

# News & Views

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AUSTRALASIAN AGRICULTURAL &  
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## A word from the President

Dear AARES members

Thank you for your continued support of AARES.

Many of you are working in the profession under significant social and workplace challenges. In times like these it is important to remain connected with the wider body of the membership and I hope this News and Views goes some ways towards that. I am also conscious of the need for the Society to continue to innovate

to meet these challenges and this will be an ongoing a focus of Council over the remainder of the year.

This News and Views brings you up-to-date with activities of your Society and Members.

I'm pleased to advise that we are working toward filling the role of Manager of Promotion and Development.

As part of the focus on developing our social media presence we have established a Twitter account for the Journal. Our first post brought you the excellent news of the terrific improvement in the impact factor of the Journal. This is a credit to the current and past editorial team, authors and reviews. Thank you for your professionalism and commitment.



At the recent Council meeting Tiho Ancev provided a comprehensive presentation on the state of play of the Journal and emerging strategic issues. Among others this will include strategies to refresh the editorial board, improve the outreach and impact of the journal and explore opportunities through open access.

An important decision of Council was to establish the position of Associate Editor of the Journal to manage the social media associated with the Journal. This includes the Journal twitter account and developing 'twitterable' content' such as edited abstracts of published papers.

Council was pleased to receive a presentation from Claire Doll on professional development opportunities for the younger membership. An outcome is that Council is funding a workshop for young members on how to prepare a 'lift pitch' – getting to the nub of your key messages quickly, clearly, and in a compelling manner. Great work Claire!

While on our younger membership, I encourage those of you to jump onto the AARES website and put in an application for a grant to participate in the North American Conference – there are still grants available to fund online registration.

I was also pleased to receive an update from NZARES that it is continuing to progress its Annual Conference. I am pleased to be presenting to participants on Friday 3rd September.

Finally we are continuing to seek Webinar presenters – please contact Sarah Wheeler (sarah.wheeler@adelaide.edu.au) if you would like to present.

Gavan Dwyer

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## **Key Outcomes from the Recent Federal Council Meeting**

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The New England Branch continues to progress the delivery of an online 2021 Conference and this will be complemented by a truncated form of physical presence to be hosted by the New South Wales Branch.

A survey of non renewing past members will be undertaken in October and insights fed into the next phase of the Strategic Plan.

The AJARE Editorial Board will be refreshed and input sought from Branch membership through Council member conversations.

A Young Professional workshop on 'Lift Pitch' skills will be held and funded via Council.

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## New Impact Factor for AJARE!

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The 2020 Journal Citation Report has been recently released and the Australian Journal of Agricultural and Resource Economics' Impact Factor for 2020 is 2.863. This is an increase on last year's figure of 1.386 and places the journal among the highest ranked journals globally in the Agricultural Economics & Policy category (9/33) and is a very strong placement within Economics category (115/549). Congratulations and thanks to all authors, reviewers, members of the editorial teams, and other contributors to the Journal! Well done and well deserved!



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## Call for Expressions of Interest: Associate Editor(s) Social Media

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The Editors of The Australian Journal of Agricultural and Resource Economics (AJARE) seek expressions of interest for Associate Editor(s) Social Media. Ideally, two Associate Editors will be appointed to share the work. The role of the newly appointed Associate Editor(s) will be to manage Journal's Twitter account, and any other social media accounts

that the Journal might open. It will involve, among other things, strategically establishing a following of the Journal's Twitter handle, creating and posting tweets for newly published articles / issues, and re-tweeting posts relevant to the Journal.

The appointed Associate Editor(s) Social Media will work closely with the Editors and with representatives of the Journal's publisher (Wiley) to exchange information in a timely manner. It is expected that the newly appointed Associate Editor(s) will also assume some responsibility for handling newly submitted articles in their area of expertise, but at a reduced load.

Please send your expression of interest that will contain a CV and a brief statement outlining the motivation and qualifications for this role to [tiho.ancev@sydney.edu.au](mailto:tiho.ancev@sydney.edu.au) by 13 August, 2021.

