



Building a cross-institution and cross-discipline digital research community: A 10-year ResBaz Journey

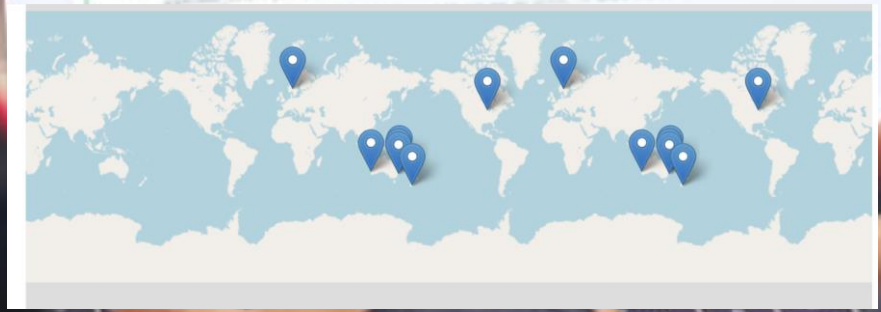
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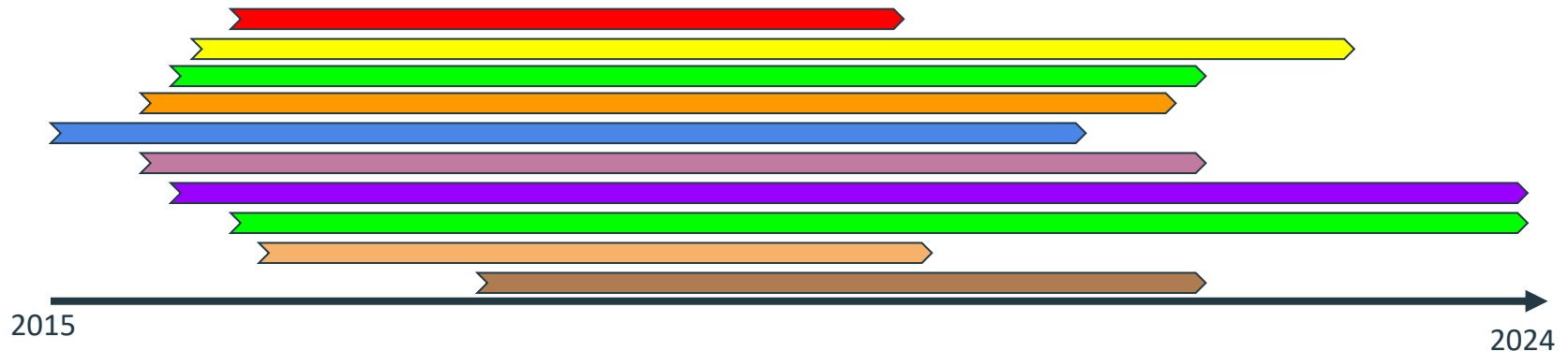
I would like to acknowledge the Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung and Bunurong / Boon Wurrung peoples of the Kulin that are the Traditional Custodians of the land we are on today. I would also like to pay my respects to the Elders both past and present and extend that respect to other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders who are present here today.



There have been many ResBazes that have come, continued and gone over the last 10 years.

As we head into the next 10 years of ResBaz, we face unprecedented challenges and opportunities.

Along with the BOF session coming up next, we want to just spend a bit of time looking at what we've achieved over the past 10 years



The original vision



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ResBaz Aotearoa

Local → National

2016-2019: Institutional events (in-person)

2020-: ResBaz Aotearoa (online)

Why move online?

- 2020: Couldn't meet in-person
- No catering/equipment costs
- Greater reach: numbers and access
- Wider potential contributor pool
- Scale and distribution

Results

- Duration: 5 days
- Workshops: 45+ (3 streams)
- Attendees: 1,500 (vs 100)
- Registrations: 5,000
- Attendance: 40-65%

ResBaz Aotearoa Vibe

- Mix of short and long workshops
- Diverse topics
- Wider audience – not just University/CRI
- Experimentation (content, date, recordings)



ResBaz Sydney



AARNET

ARDC

Intersect

Macquarie University

University of Sydney

University of Technology Sydney

UNSW Sydney

Western Sydney University

ResBaz Syd @ UTS and MQU, UNSW



- Collaboration between several NSW universities
- Rotating host and venue
- We switched between both online and in-person due to COVID



What we learnt !!



- Resbaz is a volunteer event
 - Which is really hard!!
 - Regardless of support, it was a major effort on hosts
 - Transferring money from host to host was a pain!
- One university would struggle to sustain it
- Researchers loved it
- Other research and non-research organisations were interested
- External partners were happy to support it



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JOYFULL

TO CELEBRATE

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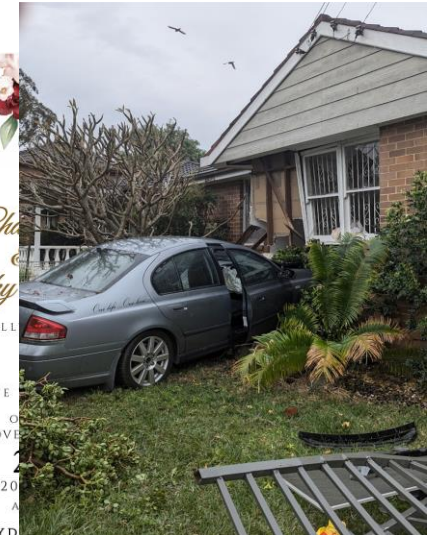
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11 HICKSON RD, DAWES POINT NSW

Reception to follow



Why do we do it?



From the Qld Resbaz conference in 2018 feedback survey, 97% said they would recommend this event (of 39 responses)

Perth ResBaz 2022
106 paid participants, 29 presenters, 23 helpers.

ResBaz Sydney 2021 had 708 registrations, 394 attendees
13 workshops, 31 talks and 3 Hacky Hour sessions were delivered (across 5 streams over 3 days).
Organised by UNSW, ARDC, Intersect, USyd, UTS (with event support from MQ and WSU)



What does the future hold



Challenges

- **Sustainability**
 - Workforce
 - University support
- **Content**
 - What, Who, and How
- **Impact**
 - How do we measure our success



What does the future hold



Values of ResBaz:

- **People Over Technology**
 - Online is an great opportunity
 - In person holds great value
- **Open Access**
 - With the rapid pace of digital research tools (e.g. AI/ML) sharing of knowledge/skills is needed more than ever
- **Diversity**
 - No single discipline or university holds all the expertise needed to train our researcher cohort



What Happens Next?



ResBaz
RESEARCH BAZAAR

Big Challenges

Big Opportunities

Join us at the BOF session coming up right now!!