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Welcome to our first monthly eNewsletter. Keep abreast of upcoming events and catch up on what's been happening in some of our branches. If you have an event that you think our members should know about, please drop me an email with the details ([eo@statsoc.org.au](mailto:eo@statsoc.org.au)).

For now this newsletter remains a work in progress and it will probably take a few issues before we will have found the ideal format and variety of contents that our readers are looking for. Please feel free to email me any suggestions or feedback.

In the meantime, thank you for your patience and your support.

I hope you enjoy reading our first eNewsletter!

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## **Numerical distributions: Bugs in water, Flood prediction, Grey-box models, Regularised and non nested models**

On June 6, 2017 the QLD branch held its monthly meeting where Bill Whiten introduced us to grey box modelling and the usefulness of generating probability distributions numerically.

[Read the article](#)



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**SSA President awarded ARC**

**NSW Branch - recent meetings**

## Future Fellowship

The Australian Research Council (ARC) has welcomed Professor Scott Sisson as an ARC Future Fellow.

Scott was one of 91 researchers around the country named by the ARC as Future Fellows. He will receive just over \$1-million for his project titled, "Frontiers in Data Science: Analysing Distributions as Data."

[Read the article](#)

In May, the NSW branch heard from DECRA research fellow Dr Zdravko Botev (UNSW), who gave an interesting insight into the implications of using a Gaussian copula to model rare events associated with correlated log-normal asset returns. The June meeting featured a wide-ranging talk by Dr Margo Barr of the Sax Institute, discussing the challenges of survey design, collection and quality evaluation.

Full reports will appear in the September newsletter.

## SSA Job Board

Have you seen the [SSA Job Board](#) yet? It was added to our website just over three years ago and while it had a slow start, people have certainly caught on now. The Job Board currently has 87 registered employers and 172 registered job seekers. 52 resumes have been uploaded and can be viewed by potential employers.

[Find out more](#)

## VIC Branch July seminar

The Victorian Branch is pleased to announce their July seminar, to take place on Thursday July 27, from 6pm to 8pm, at Inspire 9, 41 Stewart St, Richmond:

An Actuary, a Data Scientist and a Statistician walk into a bar...

[Find out more](#)

## QLD Branch August seminar

The Queensland Branch is hosting a career pathways seminar featuring senior analysts from the Australian Tax Office, Queensland Health, and The University of Queensland.

To be held on 1 August from 5.30 pm - 6.30pm, at QUT Gardens Point campus.

[Find out more](#)

## Young Statisticians Conference 2017- Modelling Our Future

Tweed Heads, 26-27 September 2017

[Find out more](#)

## Interested in Sports Statistics?

The 2017 Australia Sports Analytics Conference will be held on 4 August in Melbourne.

[Find out more](#)

## Upcoming events - NSW Branch

We have an upcoming workshop on [Python](#) planned for late July, as well as an introduction to unsupervised learning by Genevera Allen in September. Keep an eye on your email, or our [meetup group](#) and [Facebook page](#) for further details on these and other upcoming branch meetings.

[Find out more](#)

### VIC Branch workshop

Improving inferences from poor quality samples, to be held on 15 August 2017.

[Find out more](#)

### QLD Branch workshop

Developing Your Career to Thrive in a Data-rich, Technology-driven, Reproducible Research Environment, on 25 September 2017.

[Find out more](#)

### National campaign encourages maths careers

Launched in June, Australian statisticians are helping inspire school students through the Choose Maths Careers Awareness Campaign. The campaign is a key component of the Australian Mathematical Sciences Institute's \$22 million Choose Maths project funded by BHP Billiton Foundation.

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