

FW: Embargoed MSc Thesis

Ian Wright

Sent: Wednesday, 21 September 2016 7:51 a.m.**To:** Travis Horton; Richard Holdaway**Attachments:** ThesisEmbargoQuestions.docx (333 KB)

Kia ora Travis and Richard,

Here is the final investigation from the library on Julia's thesis.

Their investigations confirms Nic's assertion that he did not receive the thesis, though arguably he tried to. The abstract was always online even before he made any requests.

I understand we are meeting this morning **to close this out**.

Ian

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-----Original Message-----

From: Anne Scott(Library)
Sent: Tuesday, 20 September 2016 5:58 p.m.
To: Ian Wright <ian.wright@canterbury.ac.nz>
Subject: FW: Embargoed MSc Thesis

Kia ora Ian

Here is an updated version with the latest information.

Regards
Anne

-----Original Message-----

From: Stuart Broughton
Sent: Tuesday, 20 September 2016 8:59 a.m.
To: Anne Scott(Library) <anne.scott@canterbury.ac.nz>
Subject: RE: Embargoed MSc Thesis

Kia ora Anne,

Amended one final time. In this version we're more certain the Use of Thesis form was sent to Dr Rawlence rather than the thesis, based on the Repository 'click' record.

Stuart

-----Original Message-----

From: Stuart Broughton
Sent: Monday, 19 September 2016 5:32 p.m.
To: Anne Scott(Library) <anne.scott@canterbury.ac.nz>
Subject: RE: Embargoed MSc Thesis

Anne, I've amended this to reflect the new information that makes it clear that he, in error, requested the Use of Thesis form (rather than the Thesis), which, in turn, makes it highly likely that that was what was sent to him.

I want to ask Anton for more detail about that Repository Report - does it completely rule out that the thesis was sent - and I'll do that tomorrow.

-----Original Message-----

From: Stuart Broughton
Sent: Monday, 19 September 2016 2:24 p.m.
To: Anne Scott(Library) <anne.scott@canterbury.ac.nz>
Subject: RE: Embargoed MSc Thesis

Kia ora Anne,

Attached is one document with three parts:

1. Answers to Ian's questions
2. The abstract
3. The email sent from the Repository to Olivia Johnston

Kind regards,
Stuart

-----Original Message-----

From: Anne Scott(Library)
Sent: Monday, 19 September 2016 9:09 a.m.
To: Stuart Broughton <stuart.broughton@canterbury.ac.nz>
Subject: FW: Embargoed MSc Thesis
Importance: High

Kia ora Stuart

Could you do some additional investigation. I am still not sure of the process that we were following.

Thanks
Anne

-----Original Message-----

From: Ian Wright
Sent: Sunday, 18 September 2016 5:56 p.m.
To: Anne Scott(Library) <anne.scott@canterbury.ac.nz>
Cc: Stuart Broughton <stuart.broughton@canterbury.ac.nz>
Subject: RE: Embargoed MSc Thesis

Kia ora Anne,

I'm still getting emails from Richard and Travis around this situation.

Can I check one last time that:

1. The request received on the 7th March was Nic Rawlence, but the library can't distinguish whether the abstract or thesis were requested.
2. Any such request for the thesis was passed to Julia Johnston as the IP holder, and that the library didn't release a copy of the thesis.
3. Following the request, the thesis abstract was posted online.

It would be also useful if you send me the actual abstract of the thesis in question. I have received further correspondence which I wish to now corroborate.

Thank you in advance.

Regards
Ian

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From: Anne Scott(Library)
Sent: Sunday, 18 September 2016 12:07 p.m.
To: Ian Wright <ian.wright@canterbury.ac.nz>; Richard Holdaway
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Kia ora Ian, Richard and Travis

I would just like to confirm that I have asked Stuart Broughton, Manager Research Services, to review the Thesis Availability Policy and library practices in this area to ensure we are following best practice and communicating this well to our community.

Regards
Anne

-----Original Message-----

From: Ian Wright
Sent: Sunday, 18 September 2016 11:18 a.m.
To: Richard Holdaway <richard.holdaway@canterbury.ac.nz>; Travis Horton
<travis.horton@canterbury.ac.nz>; Anne Scott(Library) <anne.scott@canterbury.ac.nz>
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Importance: High

Kia ora Richard, Travis, and Anne,

I have had further correspondence from UO (as attached), in which Nic Rawlence provides a rebuttal to my letter to Prof Richard Blaikie - Otago DVC.

Given Nic's response I have indicated that UC will not take any further action and I do not now propose to write to the QSR Editors.

I think we all have to draw a breath here, accept Nic's responses, and move on.

Regards

Ian W.

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From: Richard Blaikie [<mailto:richard.blaikie@otago.ac.nz>]
Sent: Saturday, 17 September 2016 4:13 p.m.
To: Ian Wright <ian.wright@canterbury.ac.nz>
Cc: Gerard Closs <gerry.closs@otago.ac.nz>

Subject: [SPAM: 10.411] FW: Embargoed MSc Thesis

Kia ora Ian,

Through the HoD Zoology, Assoc Prof Gerry Closs, Nic Rawlence has provided the attached explanations in relation to the concerns you raised in your recent letter.

As you can see, Nic will be sending an apology directly to Ms Johnson and co-authors, but has also provided explanation and clarification on other matters that were raised.

I trust that this satisfies the concerns about the integrity of Nic's responses to the QSR editor and reviewers, such that any subsequent correspondence with the journal will not be necessary now.

With best regards,

Richard Blaikie

-----Original Message-----

From: Gerard Closs
Sent: Friday, 16 September 2016 12:43 p.m.
To: Richard Blaikie
Cc: Nic Rawlence; Jonathan Waters
Subject: Re: Embargoed MSc Thesis

Dear Richard

Attached is a detailed response to the issue raised in the letter from Professor Ian Wright re the use of an embargoed MSc thesis.

In short, Nic is happy to apologise directly to Ms Johnson and her associated UC colleagues re the citation of the MSc thesis. He acknowledges that this was due to a genuine misunderstanding as to what could or couldn't be cited.

Nic refutes the suggestion that he received a full copy of thesis, but only referred to the information available in the publicly available abstract, as per the link that was provided by the UC library (provided in the attached letter). He has also provided the editor's and reviewers' comments on the paper that confirm the editor and reviewers did not refer directly to the thesis.

I am satisfied with Nic's response, and acknowledge and confirm his regret over this incident.

Please advise as to how you would like us to proceed from here.

All the best

Gerry