

THE STATISTICAL SOCIETY OF AUSTRALIA

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The next meeting of the New South Wales Branch will be held on

Wednesday, 27 August 2003

6.00 pm for refreshments, 6.30 pm for the talk

at the Australian Bureau of Statistics

Coghlan Room, Level 5, St Andrew's House, Town Hall Square, Sydney

Safety in Numbers

Dr Steve Davies

Australian Prudential Regulation Authority

The following paragraph is included on all APRA media releases to describe what it is that the Australian Prudential Regulation Authority does

APRA is the prudential regulator of the financial services industry including banks, credit unions, building societies, general insurance and reinsurance companies, life insurance, friendly societies, and most members of the superannuation industry. It currently regulates \$1.6 trillion in assets for 20 million Australians.

Steve will demystify the term 'prudential regulator' and explain why it takes the thirty-five people in the APRA Statistics Unit and hundreds of financial institution staff from around the country to come up with the figure of \$1.6 trillion.

He will also explain the other work that these people do to ensure that your slice of the \$1.6 trillion is relatively safe.

Steve is currently the Head of Statistics at the Australian Prudential Regulation Authority. He has a B.A. (Honours) in Mathematics & Computation from Oxford, obtained 1989; and a Ph.D. in Statistical Science from the ANU, obtained 1999. For the first decade of his career, he was employed as a Research Statistician at CSIRO Mathematical and Information Sciences working on industrial problems and problems requiring computer intensive statistical methods. He departed CSIRO in 1999 to join APRA as Statistics Consultant to help integrate and improve the organisation's disparate staff and systems. He is now the full time manager of APRA's continuously improving Statistics Unit.

Dinner

Dinner with the speaker will be held after the meeting at a nearby restaurant. Please tell Caro Badcock at caro.badcock@covance.com if you wish to come.

Getting to the venue

The nearest railway station is Town Hall and the nearest bus stop is the Queen Victoria Building in George Street. Kerbside parking is very limited, but there are parking stations nearby under the Queen Victoria Building (entry via York Street) and in Kent Street behind the George Street cinema complex.

St Andrew's House is in the south-west corner of Town Hall Square, near the intersection of Kent and Bathurst Streets. Entry to St Andrew's House is best made from the food court in the Square, not from either of those streets.

If you are coming underground from Town Hall station, proceed along Town Hall Arcade and take the escalator up to the food court, turn left into the lobby of St Andrew's House and take the lift to level 5.

If you are coming on street level, enter the food court in Town Hall Square (behind the Cathedral), turn left into the lobby of St Andrew's House and take the lift to level 5.

Avoid disappointment! Please note that access to level 5 of St Andrew's House is not possible after 6:30pm.

Forthcoming meetings

Date	Speaker	Venue
September 23 or 24	Robert Kohn (AGSM)	AGSM
October 21 or 22	3 Young Statisticians	UWS Parramatta
November 26	Post Graduate Awards and Annual Dinner	Darlington Centre, University of Sydney

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Help us keep in touch. Please advise Jos of any change in your contact details.

Early warning:

It will soon be time to call for nominations for next year's Branch Council. For further information, contact the Secretary. Nominations will close 31 October, and a call will be sent out well ahead of that.

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