### AJARE on Social Media

AJARE is now on Twitter at [@JournalEconom](https://twitter.com/JournalEconom). Please follow and 'like' the page to receive updates on publications.

## AARES 2022 Conference



The Australasian Agricultural and Resource Economics Society 66th annual conference will take place 7-11 February 2022.

*Theme: Resilience in a time of uncertainty*

The conference this year is being organised by the New England Branch and it is planned as mostly online. The Local Organising Committee will run the conference from the UNE Armidale campus, but no in-person events will be held there.

There is the possibility that some in-person events will be run in Sydney during the first couple of days of the conference; these may include workshops and plenary sessions and will be live-streamed to online attendees. More details will come out soon, but in the meantime please mark your calendar for these key dates.

### KEY DATES

| Date               | Action   |
|--------------------|--|
| Late June 2021     | Call for Conference Workshops  |
| Late July 2021     | Call for Selected Papers, Contributed Papers & Mini Symposia proposals |
| Early October 2021 | Online Registrations Open  |
| 31 October 2021    | Final date for the submission of abstracts & session proposals         |
| 30 November 2021   | Authors to be advised of the success of their paper submission         |
| 12 January 2022    | Closing date for early-bird registration rates                         |
| 18 January 2022    | All Presenting Authors to be registered for the Conference             |

As you can see, we are keeping options open on the timing of workshops (they may not be restricted to pre-conference). More details will become available on the Conference [website](#) over the next couple of weeks. The Organising Committee for the 2022 AARES Conference welcomes submissions for conference workshops. The workshops may take place via live-streamed online sessions or in-person.

AARES acknowledges the hard work of the 2022 AARES Conference Local Organising Committee: Emilio Morales (Chair), Oscar Cacho, David Hadley, Matthew Wysel, Jonathan Moss, Derek Baker, Susan Hester, Robyn Hean, Renato Villano, Stuart Mounter, Nam Hoang and Shawn Leu.

## AARES 2022 Conference Workshops Call for Submissions

Submissions are encouraged on any topic that is relevant to agricultural, resource, environmental, energy, or development economics. Workshops that involve some form of training are also welcomed. Proponents are encouraged to consider topics which would be suitable for delivery online via live-streamed sessions. Workshops can take between 1 and 5 hours and can be organised in single or multiple sessions. They can involve a single presenter or a group of presenters. Proponents are asked to indicate whether the workshops will be free of charge to registered participants (participants to the workshop do not necessarily have to attend the main conference) or whether a registration fee will be required (indicative amount should be nominated in the proposal).

Proponents are also asked to indicate their preferred option for the event:

- in-person in Sydney, or
- in virtual format.

Organisers of workshops are encouraged to:

- design the event to attract current and new members (private/industry/government)
- include people from government, industry or other disciplines as speakers and participants
- approach sponsor to meet any costs involved in the workshop, such as the cost of bringing in a high-profile speaker
- promote their event, to help raise the profile of the conference and the Society.



### Key dates and processes

- The final date for submission is 31st October 2021.

Submissions should be sent to [office@aares.org.au](mailto:office@aares.org.au), indicating '**Conference Workshop AARES 2022**' in the subject line.

For more information please visit the [Conference website](#).

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## AARES 2022 Conference Workshop Template

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Submit a maximum of two pages by 31st October, 2021, outlining the following details:

Title:

Convenor Contact Details:

Name:

Phone number:

Email address:

**Presenters' Names and Affiliations and their topics:** Indicate whether the presenter is a student.

**Workshop Description:** Provide a clear description of the motivation for and intent of the workshop. Justification in terms of the need, potential demand and value for participants. Include details of presenters that are pertinent to an evaluation of the session for inclusion in the conference.

