

# Website essentials and analytics

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## **About me**

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# Today's webinar

- What is your website trying to do?
- Accessibility basics
- Content Management Systems
- Images for web
- Are your domains setup correctly?
- Is your website consistent?
- Mobile basics
- Website structure
- Google Analytics what it can do and how to set it up

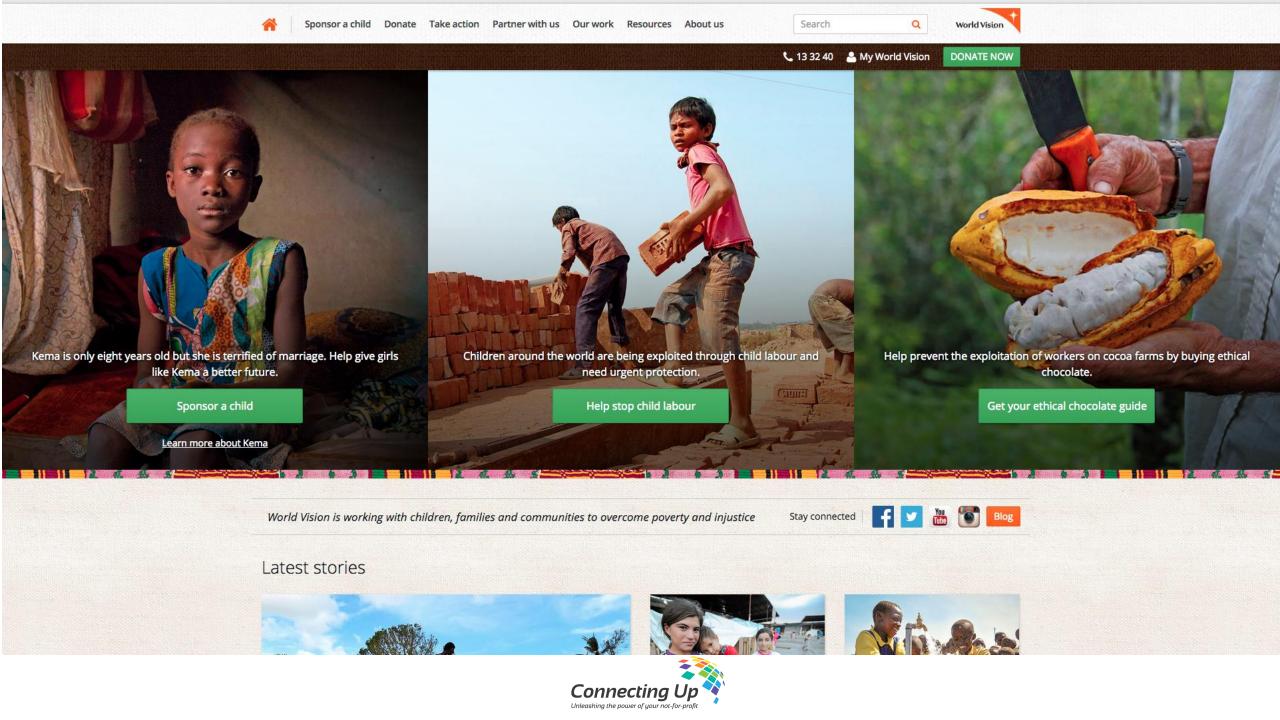




# What is your website trying to do?

- Does it appeal to the right audience?
- It is easy to use?
- Is it accessible for people with disabilities?
- Is it easy for your desired audience to perform the action you want them to take on the home page?
  - Donations?
  - Newsletter signup?





# **Accessibility basics**

Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG) 2.0

- Provide text alternatives for non-text content, e.g. videos, images
- Good contrast between foreground/text and background
- Avoid designing in a way that is known to cause seizures
- Ensure sufficient time allowed (e.g. session time limits)
- Avoid PDFs, or correctly markup PDFs
- Ensure forms can be used by keyboard control only

Find out more at <a href="http://www.w3.org/WAI/WCAG20/quickref/">http://www.w3.org/WAI/WCAG20/quickref/</a>



# **Content Management Systems**

- Separate content, design and functionality
- Can redesign a website with little/no work required on content
- Modules available for most major functions:
  - SEO
  - Shopping Carts
  - Image Galleries
- Free and open source:
  - Wordpress
  - Drupal
  - Joomla





## **Images for web**

- PNG, JPG or GIF
  - GIF low resolution, 256 colours, can be animated
  - JPG perfect for photos
  - PNG high resolution alternative to GIF
- Keep file sizes low
- Photoshop "Save for Web"





# Are your domains setup correctly?

- What happens if you visit www.yourdomain.com.au?
- What happens if you visit <u>yourdomain.com.au</u>?

Both should point to the same website.







