

Agenda for ARCLinkage Meeting Sept 24th 2003
FIRE Seminar Room, NTU, 1:30pm

1. Outline of Project (Michael Christie, Waymamba Gaykamangu, Helen Verran)
2. Issues to do with research management (Jenny Carter, NTU Research Branch)
3. Introduction to the DSTC database (Bevan)
4. Stakeholder goals and contributions (NLC, DIPE)
5. Tentative negotiation of goals, timelines, and deliverables

Contributions from stakeholders:

NAILSMA, DIPE and YYF will be asked at the meeting to contribute to some basic scoping work. To facilitate this, we hope you will be able to come with answers to a few questions:

1. What databases/digital-datasets containing indigenous knowledge does your organization have?
2. In which indigenous communities/organizations would you like database prototypes to be developed?
3. What sorts of learning contexts, practices and purposes do you think these databases would support?
4. Do you expect that the knowledge-owners would like to focus on developing new content for these databases, or on migrating and repatriating digital data from other collections? Or both?
5. What hardware is available or required for each database?
6. What personnel does your organization intend to make available to the project over the next three years (what are their experience, skills, current involvements, and availability)?

Proposed Time Line:

(currently tentative and very flexible)

August/Sept 2003:

- finalise arrangements between ARC, Partners, NTU and Melbourne University.

Sept 24th:

- Seminar and meeting with partners (as available)

Sept 24th – 27th

- Bevan Koopman (DSTC) in Darwin for talks with NTU and other partners

Oct – Dec 2003

- NTU prototype developed (from existing database content using DSTC software)
- Other partners develop plans for specific db development, implementation and use with indigenous groups and NTU researchers.

March 2004: Darwin meeting.

- NTU demonstrates basic Yolngu studies database as proof of concept to partners. (Indigenous stakeholders can attend meeting or call a meeting on their own land)
- Discussion on development of special search and interface features, and planning for implementation.
- Discussion focussing on uses of digital technology in indigenous teaching contexts, and implications for database design.

April – Oct 2004: Community-based meetings and development

- Individual project plans finalised (place, content, hardware, software, IP issues, ownership, ongoing support)
- Workshop in each target community to demonstrate proof of concept, finalise initial content, brainstorm datastructures, interfaces, searchpaths, upload etc.
- Developing plans, and policy for use of digital content by owners and custodians.
- Planning for evaluation and ongoing support.
- NTU team prepares digital content for upload to each database
- NTU team develops prototype databases

Late 2004:

- Delivery of prototype to all target communities

March – July 2005:

- Meetings in target communities to evaluate progress and plan for further development of search-friendly and upload-friendly features.
- Workshops in target communities evaluating function and use of prototype systems.
- Negotiating second stage development work.
- Further development of search, and upload features.

August 2005: Darwin Workshop

- evaluation of work so far
- discussion about educational applications and formulation of recommendations for database development and use.
- Discussion and development of recommendations for db implementation in other contexts.