charles Sturt University

Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO)

Curtin University

Deakin University

Edith Cowan University

Federation University Australia

Flinders University

Griffith University

James Cook University

La Trobe University

Macquarie University

Monash University

Murdoch University

National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC)

Queensland Health

Queensland University of Technology

RMIT University

Southern Cross University

Swinburne University of Technology

The University of Sydney

The University of Tasmania

University of Adelaide

University of Canberra

University of Melbourne

University of Newcastle

University of New England

University of Queensland

University of South Australia

University of Southern Queensland

University of Technology Sydney

University of the Sunshine Coast

University of Western Australia

University of Wollongong

University of New South Wales

Victoria University

Western Sydney University

Member integrations and development

Integrating with ORCID is a powerful way to support the researchers connected to your organisation. The ORCID member API can be used to read, add, or update information on an individual user's ORCID record, with their permission. We encourage integrations with the ORCID Registry to be bi-directional, so that organisational systems can both push and pull data to and from ORCID records.

42	MEMBER INTEGRATIONS
2	MEMBERS PLANNING
15	MEMBERS WITH MULTIPLE INTEGRATIONS
172,120	ORCID IDs CONNECTED VIA INTEGRATIONS
24,391	NEW ORCID IDs CREATED
19,860	UNIQUE ORCID IDs UPDATED WITH AFFILIATION
196,130	ORCID RECORDS WITH '.AU' DOMAIN
210,948	ITEMS ADDED BY MEMBER INTEGRATIONS (2023)

National PID Strategy

Advancing Australian research through persistent identifiers

The 2022 report, *Incentives to Invest in Identifiers: A cost-benefit analysis of persistent identifiers in Australian research systems*, commissioned by the AAF and Australian Research Data Commons (ARDC), showed the benefits of Persistent Identifiers (PIDs) to research in Australia.

This report led to the development of the National PID Strategy Taskforce. In 2023, the National Persistent Identifier Strategy Taskforce was established to develop the national PIDs strategy and a 5-year Roadmap. AAF's Chief Executive Officer and ORCID Board Director, Heath Marks, is a member of the PID Strategy Taskforce. The Taskforce was established to provide strategic advice, engage with key stakeholders, and provide guidance on a suitable governance structure to oversee the implementation of the strategy and roadmap.

AAF's Chief Operating Officer, Elleina Filippi, and ORCID Engagement and Support Lead, Melroy Almeida, participated in the National PID Strategy and Roadmap Workshops hosted by ARDC in February and June. The Taskforce and workshops informed the development of a draft Strategy, released in July. The *Australian National Persistent Identifier (PID) Strategy* will be released in February 2024, with the Roadmap scheduled for release later in 2024.

The AAF also collaborated with ARDC, to discuss ORCID and PIDs with National Collaborative Research Infrastructure Strategy (NCRIS) capabilities. The AAF and ARDC were invited by Therapeutic Innovation Australia (TIA), an NCRIS facility, to talk about ORCID and PIDs to their stakeholders at their annual forum, held in August. Positive feedback was received from attendees. Further, a PIDs workshop was delivered in September by AAF and ARDC, which was well-attended with robust discussion from the community.

Engagement and support

2023 was a busy year, filled with engagements with our members and international partners. In addition to one-on-one consultations, we attended several informative conferences and workshops, both nationally and internationally.

The AAF was pleased to welcome ORCID Engagement Lead, Brian Minihan, to Australia in May. We invited Brian to the studio to film a live Coffee Break with us, in addition to tutorial videos providing instructions on how to use ORCID reporting tools.

A focus group session was conducted in June, with a cross-section of Consortium members. The focus group provided the AAF with valuable feedback and assisted in identifying areas for continued improvement in 2024.

In October, the AAF was involved in several presentations and panels at eResearch Australasia, including hosting an ORCID workshop with members, ORCID staff and Board members. The AAF also hosted a welcome evening with the ORCID international Board members and spent time with the ORCID staff while they were in Australia. This was the first opportunity since COVID for ORCID staff to travel to Australia and the visit was invaluable.

We look forward to continuing our engagement with the ORCID community nationally as well as internationally in 2024.

Hear from the Executive Director of ORCID

"We are grateful to the Australian Access Federation (AAF) for all the great work it does facilitating the ORCID community in Australia. With one of the highest rates of participation among all of our global consortia, AAF has worked with its members to ensure ORCID is integrated into their workflows and systems, ensuring Australia is well represented in ORCID's global community trust network, and helping to reduce administrative burden for researchers throughout the country.

