

## Wellington Statistics Group (WSG) Report, 2021

Due to the effects of Covid-19 on the ability to hold gatherings of people in person, there was relatively little activity within the Wellington Statistics Group in 2021. The following meetings were organised or promoted by WSG.

### WSG-announced or organised meetings, 2021:

**17 May 2021**, Room LT 118, Laby Building, Victoria University of Wellington: **Murray Aitkin**, University of Melbourne (and a **2021 Shayle Searle Visitor** to the Statistics Group at Victoria University of Wellington). *Social Network Analysis and its Extensions*.

**21 July 2021**, Adam Auditorium, City Gallery, 101 Wakefield Street, Wellington: **Len Cook**, former NZ Government Statistician then UK National Statistician plus NZ Superu Board chair. *Divergent futures & the long reach of historical extremes in imprisonment: What statistical curiosity and a demographic eye bring to published Court and prison counts*.

**29 July 2021**, Ihaka Lecture 1 – Live Streaming at Victoria University of Wellington, Room CO 350, Cotton Building: **Simon Urbanek**, University of Auckland. *Data Science in the Connected Era*.

**5 August 2021**, Ihaka Lecture 2 – Live Streaming at Victoria University of Wellington, Room CO 350, Cotton Building: **Rhema Vaithianathan**, Centre for Social Data Analytics, AUT. *Implementing a Machine-Learning Tool to Support High-Stakes Decisions in Child Welfare: A case study in Human Centred AI*.

**12 August 2021**, Ihaka Lecture 3 – Live Streaming at Victoria University of Wellington, Room CO 350, Cotton Building: **Rachelle Binny**, Manaaki Whenua-Landcare Research and Te Pūnaha Matatini. *Modelling to support the COVID-19 response in Aotearoa New Zealand*.

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**John Haywood**

WSG Convener

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