# Consistency

- Navigation
- Footer
- Search position users look in top right
- Headings
- Fonts
- Colour
- Alignment and spacing of fonts and objects





## Get on the mobile train

- Mobile internet use continues explosive growth
- Google now give preference to mobile friendly sites
- Two options:
  - Mobile site (e.g. connectingup.org)
  - Responsive site





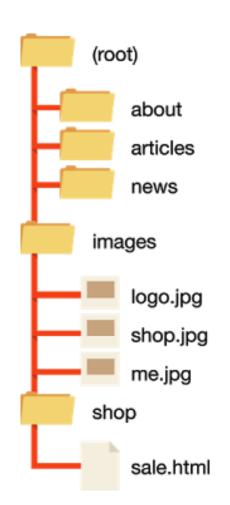
# What is responsive design?





## Website structure

- Clean and simple
  - Must be easy to navigate, and easy for search engines to crawl
- URL structure
  - Clean, clear
  - URLs should contain relevant keywords
- Breadcrumbs assist with navigation
- Sitemaps
  - XML for search engines
  - HTML for people





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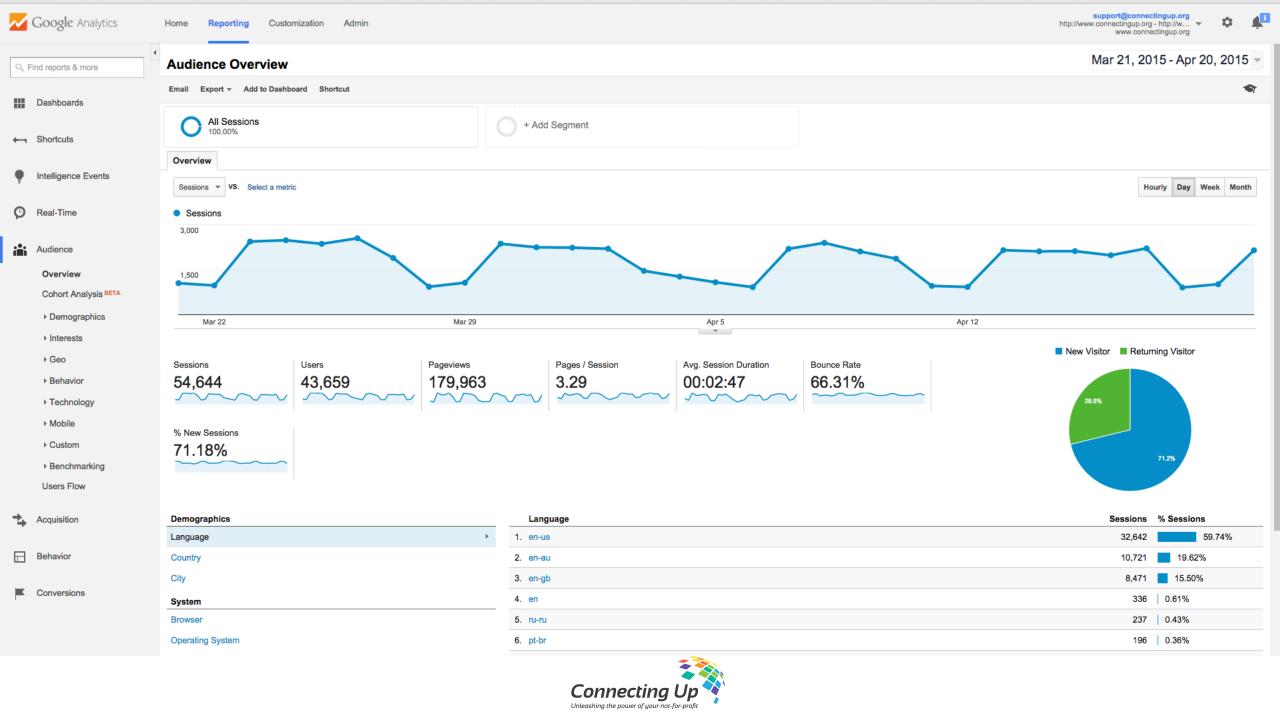
The Constitution Federal Agencies &

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Resources





## **Google Analytics**

- Understand your audience through data
  - Where they are country, state, city
  - What browser they use
  - · Whether they use mobiles, tablets or desktop computers, and what kind
  - Demographics age, gender, interests



