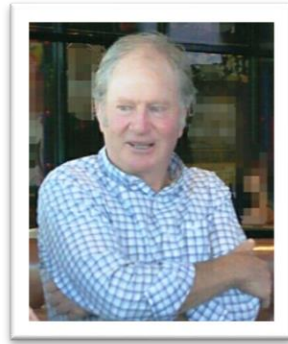


2018 AARES Distinguished Fellow

Emeritus Professor Euan Fleming



Euan Fleming retired from his substantive position in the School of Economics at the University of New England in 2014, after a career spanning 33 years. He was immediately bestowed with the title of Emeritus Professor in the newly formed UNE Business School.

Euan was born in Victoria and grew up on a dairy farm in the Yarra Valley. He obtained a Bachelor of Commerce from the University of Melbourne in 1966. After a period in the workforce he returned to student life in 1976, enrolling as a Master of Economics student at the University of New England. He has been associated with that university ever since, being appointed as a staff member in 1981, and obtaining his PhD from UNE in 1987.

Professor Fleming has been a continuous and long-time member of AARES since being elected as the inaugural Vice President of the New England Branch in 1977/78 and then President in 1978/79. He has been an active member of the Branch and made a number of distinguished academic and service contributions to AARES over many years. These contributions have ranged from chair of the Postgraduate Dissertation Award committee, associate editor of the Australian Journal of Agricultural and Resource Economics, and several further terms as President and/or Secretary of the Branch, service on various committees including several LOCs. He has attended and presented at numerous AARES conferences. Euan has also been a long time member of the British, European and international agricultural economics societies, and more recently a member of the international farm management, regional development and wine economics societies.

Over the past 35 years, Professor Fleming has published more than 90 refereed journal articles and book chapters, presented more than 100 papers at conferences, many of which have ended up in published proceedings, and written more than 30 major reports to funding agencies or to government enquiries. His thesis was awarded the AAES Master's thesis prize in 1979 and he has also received a prize for best article in the Australasian Journal of Regional Studies.

Professor Fleming has made a significant contribution in a number of policy areas as an applied agricultural economist. Following some time as a lecturer at the University of the South Pacific in Samoa in the late 1970s, much of Euan's early work focused on development issues in the South Pacific, and later on in South East Asia and Africa. Broad research areas included development planning processes, agricultural R&D systems, technology adoption, and marketing systems and policies, while specific empirical studies covered topics such as estimating domestic and export demand and supply elasticities and the impacts of export revenue instability. Technical efficiency analysis became a major theme of Euan's work from the mid-1990s, with a number of studies with postgraduate students and fellow staff members of the productivity of developing country farming and agricultural product processing systems, through to productivity studies in the Australian wool and beef industries. In recent years he has become interested in food value chain economics and wine economics and has contributed significantly to the growing literature on chain failure and chain goods.

Euan's high standing in the discipline has seen much of his work funded by international institutions such as FAO, the World Bank, and the Commonwealth Secretariat, and by major Australian funding bodies including ACIAR and the Sheep CRC.

Professor Fleming has a distinguished profile in teaching and learning. He has an excellent record of achievement in teaching and was instrumental in major curriculum developments in various agricultural and resource economics, agribusiness, economics of development, policy and applied econometrics subjects at UNE. Most recently, he designed and developed a new course in agricultural value chains that is now taught at other Australian universities. He has contributed to the strategic and academic leadership within his University as a Head of Discipline (Agricultural and Resource Economics), Head of School (Economics) and Course Coordinator. His contribution has been vital in fostering and maintaining academic standards and in the development of educational policy and curriculum areas within UNE and beyond.

Finally, he has mentored the development of undergraduate and postgraduate students, as the principal or co-supervisor of over 80 postgraduate student completions and many Honours dissertations. Many of these students are now influential academics or government advisors in their home countries. Euan has always been willing to work with and support students to convert their research findings into formal publications. Even in retirement he continues to play a key role in a number of student supervisory committees, and continues to assist students to develop conference papers and journal submissions.