

Thursday, 28th May 2009
PricewaterhouseCoopers Building
Level 10
201 Sussex Street Sydney NSW 2001

5:15pm Registration

5:30pm SAS Macro - So What's Really Going On?

*Scott Bass, Senior ITG Associate
 Macquarie Group*

***Bio** - Scott is currently a Senior ITG Associate at Macquarie Group. In that role, Scott administers the overall SAS environment, as well as data feeds from the General Ledger into Activity Based Management using DI Studio. Scott is a former developer at SAS Institute HQ's, and has over 17 years' SAS programming experience, with over 10 years employment at SAS Institute HQ's and SAS Institute Australia.*

***Abstract** - This presentation will cover the "nuts and bolts" of SAS macro programming. How does SAS compile a program? How are macro tokens resolved by the macro processor? How is macro quoting different from data step quoting? When is it actually better to NOT use a SAS macro? These questions and more will be answered.*

5:50pm Exciting New Features in SAS® 9.2 Analytics

*Peter Dawson, Associate Technical Specialist
 SAS Australia and New Zealand*

***Bio** - Peter has been with SAS since 2006 in Technical Support and is responsible for all of the SAS Analytical products. Peter also provides education in a wide variety of SAS Products from clients like JMP and Enterprise Guide to Forecasting courses using Econometrics & Time Series (ETS) and Forecast Server.*

***Abstract** - This talk will highlight some of the major new features in SAS Analytics including Visual Data Discovery (VDD) and Statistical Graphics. In the time available, we can only provide some demonstrations of key features, and pointers to more detailed information. While the focus is on analytics, no detailed statistical knowledge is needed to get some benefit from the talk.*

6:10pm Help! I need to know SAS and I need to know now!

*Kim Yee, Analytical Consultant
 Prophet Analytics*

***Bio** - Kim has over 10 years experience in analytics and databases using SPSS, SAS and Teradata. She has a background in statistics and has had previous roles in Technical Support and Risk Management. Kim is currently working for Prophet Analytics on various marketing analytics and campaign projects.*

***Abstract** - SAS is a powerful tool for both data management & analytics and having SAS skills could be the key to advancing your career. This presentation will cover various tips and hints on how to get up and running with SAS sooner rather than later.*

6:30pm User Group Wrap Up & Drinks

Please register your attendance for the SNUG meeting by calling **Kimberly Ferguson** on **(02) 9428 0428** or email us at **snug@oz.sas.com**

Register online at www.sas.com/australia/usergroups/snug

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