

Canterbury Tails Local Group Report

The Canterbury Tails website has been released. Check it out here:

<http://www.math.canterbury.ac.nz/canterbury-tails/>

If you wish to receive notifications of statistics events of interest to individuals in the Canterbury region then register on the website. Once registered you can also post new events.

Rationale:

There are many other statistical newsgroups in Australia and New Zealand (e.g. ANZStat), but we felt the need for a newsgroup specifically to encourage interaction amongst the statisticians in the Canterbury region.

We expect that the Canterbury Tails website will primarily be a portal for advertising statistics activities in the region. For example, seminars, workshops, conferences and visitors.

You will realise that, for example, statistical seminars are being given at numerous institutes around Christchurch, Lincoln and the wider Canterbury region. To ameliorate the issues associated with needing to be on the right lists to get seminar notifications for all these institutes (and sometimes many departments within them), we used the local group funds from the NZSA conference to create a website for advertising the local statistics activities. Future developments of the site could include anything that encourages or supports the statistical community in Canterbury.

The website contains the following:

- list of upcoming seminars/events
- history of past seminars
- area for all registered users to upload new seminars
- area for moderators to approve the release of new seminars
- area to register for email list
- workshop/conferences/visitors can also be advertised

We would be pleased to hear from anyone who wants to contribute to developments of the website.

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