We would also like to thank AAF for hosting the first ORCID Board meeting in Australia, co-located with the 2023 eResearch Australasia conference, and for its continued support in drafting the Australian National PID Strategy and Roadmap."
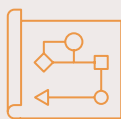
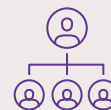**Chris Shillum, Executive Director, ORCID.**

100+ engagements

8 workshops

37 webinars

24 Community of Practice sessions

1 focus group

25 one-on-one ORCID member consultations

8 conferences and forums

10 presentations

13 ORCID communications released

37 SUPPORT TICKETS SOLVED

Community support

Members continued to receive a high level of support and assistance from the AAF in 2023. Support was provided for new membership enquiries, integrations, testing and planning. Services delivered to members included administrative and technical support, consultations and training.
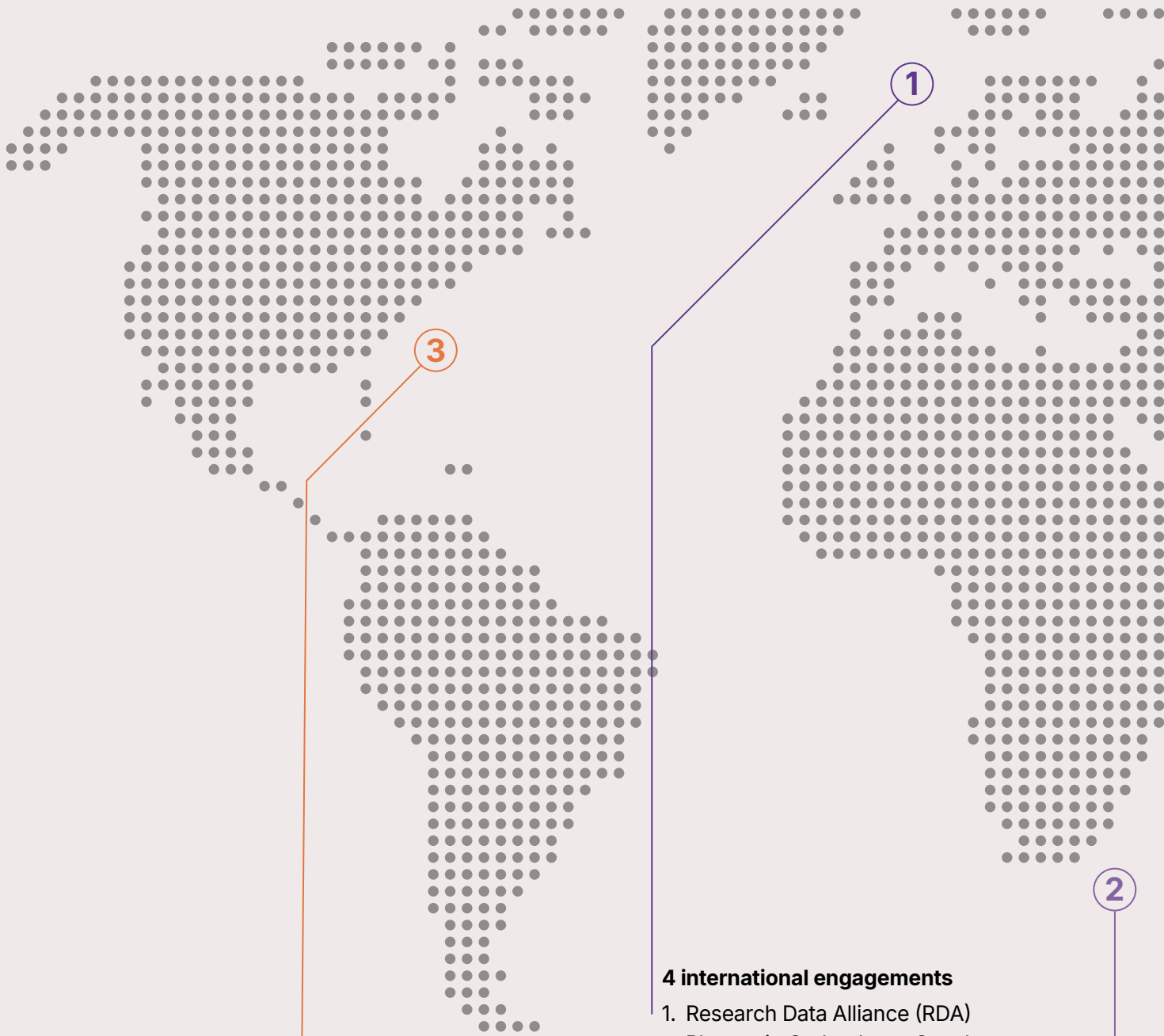
Committees and working groups

