

Happy Open Access day

Chris Rusbridge [points out](#) that at the ARROW day on Tuesday week nobody mentioned Open Access Day.

I knew it was Open Access day when I was preparing my [talk](#), and I meant to mention it but I forgot* as did everyone else, apparently. So happy Open Access day everyone. I hope this doesn't say anything too significant about the ARROW community. (I do have a theory that because ARROW became involved in a rather drawn out and complex software development and deployment process that there was a tendency to focus on technical matters over policy for **some** people **some** of the time and that some of us may have lost sight of why were we doing this in the first place.)

Ironically, I had an approach very shortly after I posted my talk, from the publisher of a toll-access publication, asking if I'd like to work up my talk into a paper. My first response was that yes I am interested. But maybe I should only bother with full OA publishers.

Any advice? Should those of us in this business be making a point of doing everything as full open access (is that gold?)? Green? Some other [colour](#) I don't know about? The terminology in this space is very confusing – I don't even know how to express my question!

[Update: I made a couple of minor edits to this post]

*I did remember that Wednesday was Ride to Work day and mention that in my presentation. I was sorry to miss out on riding (and two breakfasts) in Toowoomba but I didn't go so far as to bring a bike and take it for a gratuitous ride across the Brisbane CBD.