

# RESEARCH OFFICE BULLETIN

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## Welcome

Dear All,

Welcome to the November Bulletin. If I may, I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the contributions of A/Prof. Gethin Thomas in his role as Director Research over the last two years and we wish him well in his next position. Gethin will be leaving CSU on 3 November having stepped down from the position of Director.

The Australian Research Council has now released the Submission Guidelines for ERA 2018 and these are available [online](#). Within CSU preparations are continuing and I wish to thank all those who have volunteered their time as FoR Champions to closely scrutinise our data. This is a critical step in ensuring we can maximise the quality of our submission.

Congratulations goes to Steve D'Alessandro and colleagues who have been successful as part of the new CyberSecurity CRC. This is the third new CRC that CSU has been a successful partner to this year and is evidence of the strength of our research. A/Prof. Catherine Allan is CSU lead within the High Performance Soils CRC and Prof. John Mawson is the CSU lead within the Food Agility CRC.

We recently released the most up to date Research Active dataset and this will shortly be provided to individual researchers directly.

Yesterday, the Research Committee endorsed the new Research Fellowships and the call for applications from Tier 2 Research Active staff will be released shortly.

Best wishes  
Mary

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## Welcome to Cassily Charles – Academic Literacy Coordinator (Postgraduate)

We are delighted to welcome Ms. Cassily Charles to the Research Office in the position of Academic Literacy Coordinator (Postgraduate), reporting to the Dr Alison Matthews, Manager, Research Professional Development.

Cassily is joining us from the ALLaN team and will continue her support of HDR students in research writing and related skills through her series of popular workshops, writing sessions, and individual consultations.

We are looking forward to working more closely with Cassily to build a vibrant program of research professional development for our postgraduate students.

## Reporting your research outputs –

As part of the data collection processes for the Excellence in Research for Australia (ERA 2018) and the accompanying Engagement and Impact Assessment (EI 2018) programs, a series of communications were recently sent to researchers and general/professional staff so that all research outputs could be captured, verified and where validated then included in these assessments.

The call for publications has been hugely successful with in excess of 1000 additional outputs submitted for consideration. Of these, an additional 665 outputs have been entered into the CSU Research Output (CRO) repository since the 5<sup>th</sup> of September with many more currently being assessed. DVC RDI Prof. Mary Kelly has thanked all staff who have contributed so far in an all staff email on 17 October noting that the response was greatly appreciated and will strengthen CSU's submissions for ERA and EI assessments.

Prof. Kelly also communicated that these outputs were previously unreported for CSU and the impact of this should not be underestimated. The university's research performance, national ranking and the related flow of Research Block Grant Funding is dependent upon research outputs and the ability to report comprehensively. Every year this is assessed, not just during ERA. CSU has therefore missed opportunities through under-reporting which cannot be redeemed retrospectively. The outputs which can be reported have varied over the years but at all times it is critical that even we ourselves know the full complement of our research productivity.

Please work with the Research Office teams to ensure that all research outputs are reported and assessed. The information submitted to CRO forms the corporate record which is used for EDRS, Promotions, assessment of Research Active status, annual reporting to the Commonwealth and of course ERA. If you have questions please don't hesitate to contact the Team at [rmpublications@csu.edu.au](mailto:rmpublications@csu.edu.au). Thank you.

## Progress reporting for 2017-60

All HDR Candidates should now have received an email inviting them to initiate their Progress Report for 201760. The 'initial student entry' is due to Principal Supervisors by **Friday 10 November, 2017**.

In this report Candidates are required to detail their progress for the previous 6 months and plan ahead for the following 6 months. It is important Candidates and Supervisors are both

honest and respectful when providing feedback as well as detailing any issues. This will ensure that appropriate support can be provided to strengthen the student experience. This information is also taken into account when decisions are made relating to requests for leave, scholarship and candidature extensions etc.

### **Do I have to complete a report if I just started?**

Yes, even if you only commenced in the last couple of months, you can detail any initial progress or meetings you have had with your supervisory team or attendance at induction sessions and plan ahead for the following 6 months.

[Progress Report User Guide.](#)

## **Update to NHMRC's Privacy Policy**



Australian Government  
National Health and Medical Research Council

NHMRC

NHMRC has recently updated its [Privacy Policy](#). Please note that, with Research Grants Management System (RGMS) users' consent, your contact details may be made available to universities, private medical research bodies, Australian state/territory or local government agencies who are seeking experts for the purpose of establishing advisory panels. Please note that participation in any activity that may result from you being contacted is entirely at your discretion.

