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Dear members,

Your committee has been working hard on arrangements for our August 28-30 conference at Lincoln University, Canterbury and I am pleased that the programme is now in place. We have an excellent line up of speakers who will simulate, challenge, inform and entertain you. Make your mark in the contributed papers section (**abstracts are due by 1 July**), join in the discussions and networking.

I don't recall us having a field trip at our conferences, but this year we do and it will form a great scene setter for the conference theme – *On-farm impacts of environmental policy*. We have budget accommodation on campus or there are limited motel/hotel beds nearby at Lincoln township.

Conference keynote speakers

- Hon David Caygill, Environment Canterbury Commissioner, will make a keynote address on *Regional governance and what it means in practical terms for land managers*.
- Dr Nicola Shadbolt will speak at the Robin Johnson Memorial session. Dr Shadbolt is the Director of [One Farm](#), a Centre of Excellence dedicated to increasing farm business management capability. Nicola will draw on her many 'hats' to provide a thought provoking discussion at the Robin Johnson Memorial Session.
- Dr Graeme Doole will speak at the AARES session on, *Farm-level economics and NZ nutrient policy – best friends or unhappy marriage?* Dr Doole has his roots at the Waikato University Economics Department, but also is an Associate Professor at the Centre of Environment Economics and Policy, University of Western Australia.

The preliminary programme is available [here](#), and registrations for the conference are now open [here](#).

Contributed paper abstracts can be submitted [here](#) – these are **due by 1 July 2013**. There are two Conference Paper Awards up for grabs (\$200 each), click [here](#) for the award guidelines.

Lincoln campus accommodation

Bed & breakfast accommodation will be available at the Lincoln University campus in single bed study rooms for \$85.00 per person per night.

Please book via NZARES when you register...

Field trip - Wed 28 August (afternoon)

Farm visit covering irrigation, productivity and environmental stewardship

During a tour of a dairy support farm near Burnham, we will hear from local speakers about issues affecting farm viability from nutrient policy to irrigation development – a fuller programme will be available towards the end of June.

Transport will be available at 12pm sharp from the Christchurch airport, followed by a 1pm pickup from Lincoln (to coincide with the [APEN conference](#) lunch break). A cut lunch will be provided as part of the \$30 field trip cost – register when you sign up for the conference.

The field trip will be followed by informal drinks and dinner if you wish, at [the Lincoln Famous Grouse Hotel](#) (own expense).

Conference dinner at Melton Estate Winery

The President's Shout and Conference Dinner will be held at the lovely [Melton Estate Boutique Winery](#) on Thursday 29 August with after dinner speaker, Bruce Wills, President of Federated Farmers to entertain us.

Transport will be provided as part of the dinner cost, and don't forget to secure your place when you register for the conference!

Congratulations to Zack Dorner

The **2013 NZARES Post-Graduate award** winner is Zack Dorner of Victoria University for his work on *Changing Rural Land Use in New Zealand 1996 to 2008*. The award enables Zack to travel to and present his work at the NZARES conference.

I look forward to seeing you all in August – our conference is great value for money.

Kind regards,

Dr Brian Bell
President