

Report from the Chair  
(August - November 2015)

**1. UoA OA Policy working group (Update)**

The group has produced its final report, following consultation with Academic Staff. It is currently on hold to be released next year in coordination with other activities related to demystifying Open Access

**2. Digital Literacy for Reproducible, Open Collaborative Science (Update)**

Following The New Zealand [eResearch Symposium](#) workshop held by Matt McGregor, Cameron McLean and myself, Vice Chancellor's Strategic Development Fund was awarded to us to support the development of this initiative. We have now interviewed various stakeholders, and a needs analysis is to be submitted early December, contingent upon which the full funding for the project will be released.

**3. Open Access Week (Update)**

The University of Auckland held no activities during Open Access Week. We had an OAW twitter chat, however, which had low attendance but was useful. In particular, there are opportunities for CCANZ to liaise more closely with Australian Open Access Support Group, and this will be explored in the near futures

**4. Open Science Prize**

The National Institutes of Health, Howard Hughes Medical Institute and Wellcome Trust have launched an [Open Science Prize](#) which was launched in Open Access Week. The purpose of the prize is to support the development of tools that capitalise on open data. I was invited to join the panel of experts.

**5. Open Education**

I was able to attend Cable Green's talk at Auckland in October, and meet with him later that week. Given that University of Auckland has adopted CANVAS as their new LSM system, there is an opportunity to raise awareness of the value of OERs at the tertiary level. There is now a more visible push to have at least some educational artifacts (eg Bibliographic Reading lists) licenced under CC licences, although at the moment there is not much flexibility around which one to use, and I am trying to work with Libraries to provide more open choices for the material and to try to help understand the value of the different CC licences.