If you wish to consent to your personal details to be released please do the following:

On the RGMS landing page select the "My Profile & CV / Account" tab, and then click the "Edit my Profile and CV" link. On the "Profile and CV List" page click one of the links and choose the "Pro-PD: Personal Details" option from the drop-down menu on the "Properties" tab. The new field is in the "Disclosure Of Personal Information" section.

## **'Thesis by Publication' v 'Thesis by Prior Publication': Explained**

Are you confused by the different thesis formats and what these terms mean? Here's a brief explanation of the major differences between 'Thesis by Publication' and 'Thesis by Prior Publication'.

A **'Thesis by Publication'** is one of the thesis formats that candidates may submit for a Doctor of Philosophy or Master by Research degree. In this format, the thesis will contain a series of papers (or works), which have been published, submitted for publication, prepared in order to be submitted for publication, or a combination of any of the above. An explanatory introduction chapter and a final review are also required to link the papers and to establish the broader academic context. The main content of the thesis, including publications, must be a result of the research conducted by the candidate during the course of their Higher Degree by Research enrolment.

A **'Thesis by Prior Publication'** is the term used to refer to a thesis submitted by candidates enrolled in the degree of Doctor of Philosophy by Prior Publication. A candidate for the Doctor of Philosophy by Prior Publication is expected to be an experienced researcher with a significant historical record of refereed publications of doctoral standard. This thesis format will include these prior publications and a significant integrating essay.

Summary of major differences:

	<b>Thesis by Publication</b>	<b>Thesis by Prior Publication</b>
Degree	Doctor of Philosophy or Master by Research	Doctor of Philosophy by Prior Publication
Publication status	Either published, submitted, drafted for publication, or a combination of the above	Published
Additional requirements	Introduction and review chapters	Integrating essay
Previous work in main content	Not allowed	Allowed

The guidelines for all thesis types can be found in [Schedule 3 of the Higher Degree by Research Policy](#).

## Professional Development

### How to Develop a Research Proposal

November 8<sup>th</sup>, 0930-1130.

Receive guidance on how to develop and write a research proposal. This session assumes prior knowledge of how to conduct a literature review.

### Structuring and Crafting your Thesis

November 15<sup>th</sup>, 0930-1130.

All HDR students will benefit from completing this workshop prior to planning and beginning to draft sections of their thesis – often from early in their candidature.

### Introduction to GIS & Spatial Analysis

November 14<sup>th</sup>, 0930-1130.

Gain practical knowledge regarding GIS and Spatial Analysis and how these tools might be used in your research. Geographic Information Systems are computer based mapping and database systems that allow you to integrate and analyse spatial data (information about locations).

### HDR Induction

November 28<sup>th</sup>, 0930-1200.

This is the final Induction for 2017. Inductions should be a priority for new candidates commencing in session 3, 2017 or session 1, 2018 as they provide essential information about getting started. Attending an induction session is part of the probationary conditions for candidature so if you haven't completed it yet please register now. And it would be great to mark off this milestone as completed in 2017!

### Supervisor Series

For upcoming Supervisors. Module 1 (induction) will be run again on the 23<sup>rd</sup> November and Module 2 on the 30<sup>th</sup> November.

### Intro to Research Application & Administration

December 12<sup>th</sup>, 0930-1130.

A session to provide an overview of processes, systems, approvals and more to help new and existing Researchers.

See the [PD Calendar](#) to register for these and all other Research Office sessions.

## 3MT Congratulations

This year's 3MT Final was held at the University of Queensland on 29<sup>th</sup> September in Brisbane.



**Cara Wilson**, from the School of Animal and Veterinary Sciences presented her 3MT **War on waste: It's not just plastic bags**. She did an incredible job and we are extremely proud of Cara and her work. It was a fantastic event with 55 HDR Candidates and it was amazing to see the exciting and innovative research being undertaken by PhD candidates across the Asia-Pacific region.

Cara was awarded with an Editor's Choice award and will be featured in Cosmos Magazine soon.

Cara mentioned that she has been telling all the HDRs she knows about what a wonderful opportunity 3MT has been for her and has encouraged them all to participate next year!

