**TechNet Australia Working Group meeting**

12:00 noon AEST (UTC+10h), Friday 5 February 2021

Zoom teleconference

**Present:** Mark Hayne, Vanessa Valenzuela Davie, Jennie Nelson; John Naumann,

**Apologies:** Vanessa Glenn, Karen Teague, Prasanth Subramani, Tim Clark.

1. **Welcome & introductions**

* Meeting opened 12:10pm AEST.
* Emilio Saliba ([emilio.saliba@unsw.edu.au](mailto:emilio.saliba@unsw.edu.au)) joined the committee after being recommended by Lynn Ferris from UNSW. Emilio is currently in a H&S role at UNSW.
* Jennie Nelson was warmly welcomed back after a few months absence.

1. **Recap of 2020 zoom sessions and initial plans for 2021**
   * All the various 2020 Zoom sessions were successful. The Mental Health presentation was especially well attended (150+).
   * The last session for 2020 was an informal “sea of heads” discussion organised with only 2 days’ notice and 55 attending from across the country and NZ. One conclusion from that discussion was that TechNet should run national online events on a more regular basis regardless of Covid. Consensus was to organise a quarterly major “event”. The nature of the event ytbd.
   * JN and JN suggested “a day in the life of…” seminars by techs about their work. MH suggested “talking heads” style short videos.
2. **TechNet Formalisation and Strategy for 2021**

* Persist with formalisation process begun in 2020. MH still to provide discussion paper on membership models.
* Recognition of the significant number of restructured unis and new management people for TechNet to connect or reconnect with in order to maintain and grow support for TechNet.
* Leverage material prepared by JN, JN and VVD in early 2020.

1. **TechNetSA – website domain and Organisation type**
   * John Naumann raised issue with TechNetSA.org.au registration and questions being raised about TechNetSA organisational structure plus their website hosting at one of their three member unis. JN suggested may be useful to piggyback in some way on TNA formalisation process.
   * MH to contact Camillo Taraborrelli at UNSW to explore synergies with TNA website issues.

1. **Announcements & any other business**
   * MH to add Emilio Saliba to TechNet Committee Google Group.
   * No other matters were raised.
2. **Next meeting & meeting close**

Next meeting scheduled for 12:00 noon AEST (UTC+10h), **Friday 5 March 2021**.

Meeting closed 1:00pm AEST.