



# Progress on a National Forum for eResearch Providers



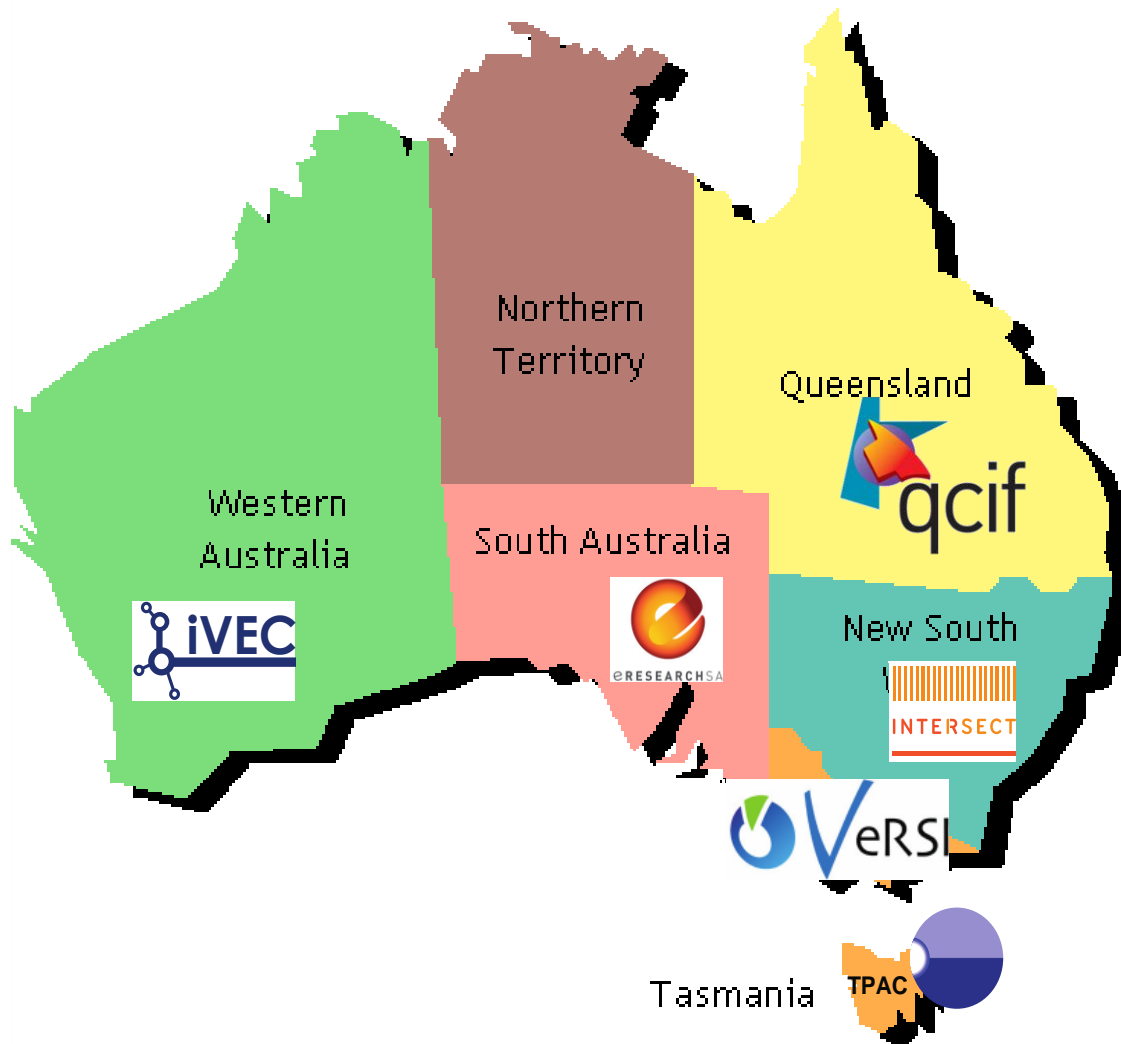
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# Australian eResearch Organisations





# AeRO Mission

- Association of eResearch service providers
- Aim to encourage best eResearch practices, capabilities, standards
- Collaboration nationally and internationally
- Facilitation for services and platforms
- Advocacy for advancement and adoption



# Origins and Development

- Founded by state-based service providers originally to support, transition, wind-down ARCS services
- Broader collaboration for national services
- eResearch Australasia 2011- interest from the broader eResearch community
- Three National Fora in 2012
- Now expanding membership in stages





# Business Model

- No formal structure, no officers, no money
- MOU-based collaboration, cooperation
- Agenda supported by monthly meetings
- No service operation under AeRO banner

