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# NEWSLETTER

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Dear members,

It's a great time to be a resource economist with so much going on in the water space. While the hype is in the media there is a great deal of collaborative work going on below the radar. It's great to see Society members at the forefront of much of this work.

### Big thanks to Allan Rae, Geoff Kerr & Ross Cullen!

This dream team will soon complete their editorial responsibilities for the Australian Journal of Agricultural and Resource Economics with the publication of Volume 57 in 2013. On behalf of members, we would like to say a **special thanks** to Allan, Geoff & Ross for donating their time, energy and fantastic expertise to this worthy cause.

### Feedback on 2012 NZARES conference

While it seems like a lifetime ago now... the 2012 conference held in Nelson in August was a great success, with over 85 delegates in attendance. Conference papers can now be searched at the AgEcon database accessible here <http://www.nzares.org.nz/Proceedings.aspx>.

Thanks to all of you who provided feedback following the conference. Two clear themes emerged. Many people wanted to see more sector focussed analysis. Many people also wanted to see more discussion about how to resolve the apparent policy conflict between delivering greener outcomes and a prosperous economy. Your Committee is now working on a potential collaboration for 2013 which seeks to bring together these two aspects...

### Potential collaboration with APEN for 2013

Recently we asked you what you thought about NZARES working with the Australasia Pacific Extension Network (APEN) for the 2013 conference. The majority of you were very positive about the idea. That said, there were some of you who preferred NZARES to retain its usual format.

Our priority is to plan an event that works for all members. So the usual NZARES two-day event would still be held with the same format for those who prefer this option. We are exploring the possibility of holding it back-to-back with the planned APEN conference at Lincoln University. This means we can hold joint events and provide special rates for those who wish to attend both. Expect further news in early 2013.

### AARES Conference in Darling Harbour, Sydney

The 57th annual AARES conference is coming up on 5-8 February 2013 with the theme "*Economics, Agriculture and Natural Resources in the Asian Century*". **The deadline for early bird registrations is 31 December.** Alongside an impressive programme and several eminent speakers there are also four pre-conference workshops and eight mini-symposia for those with special interests. To register go to <http://www.aares.org.au>

### Congratulations to recent award winners

- The **2012 AARES Heading West Award** winner is Dr Ann Yang, who currently works for the Ministry for the Environment in Wellington on climate change issues. She will present her paper titled "*Evaluation of self-governance in the NZ bluff oyster fishery – An indicator system approach*" at AARES conference in February 2013.
- The **2012 NZARES First Time Presenter Award winner** was Miss Boon-Ling Yeo for her presentation of the conference paper, "*Synergies between nutrient trading markets and the NZ greenhouse gas emissions trading scheme in the Lake Rotorua catchment*".
- The 2012 NZARES Best Paper Award was not presented. Think about targeting this award for our next conference!

### Nominations please!

#### ... for the Heading North Award

Nominations for the 2012 Heading North Award are now open to members of AARES or the Agricultural and Applied Economics Association (AAEA) who are resident in either Australia or NZ. The award supports attendance at the AAEA Conference to be held in the USA in August 2013. The award is aimed at professionals early in their careers and/or those for whom funding would be difficult to obtain from other sources. So those who are closely associated with new or recent graduates please encourage them to put their names forward via email to Annie Hurst at the AARES Central Office ([office@aares.org.au](mailto:office@aares.org.au)) by 1 March 2013. Further information can be found on AARES website [www.aares.org.au](http://www.aares.org.au) Honours and Awards.

### Wishing you all a very happy Christmas and a productive and prosperous New Year

Kind regards,

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President