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Reinventing University Publishing 17 March 2015

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Outline

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- Open Access:
 - Where are we at?
 - Australian Systems
- Major Issues
 - Publishers
 - Monographs
- Open Data

What are the guiding principles of Open Access?

- Societal benefit
- Research benefit
- Individual benefit

Open Access Policy Refresher

- Policies introduced in July 2012 (NHMRC) and January 2013 (ARC)
- Mandated in funding rules:

– Both require that any publications arising from an [ARC/NHMRC] supported research project must be deposited into an open access institutional repository within a twelve (12) month period from the date of publication.

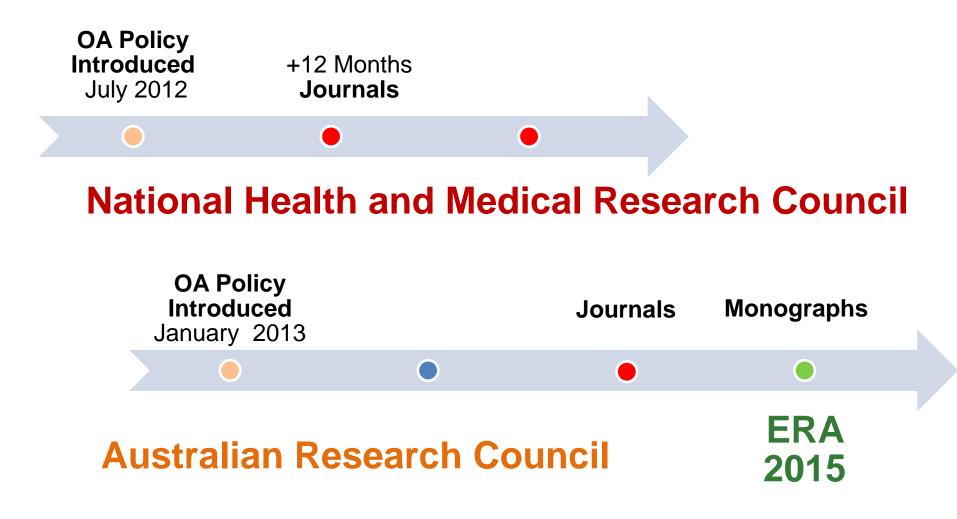
• Some differences including:

 ARC policy covers all publication outputs including books, the NHMRC covers journal articles only

 NHMRC relates to any publication after 1 July 2012, regardless of the grant that supported the research

 ARC policy only affects pubs arising from Funding Grants and Rules from 2013

Open Access Policies—Timeline





Australian advantages

- Big enough, but relatively small
- All universities have repositories (with varying degrees of sophistication) (ASHER)
- Support for Open Access compliance:
 - Grant funds, proportion on publication costs
 - Data repositories

UK developments

- 5 March, Research Councils UK (RCUK) announced the amounts that it will be paying to institution in the block grant to support the implementation of its open access policy
- For 2015–16 RCUK will make available a total of £22.6 million via the block grant, with institutions seeing a rise of around 14% in their individual grants

The Historic Publishing Model

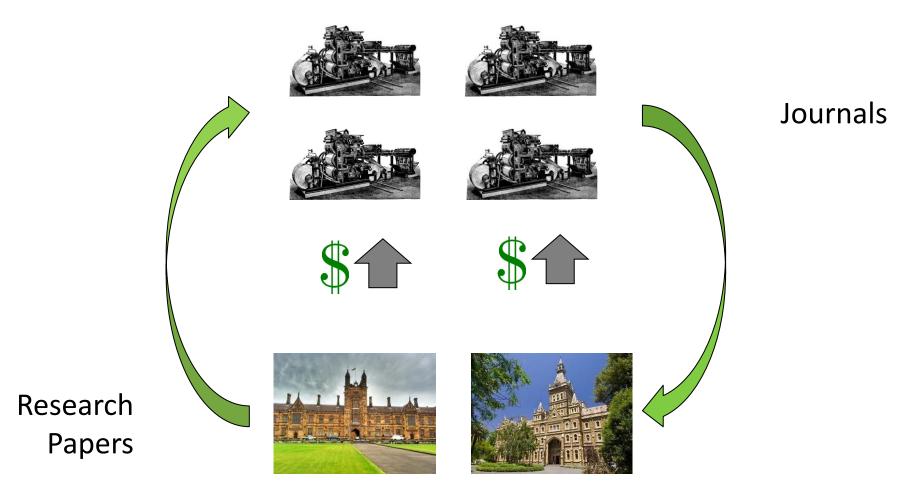


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The Publishing Model...changing