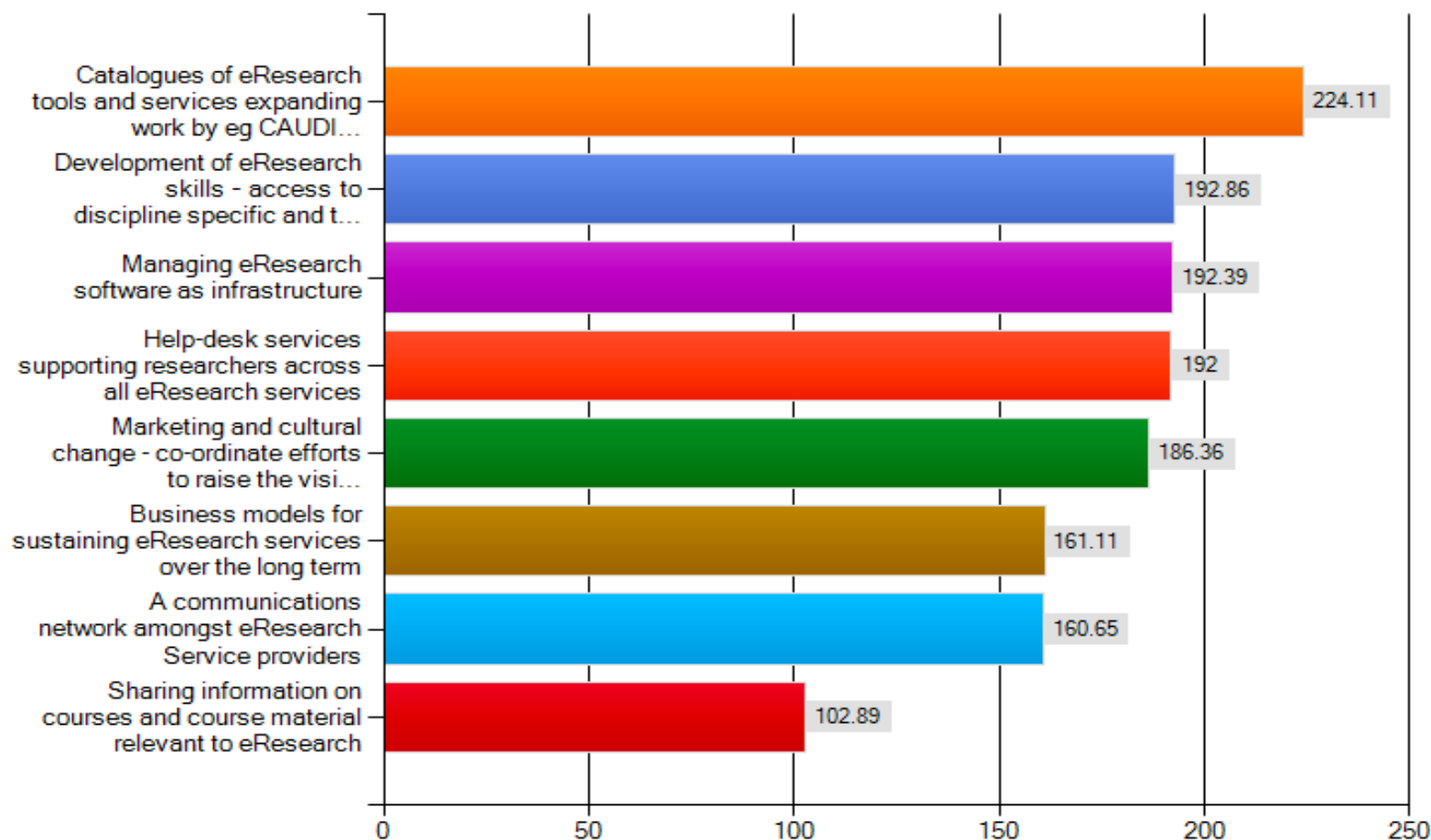


# Establishing Priorities

- First National Forum February 2012 – 60 leaders
- Elicited eResearch issues that needed national actions
- Decided to survey all interested parties to prioritize issues

# Survey Results

**If you had \$1,000 where would you spend it? Please enter numeric amounts next to the areas you see as priorities. You can distribute your \$1,000 across multiple priorities. (Sorry, but Survey Monkey won't display a running total).**





# User Support

- Second National Forum June 2012 – 60 leaders
- AeRO/CAUDIT Working Group (Paul Sherlock)
- Broad consultation
- Concept paper
- Infrastructure project 2013





# Services Catalogue

- Second National Forum June 2012 – 60 leaders
- AeRO/CAUDIT Working Group (Tricia McMillan)
- Broad consultation
- Concept paper
- Catalogue project 2013



# Skills Development

- Third National Forum (this week) – 30 leaders
- Team formed to develop CLEO proposal
  - iVEC (Jenni Harrison)
  - QCIF
  - eRSA
  - VeRSI
  - More welcome



# Next Year for AeRO

- A plenary National Forum 2013
- Survey of future needs
- An AeRO action plan
- Organisational structure



# Next Year for eResearch

- Sustainability of National eResearch Service Programs
  - RDSI
  - NeCTAR
  - Video Conferencing