Progress on a National Forum for eResearch Providers
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
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).

- Catalogues of eResearch tools and services expanding work by eg CAUDIT… 224.11
- Development of eResearch skills - access to discipline specific and t… 192.86
- Managing eResearch software as infrastructure 192.39
- Help-desk services supporting researchers across all eResearch services 192.00
- Marketing and cultural change - co-ordinate efforts to raise the visi… 186.36
- Business models for sustaining eResearch services over the long term 161.11
- A communications network amongst eResearch Service providers 160.65
- Sharing information on courses and course material relevant to eResearch 102.89
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