

## NZGRC Postgraduate Student Lunch

August 30, 2022



The student lunch at NZGRC 2022 is an event for PhD, Masters (and Undergraduate!) students to help them build their scientific careers. The lunch aims to facilitate the interactions between students working in geospatial science from around NZ and beyond in an informal setting, fostering the creation of the next generation of geospatial leaders.

Students with accepted papers in the main conference track or in workshops, students with posters, and other student attendees of the conference are all encouraged to participate in the lunch, which will be held on the second day of the conference. Students at all stages of their studies are welcome.

At the lunch, we will start with a short icebreaker where everyone will have a chance to share their research interests with the group. After that Dr. Ben Adams will lead an interactive discussion on following topics:

- Career paths for students with a geospatial postgraduate degree. We will talk about the differences in working in academia, working for government research institutes, and in industry. For all of these we'll talk about many different kinds of positions that are available—including “alt-ac” positions for people who like to be in academia but who don't want to be faculty.
- Dr. Adams, who is the editor of *Journal of Spatial Information Science*, will spend some time discussing ins and outs of publishing in the geospatial sciences, including some strategies and considerations when submitting “applied” vs more “theoretical” work in the field.
- The future for geospatial technology, and how to stay on top of a quickly changing field.
- Your questions! Please come with your own questions—the main goal of this lunch is to give you an opportunity to learn more about the geospatial research community in NZ and network with your peers and others in the field.