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NEWSLETTER

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NZARES Conference 2019 Hamilton CBD Policy and planning under uncertainty



Pre-conference Workshop 28th August

Conference 29th-30th August

The Conference will be held 29-30 August at the Atrium in the Hamilton CBD. We have secured Murray Sherwin from the Productivity Commission to open the conference. Panel sessions are being formulated on climate change, adaptation and biosecurity. Speakers should be confirmed shortly.

A pre-conference workshop on 28 August will be run by Simone De Kleermaeker from Deltares, using the Sustainable Delta game to teach people how to apply the Dynamic Adaptive Policy Pathways (DAPP) approach to planning.

A call for registrations and contributed papers will be made at the end of May.

The conference is being sponsored by MPI and Waikato Regional Council.



NZARES Post-graduate awards

Each year NZARES offers up to three awards of \$1,500 each to NZ-based post-graduate students with a study programme whose primary focus is: agricultural economics, natural resource economics, environmental economics, farm management, agricultural systems, or agricultural extension.

Contact your Head of Department if you would like to be nominated.

Webinar

Geoff Kerr was awarded Best Paper at the 2018 conference for his research on 'Efficiency of a recreational deer hunting bag limit'. In conjunction with AARES Geoff will be hosting a webinar to present the paper again in the near future. We will circulate the details once confirmed and hope those that did not hear Geoff at the conference may tune in.

2020 AARES Conference

The Australasian Agricultural and Resource Economics Society (AARES) is holding their 2020 conference at Perth on the 11th to the 14th of February. The conference is being held on campus at the University of Western Australia to keep costs down relative to previous AARES conferences. NZARES grants the Heading West award each year to early career professionals with original papers to present at the annual AARES conference. This is worth \$1,500 and also includes conference fees and dinner. Applications close on September 30.

Highlights from the 2018 NZARES conference in Wellington

The New Zealand Agricultural and Resource Economics Society Conference was held in Wellington on the 30th and 31st of August 2018, with 85 attendees. The key sponsor of the conference was MPI.

Rick Llewellyn from CSIRO opened the conference with a discussion on the adoption of farm practice. Panel discussions were held on agricultural climate policy, freshwater policy, trade, and Māori land development.

Suzi Kerr from Motu spoke in her capacity as the President of AARES on climate change, highlighting that the world and New Zealand needs to transition to net zero carbon, and the transition needs to be steady and smart. Steve Carden, CEO of Pamu (NZ's largest farming operation) wrapped up the conference talking through Pamu's business transformation and noted that it was an exciting time to be a food producer, if we are prepared to change.

In conjunction with the conference, a symposium was held on 'Land use practice change and adoption' on the 29th of August. The symposium attracted a good range of speakers and 46 attendees from research institutes, industry, regional and central government.

Tony Schischka begun his term as president of NZARES, Anita Wreford took on the role of president-elect, while Yvonne Matthews, Femi Olubode and Rachael Davidson joined the committee. We would like to thank and acknowledge Peter Tozer, Alan Renwick, Santiago Bermeo, Carla Muller and Richard Yao who stepped down from the committee in 2018, for their service to the Society.

Professor Frank Scrimgeour became the fourth life member of NZARES in recognition of his service to the profession and the society.



Your Executive Committee for 2018-19

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