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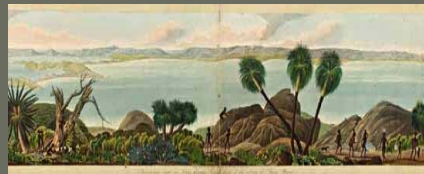
## **Building infrastructures for Web- based collaboration in humanities research networks**

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## ARC Network for Early European Research

- Funded 2004-2009: ARC Networks Programme
  - Enhance the scale and focus of research
  - Encourage more inter-disciplinary approaches
  - Facilitate collaborative & innovative approaches to planning & undertaking research
- 300+ individual participants; university & industry partners
- Programmes for Australian participants
  - Symposia, conferences, events
  - Collaborative grant programmes
  - Postgraduate/ECR programmes
- International linkages



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## NEER's Digital Strategy

“The full use of innovative digital technologies, both to facilitate and promote communication between researchers and to develop and provide shared research resources”

(ARC Research Network application, 2004)



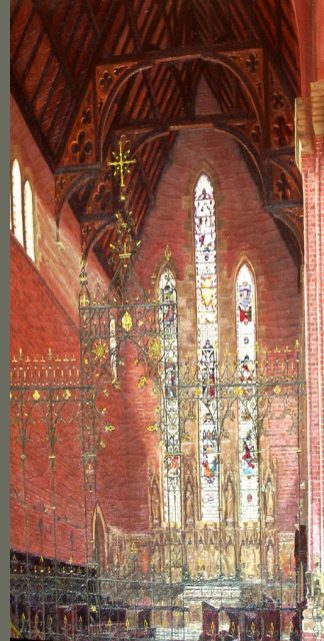
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## Digital Initiatives

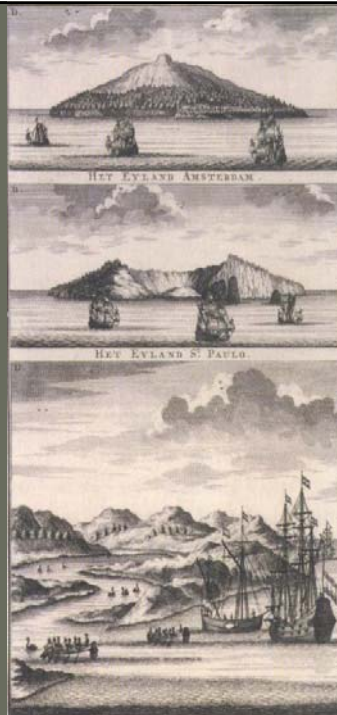
- Shared resources
  - Commercial databases: ProQuest (EBO), Brepols (5 databases)
  - Skills and training: Brepols internships
  - Electronic publication: Parergon/Muse
  - Heritage collections: access
  - Research repository: PioNEER
- Communication
  - Web site, e-mail lists
  - Collaborative working tools and workspaces: Confluence



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## PioNEER

- NEER's digital repository of research outputs
- Representative and retrospective
- Beyond "publications" – other types of outputs and data
- DigiTool software
- Hosted by UWA Library
- Available second half of 2007
- Relationship to institutional repositories
- Relationship to Research Quality Framework





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## NEER Confluence

- Collaborative software
- Commercial Wiki product
- Hosted at UWA
- Communication, discussion, annotation, collaborative writing
- News and blogs
- Personal spaces & group spaces
- Searchable
- Security and access control
- Web-based
- “Extensible and interoperable”



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