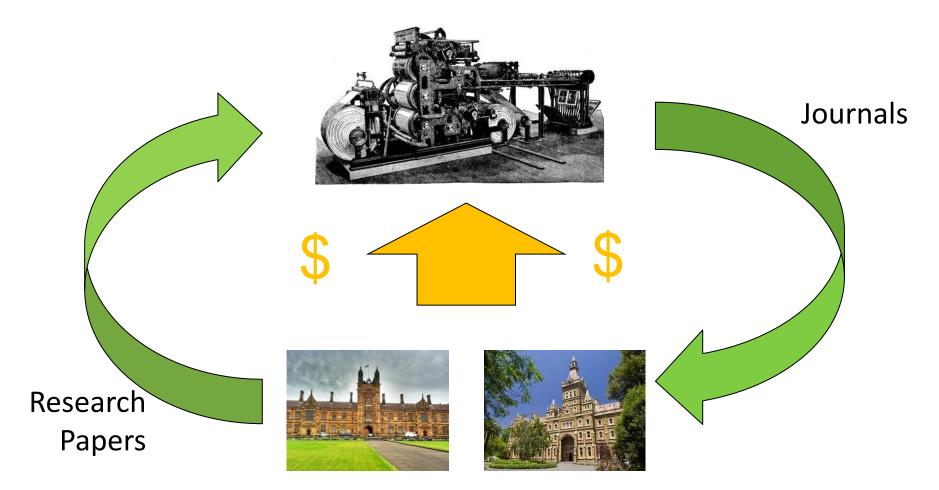
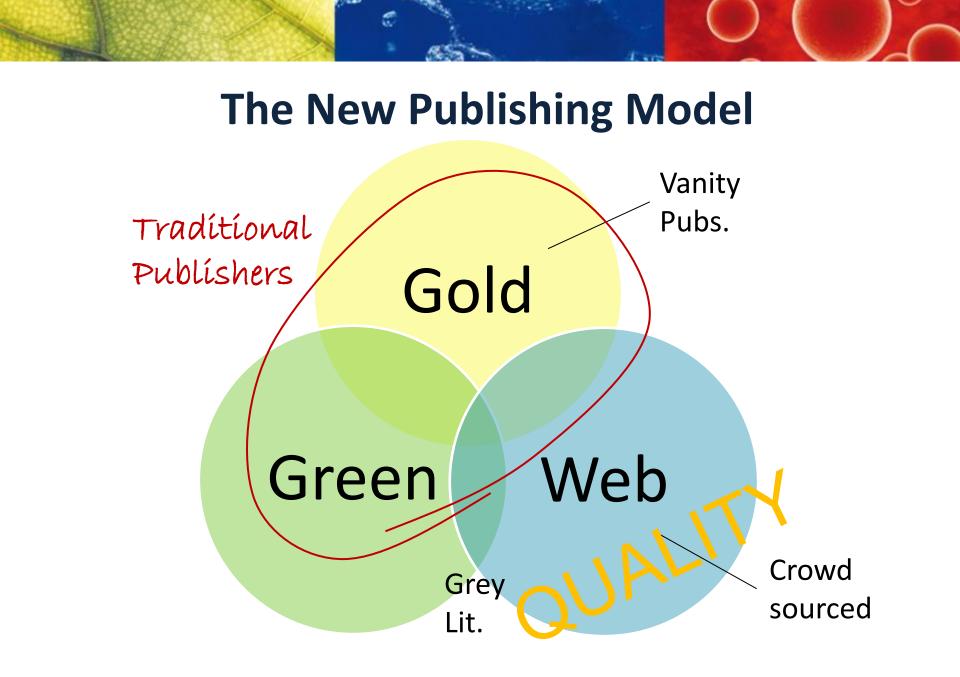
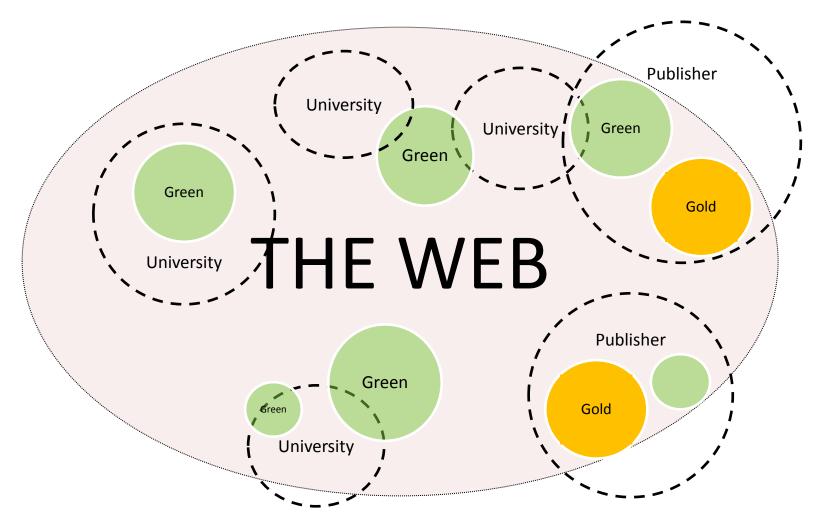


