

Dear all

In this week's digest:

- A new international prediction competition "When will the cherry trees bloom?" Compete for prizes of up to \$5,000 and help scientists better understand the impacts of climate change! The competition is open throughout February 2022 and seeks statisticians and data scientists of all levels, from experts to students just beginning to use statistical software. Complete submissions include a short narrative and a link to a publicly accessible Git repository. Details at <https://competition.statistics.gmu.edu>
- A PhD opportunity at the Australian National University studying the resilience of Canberra's water catchments. Deadline Feb 20. More information and how to apply at <https://fennerschool.anu.edu.au/research/research-stories/phd-opportunity-resilience-act-water-catchments>
- And a final opportunity to fill in our MODSIM2023 feedback form – <https://forms.gle/2Bmuo3JG65zmnNK1A>. This is open to all members regardless of whether you attended in 2021.

If you would like something included in this digest, please email it to office@mssanz.org.au

Kind regards, Karen