

NZSA Newsletter Report

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I would like to extend my sincere thanks to all those who contributed to the NZSA Newsletter this year. Your valuable input is essential to the publication, and we could not have moved forward without your support.

This year, we published issues #90 and #91 of the NZSA Newsletter. Issue #90 was co-edited by Ben and myself, while Issue #91 was edited solely by me. A new feature, titled “Back-in-the-Day,” was introduced in the newsletter. This section aims to share interesting or humorous anecdotes from our more senior members, reflecting on the early stages of their careers in statistics, when the field and the world at large were quite different from the environment our current students experience. The feedback for this section has been overwhelmingly positive so far.

Regrettably, I overlooked including the annual Ihaka Lecture in the “Upcoming Events” section, which I apologize for.

In terms of institutional contributions, the statistics group at Massey University’s Albany campus has recently merged with the group at the Palmerston North campus. As a result, we will no longer receive contributions from Massey University in Albany. Additionally, both Massey University and Victoria University of Wellington appear to be facing challenges in securing contributions from their respective statistics departments.

Looking ahead, the next issue of the newsletter is scheduled for publication in February 2025. Due to my teaching commitments during Trimester 3, I will be unable to attend the upcoming conference. However, I am pleased to report that John has kindly agreed to contribute a conference report for the next issue.

Thank you again to all contributors for your continued support of the newsletter.