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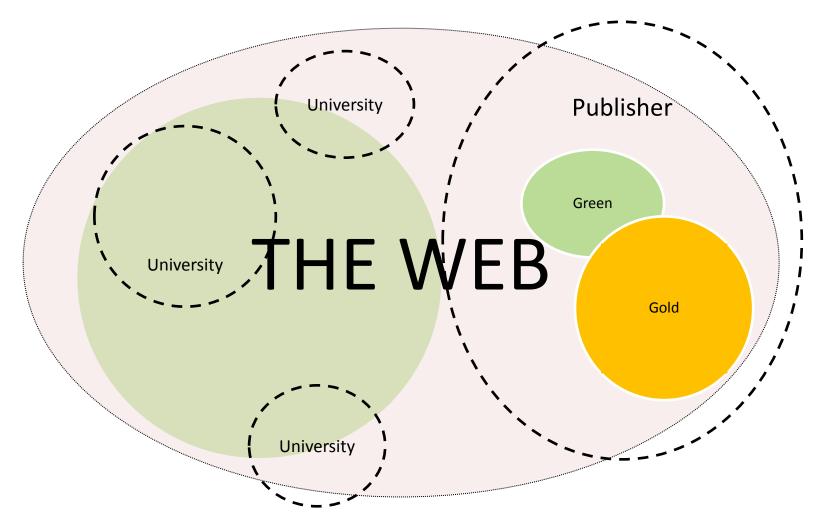


The New Publishing Model (2)



The New Publishing Model +10y?

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International Trends

- Greater support from Funders
- 'Pressure' on Publishers

What are the guiding principles of Open Access? Monographs

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UK Monographs—Crossick

Monographs and Open Access

A report to HEFCE

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Moving towards digital books

The report stresses the role of the materiality of the book in ways that go beyond text alone, suggesting one reason why approaches to open access that rely on providing access to the author's accepted manuscript, or any other version that does not include all of the academically essential contents, layout and presentation of the published version of record, might turn out to be much less acceptable than they are for journal articles. It is important that the perceived strengths of the print monograph are recognised. They appear to researchers at the moment as much more evident than the benefits of electronic versions whose potential has had much less time to be explored for books than for articles. If open access is to depend on e-book technology, then technical and process difficulties associated with publishing, purchasing and reading ebooks must be overcome. At the moment, e-books and e-readers are not a good replacement for the printed book, and concerns exist about how these might be acquired and preserved into the long term. This is not to argue that further development in the quality of e-books and other digital versions will not narrow the current substantial gap between the scholarly experiences of reading a print book and a digital one, but it seems improbable for cultural or economic reasons that the print monograph will disappear.

UK Monographs—Crossick (2)

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Hard facts and insider analysis

From Stephen Matchett



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"Crossick...has found that openaccess e-publishing is all very well, but not yet. Proper people prefer print, liking their books to be, well books."

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- Challenge to academic disciplines
 - Loss of the extended work
- "Open" vs e-book
- Quality issues
- Licencing issues

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Open Data

- Data management plans (DMPs)
 - Proposal stage or once funding has been approved for a Project and complements policies emerging on access to, and sharing of, research data.
- Discovery Projects for funding commencing in 2015



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