How I Publish and Promote My Research

- Attended a few conferences
- Had the librarians help me with setting up an ORCID profile
- Used social media to promote my work as well as keep up to date with the work of prominent people in the field.

My Library Services and Spaces

The library services and facilities that have helped me with my research include:

- The ability to acquire hard to find books through interlibrary loans, BONUS+ and CAVAL.
- Facilities for scanning, printing and binding resources.
- Quiet study space and computer access.
- Assistance from library staff during a research consultation.
- Service desk assistance for finding resources.

My Information Resources

The information resources that have proven to be invaluable for my research include:

- Access to a range of databases in order to find journals and peer reviewed journal articles. I have also used eBooks as well as print books, excavation reports and other theses. On the occasion maps and geographic data was necessary as well as access to translated works.
- The library provided tools that I have used include: 
  - Search tools for finding resources including but not limited to: Discovery, the library catalogue and the library subject research guides which have helped me to identify various online databases, of which I have used most prominently:
    - Jstor
    - Web of Science
    - ProQuest.

In addition to this, Source It @ Melbourne has provided the full text of many resources, and Mendeley has been an invaluable references management software that the library has helped me understand.

My Information Management Tips

I have found it very useful to sort the vast array of information by subcategories and folders and upload the full text in a reference management software. This way all the articles and eBooks are not only named properly, but references as well. On the occasion maps and geographic data was necessary as well as access to translated works.

What I Would Really Like

The library has delivered stellar service in regards to aiding me in my research endeavours. The only aspect of writing my thesis that proved challenging is the fact that, as I was writing about excavations being undertaken in Europe, most reports were written in a foreign language. Some form of translation tool, for crucial pieces of research would have been handy, for even though I could speak one of the required languages, I could not possibly learn multiple, and this has had a negative impact on my ability to use a wide range of relevant material. In addition to this, the ability to acquire foreign books that are not available for sale online or in the English speaking world would also have proved invaluable, though I am not sure how feasible these two requests really would be to implement.