**Workshop Format:** Detail the format of the workshop, including time allocated to each presenter, whether there will be a discussion panel, who will be the chair, and so forth. For example, identify whether the session entails a set of speakers presenting papers on the designated theme, several "headline" speakers and selected discussants, short presentations from a panel of speakers followed by a general discussion or a Q&A session, or some other configuration. Approaches that differ from a set of standard conference presentations are encouraged. Please mention if there is any specific technical need or training component. It is especially important that you take into account your preferred format (online or in-person) when addressing this last requirement.

**Funding or sponsorship:** Outline any opportunities for sponsorship, or other means to support the cost of the proposal, if any.

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## WA AARES 2021 Conference: Keynote Presentation

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The WA branch of AARES hosts the Western Australian Agricultural and Resource Economics Conference on an annual basis, giving local members and affiliates the opportunity to share their research. The focus is to provide a platform for postgraduate students to share their research. The goal is to foster an environment of development and collaboration across applied economics groups in Western Australia. Please click [here](#) to view information about the keynote speaker - Dr Katrina Davis, who will be presenting online on **Tuesday 7 September, 2021 at 5:00pm AEST.**

# NZARES 2021 Conference

## KEY DATES

| Deadline             | Action                                 |
|----------------------|--|
| 1 August 2021        | Registration without a late-fee closes |
| 13 August 2021       | Paper abstracts close                  |
| 1 September 2021     | Pre-conference event                   |
| 2 - 3 September 2021 | NZARES Conference                      |



Registrations for the 2021 NZARES Conference are now open. You can register for the conference on the [NZARES website](#). Be sure to sign up before Sunday 1st August to avoid a late registration fee. The 2021 NZARES conference will be held in Nelson on Thursday 2nd and Friday 3rd September at the Beachside Conference and Events Centre. A pre-conference field trip will also be held on Wednesday 1st September.

You can also submit your paper abstract [here](#). Paper abstracts close Friday 13th August 2021.

## Conference Theme, Guest Speakers and Panel Sessions

The theme for the 2021 NZARES conference is “What’s next for the Primary Industries?” and the Key Note Speaker for the conference will be Professor Nicola Shadbolt from Massey University who has vast experience as a farmer, forester, director and academic. She is currently the chairperson of Plant and Food Research and member of the Climate Change Commission.

There will be three panel sessions on important topics and con-current contributed paper sessions on various themes:

- The “Impacts of Covid-19” panel will provide an update on New Zealand’s recovery and the prolonged impacts on the primary industries and supply chains as Covid-19 continues to shape how we live in 2021.
- The “Sustainable, Innovative Agriculture” panel will focus on regenerative agriculture to provide an update on what it is all about and a vision for Regenerating Aotearoa New Zealand.
- A panel on the Climate as the Climate Change Commission. The commission has recently released its final report outlining a way towards a carbon neutral future. This session would focus on what primary industries can do to reduce emissions, what the potential impacts will be, and an update on the He Waka Eka Noa Primary Sector Climate Action Partnership.

## NZARES Pre-Conference Field Trip

The NZARES committee has organised a pre-conference wine-tasting field trip that will learn about the NZ wine industry and the Marlborough region with a focus on sustainable practices and research and business models to enhance industry growth.

The committee will charter a bus to visit different wineries and sites, including the Bragato Research Institute in Blenheim. The trip will include a break for lunch and a short wine tasting for those who would like to try some local product.

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## Call for Nominations

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### Nominations for AARES Outstanding Post Graduate Thesis, Quality of Research Discovery and Quality of Research Communication awards are now open!

Lata Gangadharan is the chair of the Post Graduate Thesis award, with support from Tom Kompas and Stuart Whitten.

Nominations close on **15 November 2021**, and can be sent to AES at [office@aares.org.au](mailto:office@aares.org.au).

Darla Hatton MacDonald is the chair of the Research Discovery and Communication awards committee, with support from Alec Zuo and Maksym Polyakov.

Nominations close on **15 November 2021**, and can be sent to AES at [office@aares.org.au](mailto:office@aares.org.au).

