What next for the eWater Source CoP?

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A quick reminder

- eWater brings together the work of three CRCs
- We support the ongoing development and adoption of:
  - eWater Source as the National Hydrological Modelling Platform
  - MUSIC (Model for Stormwater Improvement Conceptualisation)
  - eWater Toolkit
- Communities of Practice are key to our success

Evolution of our CoP

Starting out

- Rapid growth
- Lots of people, ideas and development

Finding our feet

- A change in approach
- Finding focus

Maturing

- Established community
- How to stay fresh and support new users?

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Some ideas

- Modernise and improve communications - focus on sharing information & achievements
- Contribute to more local networks
- Develop the eWater Academy
- Try new things – like MODSIM
- Include non-modellers

Opportunities & benefits

- Established community – connecting new/experienced users, creating focused groups, e.g types of users or issue based
- Online collaboration & learning, like JIRA, confluence and webinars
- Community Plugins allow users to directly contribute, in ways that meet their needs/expertise/interests
- Conference – short & sharp time commitment, maintains connections

Challenges

- Variable success with online platforms & social media
- Managing the diverseness of our community, Australia/International, experienced/new, urban/catchments/rivers, government/private
- Anything that takes lots of $ or 🕓
- As the modelling gets harder – collaboration will likely help but our instincts will often make us close up

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