

Science Fairs Report

Once again NZSA coordinated prizes for the 22 Science and Technology Fairs around the country. Statistics New Zealand donated \$40 in Book Vouchers to each fair along with certificates for the prize winners and others who showed merit in their use of statistics. NZSA donated \$60 in cash to each fair and this was disbursed at the judges or fairs discretion. A slightly worrying trend appears to be the insistence of a few fairs to decide how the prize money should be disbursed, for example one fair will only allow a single prize. Our intent through the years has been to encourage the use of good statistics and judges have on occasion felt that they were not able to do that. We propose to inform fairs that the judges should decide how the money is to be disbursed and if that is not acceptable to the organisers then they do not have to accept the prizes.

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