Please see below for more information on each award:

- [Outstanding Post Graduate Thesis award](#)
- [Quality of Research Discovery award](#)
- [Quality of Research Communication award](#)

### Call for Nominations for AARES President Elect, Distinguished Fellows and Distinguished Life Members.

Sarah Wheeler, our Immediate Past President, is calling for nominations for AARES President Elect, Distinguished Fellows and Distinguished Life Members. The nominations committee is chaired by the Immediate Past President and includes three other AARES members. The committee for 2021 includes Sarah Wheeler (Chair); Paul Burke; Céline Nauges and Ross Cullen.

#### **AARES President Elect**

The position spans three years of leadership and service on Council:

- the first year as President-Elect includes a role in development of the 2023 annual conference program;
- the second year as President includes giving a Plenary address at the 2024 conference;
- the final year includes chairing a number of important committees.

The duties are outlined in this [document](#) and nominations should include the signature of the nominee signalling their willingness to accept the role if elected.

#### **AARES Distinguished Fellows and Distinguished Life Members**

***Distinguished Fellows:*** This award recognises members who throughout their career have made distinguished contributions to the advancement of agricultural and resource economics through research, teaching, extension, administration, business, or public service. The nominee must be a current member of AARES or have been a member for 10 years.

***Distinguished Life Members:*** This award recognises members of AARES who have made an outstanding contribution to the advancement of agricultural and resource economics through extraordinary service to the administration and advancement of AARES, extraordinary service to the community more generally, or the achievement of some other great distinction in agricultural and resource economics. Selection criteria for these awards can be found [here](#).

Nominations should include a short statement addressing the section criteria, and can be emailed directly to Sarah at [sarah.wheeler@adelaide.edu.au](mailto:sarah.wheeler@adelaide.edu.au); these must be received by **31 August 2021**.



## AARES in the Media



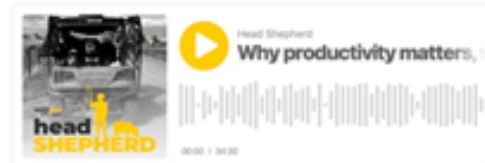
Professor Bill Malcolm has recently been featured in the Head Shepherd podcast discussing why productivity matters.

Click on the link below to listen:

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## AARES - Crawford Fund Award

### Call for Submissions

#### Purpose

The Australasian Agricultural and Resource Economics Society (AARES) will facilitate the attendance of one AARES scholar (normally a PhD student or an early career researcher) at the Annual Crawford Fund Conference to be held in Canberra on the 13-14th of December 2021. The purpose of the grant is to encourage scholars to build networks and skills, and to facilitate contact and discussion among those studying the problems or extending knowledge of agricultural and resource economics. Award recipients are encouraged but not required to present a paper at the conference.



#### Amount of Award

AARES will provide a grant of up to \$2,000 to substantially meet the costs of online or physical attendance. Funding can be used to pay or reimburse conference registration, a return economy class airfare to Canberra, accommodation for the duration of the conference, and attendance at the Conference Dinner at the Conference. the award will not be held over if the conference is cancelled or the candidate is not able to attend.

#### Eligibility

Applicants must be members of AARES.

#### Entries

Entries must be received by **15 September 2021**. Entries are to be submitted electronically to the AARES Central Office, and should include:

- a one-page biographical statement; and
- a one-page statement in support of their application, indicating what they would hope to accomplish through the award, and why they would be deserving of the award.

Electronic submissions (in PDF form) for this award must be emailed to [office@aares.org.au](mailto:office@aares.org.au)

## Opportunities Knocking



The Environment, Transitions and Resilience Division of the OECD Environment Directorate (ENV/ETR) seeks an experienced and motivated water economist or analyst to develop, undertake and deliver policy-relevant research analysis on water-related issues in OECD countries. The selected candidate will work under the supervision of the Team Lead for Resilience, Adaptation and Water, within the Division. Click [here](#) for further information.

Applications close on 8th August 2021.