# **Google Analytics**

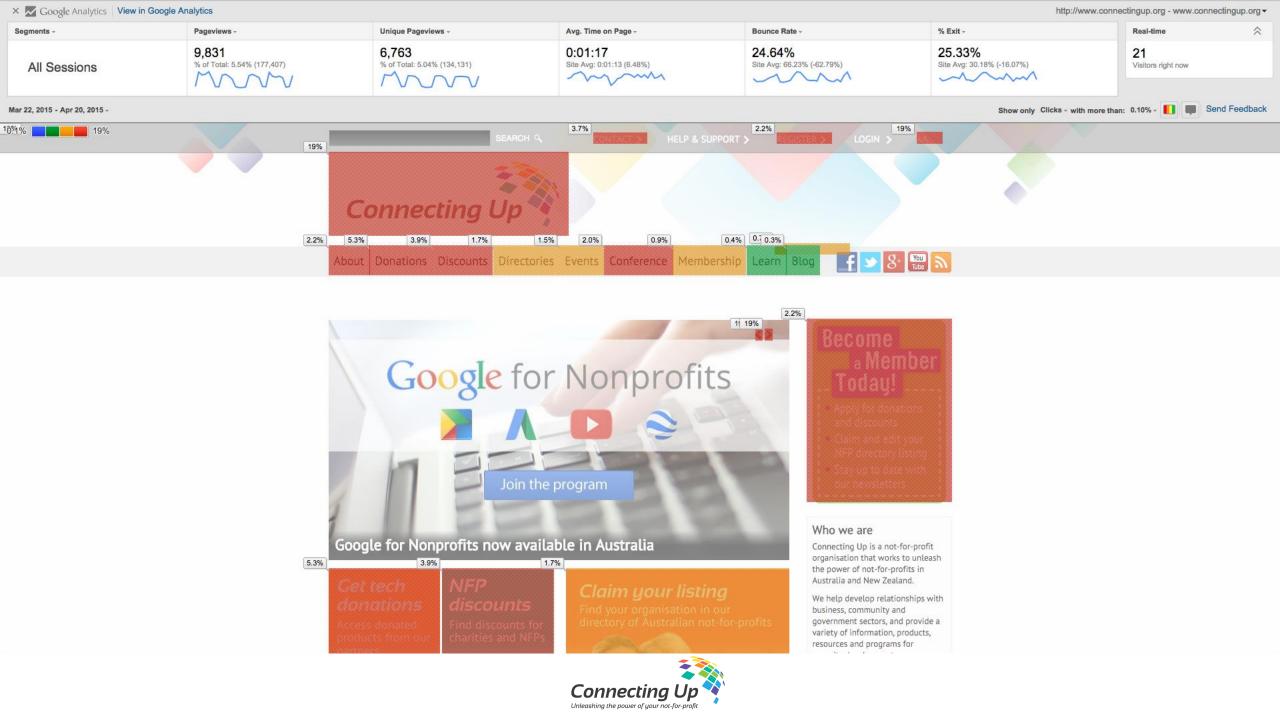
- Understand how your audience got to your website
  - Landing pages
  - Social media
  - Search queries
  - Keywords
  - AdWords campaigns
  - Source



# **Google Analytics**

- Understand what your audience did on your website
  - Popular content
  - Navigation flow
  - Where they exited
  - Whether they 'converted' to become a member, donor or customer





## **Get Google Analytics**

- Free, signup at <a href="http://analytics.google.com">http://analytics.google.com</a>
- Setup Analytics Property
- Will get a Tracking ID
  - E.g. UA-123456-1





# Install Google Analytics on your website

- Tracking code
  - Place immediately before the closing </head> tag

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<script>
(function(i,s,o,g,r,a,m){i['GoogleAnalyticsObject']=r;i[r]=i[r]||function()
{    (i[r].q=i[r].q||[]).push(arguments)},i[r].l=1*new
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ga('send', 'pageview');
</script>
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# Install Google Analytics on your website (for content management systems)

- Modules!
- Wordpress
  - Google Analytics by Yoast
    - https://wordpress.org/plugins/google-analytics-for-wordpress/
- Drupal
  - Google Analytics
    - https://www.drupal.org/project/google\_analytics