Congratulations also go to **Dan Aubin**, School of Communication & Creative Industries who stunned audiences at the 3MT Final at UQ on 29<sup>th</sup> September in Brisbane with his performance of **A Fine Balance: Performing Research**.



## Linking your ORCID and your CRO profile

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### INTRODUCTION

**CRO** (CSU Research Output) is the University's Institutional repository. It is an electronic archive which stores and showcases the research publications of Charles Sturt University. CRO is an online, open-access environment, making it easy for researchers to find and access the University's published research output using the CSU Library catalogue [Primo Search](#), and National Library of Australia's [Trove](#) database.

Content on CRO includes:

Researcher profiles	Research publications
Prizes and Awards	Press/Media
Impacts (in development)	Datasets

### CREATING A CRO PROFILE

Your CRO researcher profile is a one-stop hub for your research output. Other research profiles can be incorporated into your CRO profile, including:

- ORCID profile
- Scopus Author ID
- Mendeley profile ID
- Links to your website(s)
- Areas of research
- Employment information
- Professional qualifications

All CSU researchers should have a CRO researcher profile. If you cannot find your profile in CRO and/or require assistance to update it, please contact your [Faculty Liaison Librarian](#).

### INTEGRATING YOUR ORCID PROFILE INTO CRO

ORCID provides a persistent digital identity that allows researchers and authors to identify their work from those of others with the same or similar names. You will create and manage your ORCID profile within your researcher profile in CRO. Your publications in CRO can be automatically uploaded into your ORCID profile.

All researchers applying for funding are encouraged by the [National Health and Medical Research Council \(NHMRC\)](#) and [Australian Research Council \(ARC\)](#) to have an ORCID identifier.

ORCID does not provide citation metrics, but an ORCID can be used when you submit papers for publication or apply for grants. It aims to be the de facto standard for author identification in academic publishing and has a broad support base, with members including Elsevier, Springer, Wiley, Nature Publishing Group and Thomson Reuters.

Find out more [about ORCID](#) and how to [manage your profile](#). [ORCID registration](#) is free.

The video below demonstrates how to set automatic exporting of ORCID publications into CRO.

Have you created your ORCID profile yet? It is a great way to make you and your research discoverable. It can help with identifying you and your research. It can help you find and be found by potential collaborators. And it can create opportunities for citations of your published work.

You can now create an ORCID through your CRO profile. Want to know how, or find out more?

Have a look at our [Researcher Profile Library Guide](#), which has a page explaining how to integrate your ORCID profile into CRO. There is also a useful [YouTube](#) video stepping you through the process.

However, if you would like further assistance, or you have any other questions, please contact your [Library Faculty Liaison](#) team.

## Upcoming Library Training:

Scheduled training sessions have concluded for the year. However, if you would like a specific training session, please contact our Library Faculty Liaison team to organise an individual session. We are working on the training calendar for next year, so if you have suggestions or feedback, please let us know.

## Bootcamp for Research Writers in November

November is Academic Writing Month.

To celebrate we have a **Bumper 2-day Bootcamp for Research Writers**, on Monday the 13<sup>th</sup> of November and Tuesday the 14<sup>th</sup> of November.

You can join online, or in person if you are in Wagga. If you are unable to take part in both days, you are welcome to join us for part of the Bootcamp. Bootcamp is provided for doctoral candidates, but all other staff and students who wish to join us are warmly welcome. If you would like a calendar invitation, with the schedule and details for joining, email Cassily Charles – [ccharles@csu.edu.au](mailto:ccharles@csu.edu.au). Questions welcome.



## Adroit Research

Adroit Research conduct on-line NVivo workshops which are sponsored by the Research Office. With more than 17 years of research experience, Adroit Research specialise in transcription, data analysis, editing and proofreading. They are a local Australian company who understand the needs of Australian researchers. They have worked with thousands of postgraduate and academic researchers to support robust and transparent research.

- Are you about to begin your data collection and are unsure how to manage the transcribing process?
- Do you feel overwhelmed with the big job of transcribing all of your data ahead of you?
- Are you looking for a regular way to get your interviews and focus groups transcribed?

You can contact Adroit for a quote at <http://www.adroitresearch.com.au/quote/>

## ANU Library launches open access course

In the spirit of Open Access Week, ANU Library has released an open access course that aims to develop the skills researchers need to effectively navigate the scholarly communications and publishing world.