Our Undergraduate Vacation Studentships are run over the Australian summer holidays and offer high achieving and promising undergraduate students the opportunity to collaborate with leading CSIRO researchers in our world class facilities.

Students will have the chance to work on a real project in science, technology or a related field such as science communication. Placements are full time and typically begin in late November or early December and can be 8-12 weeks in length.

Participation in the Vacation Studentship Program has influenced previous scholarship holders in their choice of further study and future career options. Many have gone on to pursue a PhD in collaboration with CSIRO or to build a successful research career within CSIRO, a university or industry. Applications close on 4th August 2021. For more information, click [here](#).



Aither has multiple opportunities, Melbourne or Canberra based.

1. An economist with at least three years of experience in a consulting environment or specialist economic agencies.
2. An economist with at least two years of both policy and quantitative experience and a strong understanding of the Australian water market.
3. Early career consultants with core expertise in economics or public policy.
4. Someone with two or more years of experience in a policy, legal or consulting environment to work in our performance and evaluation business line.

Interested? Please get in touch with Aither's Operations Manager, Bonnie Aylen, [bonnie.aylen@aither.com.au](mailto:bonnie.aylen@aither.com.au) for further information. Applications are being assessed on a rolling basis.

The Agricultural Forecasting and Trade Branch of the Australian Bureau of Agricultural and Resource Economics and Sciences (ABARES) is seeking to employ an Economic Modeller on a full-time basis. Click [here](#) for more information.



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## Vale Chloe Munro AO

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Ms Chloe Munro AO passed away on the 22nd of June 2021. Her career spanned public service in policy and regulation, tertiary education, the private and not-for-profit sector and she was also a loyal patron of the arts. She was a leader in the fields of energy, climate change and water, and a mentor and inspiration to many in our profession.



I first met Chloe during her period in the Victorian public service. From 1996 – 2004 Chloe served in the positions of Secretary of the Victorian Department of Primary Industries and Department of Natural Resources, and Deputy Secretary in the Department of Treasury and Finance where she headed the division implementing Victoria's energy reform and privatisation program.

From 2004 to 2009, Chloe was an executive director of Telstra (2004 – 2009) where she held leadership positions in human resources, business operations, information technology, public policy, communications and customer service and played a significant part in the rollout of multi-billion-dollar investments.

Chloe was the Commissioner and Chair of the National Water Commission (2004 – 2012); Chair of AquaSure (2009 – 2012) — the consortium building Victoria's desalination plant and a Non-Executive Director role at Hydro Tasmania (2010 – 2012).

From 2012 – 2017, Chloe was the inaugural chair of the Clean Energy Regulator. After leaving the Clean Energy Regulator in 2017, she worked alongside Australia's former Chief Scientist and Monash Chancellor, Dr Alan Finkel, on the Independent Review into the Future Security of the National Electricity Market. Dr Alan Finkel paid tribute to Chloe as "the intellectual powerhouse who brought discussion threads together through her wit, her experience and her insights born of masters degrees in business, philosophy and mathematics".

Chloe was appointed a Monash Professorial Fellow in 2018. She was a Fellow of both the Australian Academy of Technological Sciences and Engineering and the Institute of Public Administration Australia. Chloe Munro was appointed an Officer in the General Division of the Order of Australia in 2018 for her "distinguished service to public administration through leadership roles in the areas of renewable energy, water and climate change process and reform, and to the performing arts", was included in the Australian Financial Review's 100 Women of Influence 2018 and was awarded the Centenary Medal in 2001.

I will always remember Chloe for her cheerfulness, kindness, compassion and energy and for her strong support for economic thinking applied to government policy. She was an inspiration to me and many other women at a time when women at the top, particularly in her fields of focus, were rare. She has left behind a strong legacy that will not be forgotten.

Deborah Peterson

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Comments, suggestions? Would you like to make a contribution to the next News and Views issue? Please contact the News and Views Editor Deborah Peterson at [dcp.economics@gmail.com](mailto:dcp.economics@gmail.com)