International

- ORCID Board
- ORCID Consortia Interest Group
- Crossref Ambassador
- Research Data Alliance (RDA) interest and working groups
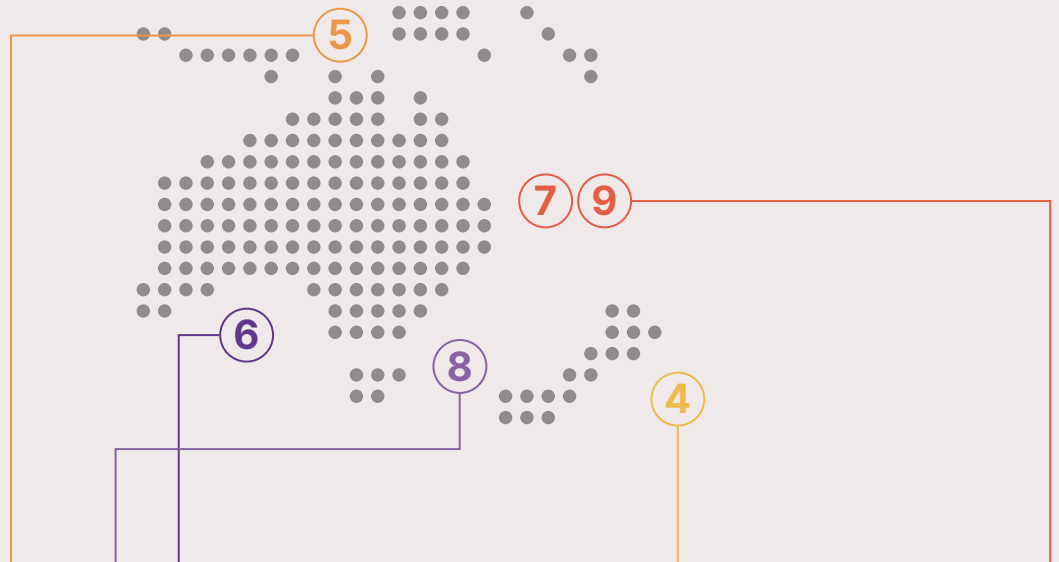
National

- National Persistent Identifiers (PIDs) Taskforce
- eResearch Australasia
- Research Bazaar (ResBaz)
- ORCID Steering Committee
- Identifiers for Instruments Australia (i4iOZ) Community of Practice

Community outreach

4 international engagements

1. Research Data Alliance (RDA) Plenary in Gothenburg, Sweden
2. ZA·REN 2023 Conference in Johannesburg, South Africa
3. National Information Standards Organisation (NISO Plus) 2023 in the United States (virtual)
4. eResearch NZ 2023 in Hamilton, New Zealand (virtual)

5 national engagements

5. Research Bazaar (ResBaz) in Darwin, NT

6. National Collaborative Research Infrastructure Strategy (NCRIS) Forum in Melbourne, Vic

7. Therapeutic Innovation Australia (TIA) Forum in Brisbane, Qld

8. National Persistent Identifiers (PIDs) Strategy workshops in Canberra, ACT

9. eResearch Australasia 2023 in Brisbane, Qld

ORCID Governance

In 2023 the ORCID Advisory Group and Governance Committee merged to form the ORCID Steering Committee.

Professor Joe Shapter	Independent Chair
Natasha Simons	Australian Research Data Commons (ARDC)
Elleina Filippi	Australian Access Federation (AAF)
Professor Susan Dodds	Chair of Universities Australia Deputy Vice-Chancellors, Research Committee
Jill Benn	Council of Australian University Librarians (CAUL) — Chair
Greg Sawyer	Council of Australasian University Directors of Information Technology (CAUDIT)
Julie Glover	National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC)
Oona O'Gorman	Australian Research Council (ARC)
Michelle Vincent	Australasian Research Management Society (ARMS)
Melroy Almeida	Australian Access Federation (AAF)

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