

Data Management Planning Workshop

Summary of Day

Build it without them and they won't come

- We've learned from our repository failures
 - Cf Andy Powell's blog entry on his VALA2008 presentation
- Lots of presentations today about surveying users to find out what they need
 - Which is refreshing
- 'Making the right thing easy'

Lots of (largely) uncoordinated activity underway

- Uncoordinated across Australia that is
- Lots of similar models/templates/plans/policies
- Some of this needs to be local
- But much does not
- Need for ongoing collaboration beyond this seminar (role for ARCS tools and ANDS fora)

Levers we can use

- Carrots (incentives)
- Sticks (compliance with policy)
- Tools (to make it easy)

- ANDS is working on these in Frameworks, Utilities, Seeding the Commons, Capabilities, NeAT Projects

Policy

- Need national level declaration on open access to research data
- Complying with this needs rewarding
- National centre for policy and advice
- Incorporate data management into risk mgt
- Build data mgt into research project formulation
- Provide family of licenses/responsibility statements (like CC)
- See ANDS Frameworks

Research data planning

- Build support tools into repositories
- Make sure citation of data is incentivisedTM
- Develop coherent national network of repositories
 - Emphasis on discipline-specific repositories
 - Although institutionally-supported
 - Could act as centre for research activity
- See NCRIS Roadmap Review

Making it work

- Know what you don't know
- Make it easy (for providers and users)
- Start small and scale
- Reward innovators (both providers and users)

Rhys

- Solution is too complicated for users
- Their ability to understand won't improve
- So don't solve everything
- We need something that is simple enough to get funded
- Data is collaborative research infrastructure
 - (and skills should be)
- We need someone to fund data storage that is good enough
 - And he needs us to tell him how to do it in a simple way