

NZSA Student & Early Career AGM Report November 2019

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Ihaka Lecture Screening

Screenings were organised in Palmerston North, Christchurch and Dunedin with NZSA providing funding for drinks and nibbles. Attendance was variable, in part due to advertising going out later than in previous years and many people only finding about the events last minute.

Wellington Rep

Amanda stepped down from her role as the Wellington Student & Early Career rep earlier this year. I would like to acknowledge Amanda's time and effort over the past few years, especially her role in the setup and ongoing administration of the group Facebook page. I am now on the lookout for someone to take on this role in Wellington – this involves being a point of contact for students and professionals in the Wellington region and taking the lead on organising a networking event or two throughout the year. If anyone would like to take on this role or has suggestions on shoulders I could tap, please let me know.

SSA Young Statisticians Conference

I recently attended the SSA Young Statisticians Conference in Canberra, Australia. Rajas Kulkarni from NZ also attended. The conference included a trivia night organised by the Canberra branch of the SSA.

ANZSC 2020 will be happening on the Gold Coast in July next year and we hope to offer a student & early career event in conjunction with the Australian Young Statisticians.

November Event

This networking event at this year's conference in Dunedin will be held on the evening of Tuesday the 26th of November at the University of Otago Staff Club. I've heard that students often don't get the opportunity to go into the staff club, so I hope everyone makes the most of it!

The cost for this event is ~\$1200 which includes venue hire and drinks & nibbles for 30 – 40 people. I would like to acknowledge Minitab and the NZSA for their support in making this event happen. Without them, there wouldn't be any drinks and nibbles! Minitab has been a great support to the student & early career network over the past three years and their support has been invaluable in making these events happen.

Thanks also to Timothy Bilton for his help in organising this event and running it on the day in my absence. It was great to have venue suggestions, so I didn't have to resort to Googling possible venues near the uni!