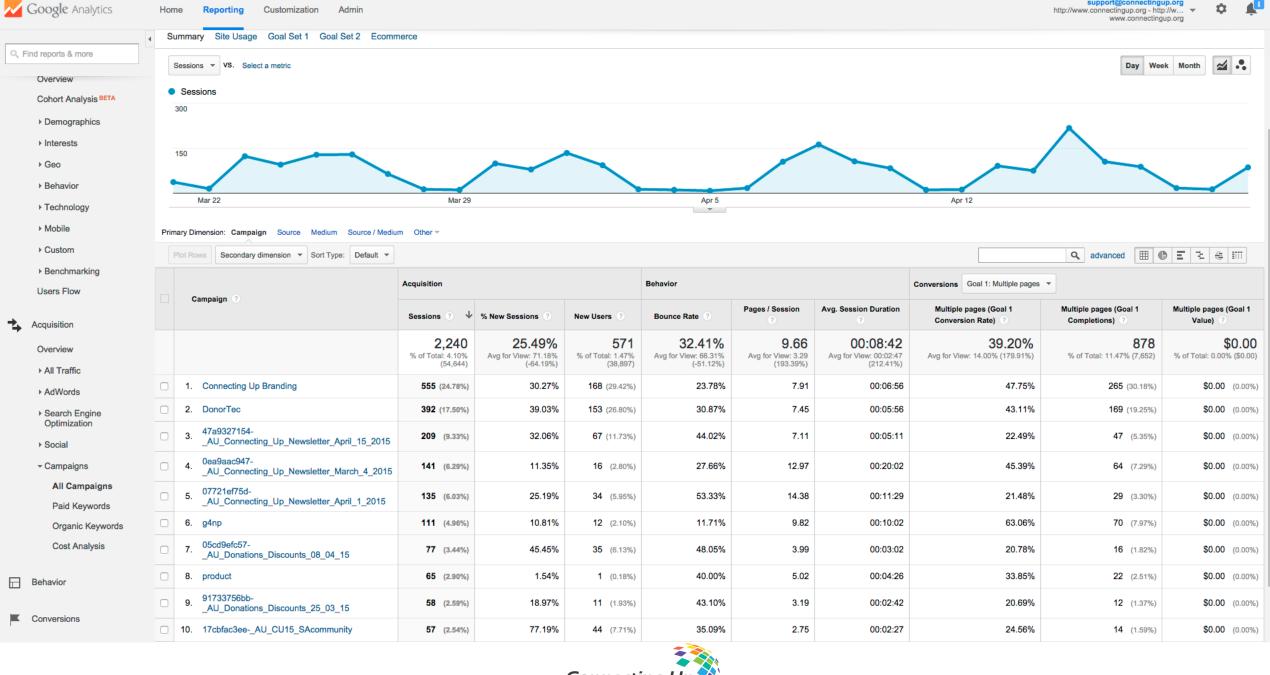
# Track campaigns with Google Analytics

- Source (utm\_source)\*
  - Where the link was published, e.g. June Newsletter
- Medium (utm\_medium)\*
  - Medium the link was published in, e.g. email
- Term (utm\_term)
  - For paid search, the keyword used e.g. adopt a dog
- Content (utm\_content)
  - Used for A/B testing and content targeted ads, e.g. logolink or textlink
- Name (utm\_campaign)\*
  - name of campaign e.g. June Donations

**End result:** http://www.rspca.org.au/adopt-a-dog?utm\_source=june\_newsletter&utm\_medium=email&utm\_campaign=june\_donations

Build your own: https://support.google.com/analytics/answer/1033867?hl=en







# So we have heaps of data... now what?



## **Prioritise**

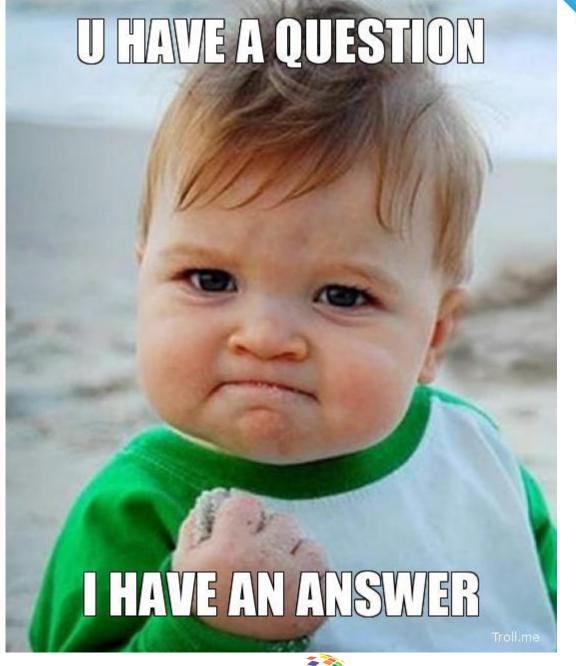
- Find out which pages are most popular
  - Are they easy to find in navigation?
- Are your visitors finding it easy to navigate?
  - Check the In Page Analytics heat map
- Are your visitors performing the behaviours you need them to?
  - Are you getting a lot of traffic to your donations page but no donations?



## What else?

- See the performance of your campaigns
  - Is your marketing working? Which campaigns and mediums work best?
- Is your demographic on your website what you expect?
  - Does your content relate to your demographic?
- Who is driving traffic to your website?
- Are people getting lost in your navigation?
- Is your content being read? Are people reading for a short time and leaving your website?







### Next...

# Friday 24 April **Search Engine Optimisation Basics**

- Site speed
- Webmaster Tools
- Sitemaps
- Keywords
- Content
- Structure
- Bing and Google

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