

Wednesday, 5th March 2008

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Level 2, 440 Collins Street
Melbourne, Victoria 3000

2:00pm Registration – Afternoon Tea

2:30pm Introduction

Christian Anders – State Manager, Victoria – SAS Institute

2:35pm Welcome

Tony Wohlers – SMUG President

2.40pm Marching through the Macro Minefield

Matthew Rodger – NAB

Abstract - SAS Macro language offers additional functionality above and beyond the core SAS language and associated modules. Macros can be a minefield for beginners and debugging can be a horrendous task for even the advanced user. This topic will introduce the SAS macro language and some common problems that the user can come up against as well as some techniques for dealing with them.

Bio – Matt has eight years of experience using SAS in the financial services industry over a range of areas from actuarial applications to risk modelling. He is currently the modelling manager of NAB's Decision Science team within the Consumer Banking division.

3.00pm ODS - Update on facilities, usage and sources of inspiration

Steven Dunn – Senior Consultant, MPP Pty Ltd

Abstract - This short relatively non technical presentation will cover:-

- * some of the new facilities available from ODS
- * some interesting usages of ODS
- * sources of information to further your understanding of ODS
- * differences between ODS usage in EG and native code

Bio - Steven is a Senior Consultant, specializing in the Service Delivery disciplines. His main areas of experience cover Technical Management, Configuration Management, Capacity and Performance Management, Security, Storage Management plus assorted esoteric (more due to client necessity) aspects of computing in diverse environments. Steven is a registered SAS consultant and has been using the SAS environment since 1987 for Computer Performance Evaluation, and more recently Data Warehousing and Business Intelligence activities. Steven has utilised SAS on all of the major platforms that it is available on. He has been a member of the SAS Melbourne User Group committee for over 10 years.

3.20pm Coffee Break

3.35pm Find Out What You're Missing: Programming with SAS Enterprise Guide

Colin Gottliebse – SAS

Abstract - In this paper, you can read about the productivity gains that you can enjoy when you add SAS Enterprise Guide to your SAS programming toolbox. You will see how to perform old tasks in a new way as well as how to accomplish some tasks that would be have been very difficult — if not impossible — without the benefit of an integrated tool like SAS Enterprise Guide. Topics in this paper include:

Working with projects and the process flow	Conditionally running portions of your project
Noting a few things that you can't do	Flexing your power with project prompts
Getting the most from SAS tasks	

4.00pm – Session close

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