Novell Users International (NUI) brings current networking information to Novell professionals throughout the world. In this article, NUI features two of its groups from down under.

Novell Users International New Zealand (NUINZ) strives to meet the various needs of its members. For example, in the metropolitan area of Auckland, NUINZ holds meetings twice a month throughout the year, alternating between a technical presentation and a hands-on workshop.

In the lower area of New Zealand’s North Island, however, NUINZ holds three workshops each year. Workshops also include a relaxed lunch at a local restaurant. In addition, plans are underway to begin regular meetings in Wellington, New Zealand’s capital city.

NUINZ workshops are informal get-togethers. During these workshops, members work together to try to resolve current technical issues facing them, often with the original plan and topic being thrown out the window. This method provides a fantastic opportunity for members to hone their troubleshooting skills using a variety of hardware that members bring with them to the meetings.

On the South Island, NUINZ meetings feature technical presentations presented by members of the group, vendors, and other technology experts. These technical presentations focus on specific products and technology.

NUINZ’s main emphasis is on sharing skills and knowledge. No matter where members are located throughout New Zealand, they receive monthly mail, an e-mail discussion list, and access to the NUINZ web site. For more information about NUINZ, visit http://www.nui.org.nz. You can also send an e-mail message to info@nui.org.nz.

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South Australia Novell Users Group

The South Australia Novell Users Group (SANUG) usually meets at the Prospect Library in Adelaide on the third Tuesday of each month. However, meetings are occasionally held at a vendor’s establishment. This year, SANUG anticipates having three hands-on workshops so that members can tackle specific problems and implement their solutions.

The first of these hands-on days was held on April 29 when members participated in the NetWare 4.11 to 5.1 upgrade workshop that was presented by NUI at BrainShare 2000 in Salt Lake City. After completing the workshop, members took advantage of the opportunity to test NetWare 5.1’s Management Portal utility using the article found in the January 2000 issue of Novell’s App Notes.

SANUG meetings provide members with information about Novell products and information about other technologies useful in members’ work environments. Recent meetings have covered topics such as office ergonomics, an overview of BrainShare 2000 in Salt Lake City, wireless LAN technologies, and biometric log-in technologies.

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