TechNet Australia Working Group meeting
12:00 noon AEST (UTC+10h), Friday 5 November 2020
Zoom teleconference

Present: Mark Hayne; Prasanth Subramani; Vanessa Glenn; John Naumann; Tim Clark; Vanessa Valenzuela Davie; Katrina Hegarty (guest, Griffith University)
Apologies: Karen Teague

1. **Welcome & introductions**
   - Meeting opened 12:03pm AEST.
   - Kat Hegarty was welcomed as a guest.

2. **Memberships & organisational structure**
   - MH will present ideas on membership classes to the committee (e.g. next week)
   - Other structure and organisational matters will roll on from there

3. **An uplifting end-of-year activity**
   - We threw some ideas about. There was broad agreement to have an online event that has both professional development and social elements
   - We'll call for short videos or slideshows from each uni. 1-2 minutes each. There could be an adaptation to Covid theme or just a snippet of what everyone is up to. MH can compile photos for a Historical Snapshot of Technet video; PS can help create the video
   - We can screen the videos/slideshows and then chat in break-out rooms like Coffee Roulette or Bubbles & Cheese
   - Thursday 10 December
   - VVD will compile an event run sheet and create a promotional flyer

4. **Tech managers' webinar**
   - This was postponed from October 2020; we'll aim towards February 2021
   - MH interested in a guest speaker from UK Science Council

5. **National conference**
MH reported that there is a high level of uncertainty in our sector due to Covid-19, so there are no current offers from institutions to host future national conferences. Past offers or EOIs from Monash (2020), Western Sydney University (2021) and University of Canterbury (2022 or later) are regretfully withdrawn.

6. **Announcements & any other business**
No other matters were raised.

7. **Next meeting & meeting close**
Next meeting scheduled for 12:00 noon AEST (UTC+10h), Friday 4 December 2020.
Meeting closed 12:58pm AEST.