

# Agenda QUESTnet Management Meeting, March 22

## .5 QUESTnet Mgt Committee Structure

### 1. QUESTnet Status

This is a general item for any issues relating to the present network. Some of which are:

- A report from the Qld AARNet/QUESTnet hub managers - traffic, bytes and all that stuff
- X.25 status
- Bond link status

### 2. QUESTnet Winter Workshop

It has been proposed that we have a QUESTnet Winter Workshop at JCU. MARion Pender from DBIRD is putting a submission to teh State Gov to sponsor this workshop. However, even if this doesn't come off I think it would be worthwhile still having such an activity at JCU - we'll just have to keep the number of dancing girls down a bit. An initial outline is:

Purpose:

- To plan and implement QUESTnet staged development program
  - To train and inform network managers technicians and user support staff
  - To promote regional development and activity
- Previous workshops have always been held in Brisbane
- To promote a collaborative working environment between tertiary and research institutions and industry

Timing:

*Mackay*  
July 10/11/12

Location:

James Cook University, Townsville

Sponsor:

It is proposed that the Department of Business, Industry and Regional Development sponsor this workshop.

Perhaps we can also approach DEC or others. Suggestions please?

Delegates:

Apart from the regulars we could invite the mob from around Townsville (AIMS, GBRMPA, CSIRO others?) Anyone from Cairns? Mackay - Sugar research Institute. Brisbane DEVETIR for external studies remote teaching things,

CITEC, DBIRD (of course).

Guest Speakers:

Willing to take suggestions here. I have been trying to think of an angle which really promotes regional development.

The Minister himself.

VC JCU

Geoff Huston AARNet (to show 'em how to really run a workshop and have fun!)

Graeme Burket Telecom Corporate Customer Div (He's our Corp rep is Brisby)

Rob Starkey from DEC NaC

Funding;

Marion will be at the meeting for part of the time so she can talk about how and when the funding might be known.

Program:

Day 1 The big flag waving day with the minster etc. Some demos needed here of "super computer access Townsville to Bris - by CSIRO. UQ demo DS. Other suggestions?

Day 2. QUESTnet Managers meeting and technical workshop

Day 3 Technicla workshop, hands on sessions etc.

3. Network Access Policy

JCU Acces. Ian Hunter has already circulated some info on this.

QUT Open Learning Project. This also has some impact on the use of QUESTnet. Perhaps Bill could find out the latest status of this project.

4. Briefing by DBIRD re QLD Gov Participation in

QUESTnet and QUESTnet Phase 2. This is the result of DBIRD asking all those questions over recent months.

5. QUESTnet Funding Issues

There are a few issues here most of which could have solved if QUESTnet managed all its own funding and passed \$ over the border to AARNet for the national service. However we need to look at how to handle funding in hte present environment:

- the 2Mb links between GU, QUT and UQ and maint of common MUX equipemnt.

This situation will occur if QUESTnet Ph 2 goes ahead.

- Funding of QUESnet Mgt and workshops

6. QUESTnet/AARNet Case Studies

7. AARNet Development Grants

8. External Lines Data Base

9. Other Business

*J. Mann  
Business Analyst*

*Can you cut - ?*

*Loss in longer term  
nationalisation of bandwidth  
- Regional expansion*

*Business Model  
2 m.*

*The AUC  
4K  
Contributors of Man  
Service  
Jockey Club.*

*Note for D Bird re affiliate membership.*