Why bother publishing?
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Aim of PhD:
To change knowledge at the international level

If you have not published it, you may as well have not done it

Be kind to your examiners
Peer review – Criticism!

- Important?  
- Impact?  
- Current?  
- Novel?

- Scientific scrutiny:
  - Experimental design
  - Standards, controls
  - Interpretation of data
  - Cited relevant literature?
  - Validity of conclusions

Convince your readers!
Publications

- Number versus Quality
- Rejection rates, IF, ERA
- 1st/last author
- Number of authors

- Number of citations
Reputation of university?

- ?
- supervisor
PhD by Publication

- Recognises importance of publishing
- Australia: 1950s, by thesis
Publications = currency

- Jobs
- Fellowships
- Promotion

Publications ➔ grants ➔ experiments
Government funding to universities

- Publications out
- Grants in
- HDR completions
- RTS places
- PhD scholarships
Communication

- International
- Who is working on what
- Who is expert in particular techniques
- Develop a method to be used by others
- Salt water crocodiles...
Reviews

- Summarise current literature

- MUST come up with a new concept or synthesis

- Citing reviews vs primary references
Publish or perish

- Good luck!