'Navigating the sea of scholarly communications' offers a series of five self-paced online modules that are available at point of need so participants can curate their own learning experiences through videos, readings and quizzes.

See their [website](#) for the five modules and what they include – it's free, self-paced and you can join anytime.

## QCU

The Quantitative Consulting Unit (QCU) provides statistical assistance to CSU's research students. Some of the services the QCU can provide are:

- General statistical consultancy
- Statistical Analysis
- Statistical Modelling
- Mathematical Modelling
- Computer Modelling/Simulation & Computational Mathematics
- Operations Research
- Data Mining
- Complex Systems/Artificial Intelligence
- Signal Processing
- Software Development
- Workshops for people looking to enhance their statistical processing skills.

Through the QCU, research Honours, Masters and PhD students are offered a free initial consultation to provide a kick-start to their research to ensure that they embark on a path that will lead to successful completion of their research. Preparation and design of your research project is paramount to your success in conjunction with our service policy.

John Xie has now settled into his full time position of Statistician, with new clients approaching us almost every day for assistance. John has some new ideas, plans and procedures for the QCU in the coming months. We held the return of our monthly cRow meetings with a great response both face to face and online. Any material that is covered in our meetings will then be added to our Web page for future reference. Fortnightly 'R' material will also be added for anyone to access. John will also provide a mid-monthly R Tutorial, where participants can drop into the session via a Bridgit meeting to provide guidance/answer/support/help with questions in the use of R for statistical analysis – starting from 14<sup>th</sup> November (Tuesday). John will be conducting workshops again within the coming months. If you are interested in attending any of the above sessions please advise us and we can email you the details (email at bottom of news item).

Our next cRow meeting will be on 6<sup>th</sup> November at 10.00 am in Building 3009 room 220, The Graham Centre, Wagga. The presentation from this meeting will be then uploaded to the QCU's webpage for future reference.

LaTeX is a free, powerful open source document preparation system that is widely used amongst the scientific research community. More and more LaTeX is being used by people who need to write documents that include complex non-Latin scripts or people who simply want to produce professional documents. LaTeX offers authors ready-made commands for common requirements such as chapter headings, footnotes, cross-references and bibliographies (and it can be used in conjunction with your EndNote library). LaTeX is also the choice of people working in mathematical disciplines, because it has capabilities in mathematical typesetting that leave standard word-processing facilities for dead. For all its strengths, though, LaTeX has an admittedly steep learning curve; the first steps towards learning and using LaTeX can be challenging.

To this end, the CSU LaTeX User's Group has been formed and is dedicated to bringing together LaTeX users to exchange knowledge and inspire new users and will be meeting monthly both online and face-to-face in Wagga. All research candidates and other staff and students are very welcome to attend these meetings.

- hear talks on LaTeX-related topics
- share knowledge and experience
- provide LaTeX beginners with an opportunity to meet more experienced users
- support one another to learn how to use LaTeX effectively and efficiently

This group is for anyone who is currently using LaTeX, trying to learn how to use LaTeX or someone who thinks that LaTeX might provide a solution to their document preparation needs. If you are interested in finding out more about CSU LaTeX User’s Group, please contact Coral on 32223 or John on 32229 for any further information.

Our previous LaTeX meeting did not get many participants but the next is looking much better. Our next LaTeX meeting will be on **November 6 at 2:00 pm**. Please contact John [gxie@csu.edu.au](mailto:gxie@csu.edu.au) for location/delivery information. Once we have dates for our workshops you can find the details on the [Professional Development Calendar](#). If you or anyone you know who might be interested in knowing more of what the QCU can offer please contact Coral on 32223 or email [cmoffat@csu.edu.au](mailto:cmoffat@csu.edu.au) for any further information.

## What’s on the Professional Development Calendar

Date	Session Details & Registration
8th Nov 2017	<a href="#">How to Develop a Research Proposal</a>
14th Nov 2017	<a href="#">Introduction to GIS &amp; Spatial Analysis</a>
15th Nov 2017	<a href="#">Structuring &amp; Crafting Your Thesis</a>
23rd Nov 2017	<a href="#">Supervisor Series - Module 1 – Induction</a>
28th Nov 2017	<a href="#">HDR Candidate Welcome &amp; Induction</a>
30th Nov 2017	<a href="#">Supervisor Series - Module 2 – PT and DE students</a>
12th Dec 2017	<a href="#">Introduction to Research Application and Administration</a>

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