
A Word from the President

Hello AARES members!

A lot has been happening behind the scene with AARES! One big development is the hiring of a new AARES secretarial service provider, Lyn Spiteri and new conference organisation support person, Tara Toyer. Both bring tremendous skills and very directly relevant experience to their roles. In the coming weeks the executive will continue to work with them on hand-over from our outgoing service provider (Thanks AES for many years of dedicated service). We will formally introduce Lyn and Tara and provide more information about their roles in our next new letter! Special thanks to the executive and especially Helena Clayton for all the behind the scenes voluntary effort to make this happen!

Another big development is our project to renew that AARES website. Special thanks to Nikki Drumbell for driving this process and our new website consultant Ross, we'll end up with an improved web presence and more interactivity.



Jeff Connor
AARES President

Website Update

We are updating the AARES website. As part of this process, we are taking the opportunity to include some photos of key events, awards, activities and people from our community. If you have high-resolution photos that you would be happy to see used on the website, we would appreciate if you could share them.

Please send any photos you wish to share to Nikki Dumbrell (Nikki.Dumbrell@csiro.au), with information about the photo (i.e. caption with information such as date/year, activity, location and names of any people in the photo).

Upcoming Opportunities with AARES

Crawford Fund Conference Scholarship

As part of our long-term association with the Crawford Fund, AARES is funding one scholarship for the Crawford Fund Annual Conference. This scholarship includes conference registration, two half-days of activities, and reasonable transport and accommodation costs.

Applicants must be: a financial member of AARES; a full-time student at an Australian university or, working in agricultural science or an allied industry; able to demonstrate an interest in international agricultural development; residing in Australia at the time of application and the conference; able to commit to being in Canberra 11-13 August 2025; and under the age of 35 as of 1 July 2025.

Application Requirements: 1) a copy of your CV and 2) a document (maximum two pages) that describes why you wish to attend the conference, describes your relevant research or work interests, and demonstrates your interest in international agricultural development.

Please submit applications by email to office@aares.org.au with the subject “AARES 2025 Crawford Fund Conference Application”.

Applications close **23 May 2025**.

Henry Schapper Fellowship Nominations

The WA Branch of AARES is pleased to welcome applications for the 2025 Henry Schapper Fellowship. Applications are welcome to host leading researchers in fields relevant to economic and ecological sustainability.

The successful fellow will receive up to \$2,000 (if based overseas) or up to \$1,000 (if based within Australia) from WA AARES to match support provided by a host institution or group for a visit to WA for 1–2 weeks between July 2025 and June 2026. The fellow is expected to present a public lecture, deliver a workshop aimed at AARES Early Career Researchers, and make themselves available for meetings with AARES members during their stay.

Nominations are invited from potential host institutions or groups. It is required that the nomination identifies a WA AARES member as a collaborator to coordinate the visit to WA. Matched funds must also be provided to support the visit. We particularly encourage the nomination of women and non-binary individuals.

For more information, please contact [Emanuel Gomez](#).

Applications are due by **30 May 2025**.

NZARES Conference 2025 Registrations

The NZARES Conference 2025 will be held in Nelson on 28–29 August 2025, and we warmly invite colleagues from across Australia and beyond to join us.

This year’s programme opens with a keynote address by Professor Alan Renwick (Lincoln University) as part of the Robin Johnson Memorial Session on land use change. A series of engaging panels will follow, including sessions on science

funding, climate change adaptation, and future food systems, featuring experts such as Jacqueline Rowarth, Ilan Noy, and Miriana Stephens.

The event also includes multiple contributed paper sessions, an Early Career Researcher stream, and a special address by Jeff Connor, President of AARES. As always, there'll be plenty of time for networking, with the President's Shout and NZARES Conference Dinner on Thursday evening, where Wayne Langford, Chair of Federated Farmers, will be our after-dinner speaker.

Registrations are open via the [NZARES website](#).

Abstracts are due by **30 June 2025**.

Stefania Mattea
NZARES

AJARE Update

The May meeting of the AARES Board approved a motion that all papers published in *AJARE*, regardless of whether authors are members of AARES or not, be eligible for the two AJARE Best Paper Awards (one is specifically for ECRs). Up until now, the awards have been restricted to articles where at least one author was a member of the society. The internationalisation of the journal means that recently only about one quarter of published papers have at least one author who is a member of AARES.

We have now published the first two issues of *AJARE* for this year, with a total of 24 articles, 1 book review, 1 obituary, and the 2019, 2020, and 2024 Distinguished Fellows awards. We continue to receive a strong flow of new submissions, which may set a new record this year following the record number of submissions in 2024.

The journal continues to be a major source of income for AARES. 2024 income

increased 17% compared to 2023. Open access income increased substantially, while subscription income fell.

David Stern
AJARE Editor

AARES 2026 Conference Update

Save the Date! The “Platinum Jubilee” 70th Annual Conference of the Australasian Agricultural & Resource Economics Society (AARES2026) will be held at the Adelaide Convention Centre, Adelaide from the 11th to 13th February 2026, with the theme “Transformations in Energy, Agri-Food and Environmental Systems”. An Early Career Professionals day will also be held on the 9th Feb 2026, with the ECR networking drinks event that Monday night.

[Our website is up and running](#) and will be updated correspondingly.



Sarah Wheeler
Chair, Local Organising Committee
AARES 2026

Branch Updates

WA Branch

Update on the 2024 Henry Schapper Fellowship: Professor Iain Fraser, School of Economics, Politics and International Relations, University of Kent, UK

The Centre for Environmental Economics and Policy and Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics, University of Western Australia, hosted Professor Iain Fraser for two weeks in March/April 2025 as he took up the 2024 AARES WA Branch Henry Schapper Fellowship. During his visit, Iain delivered a public lecture (*The nutrition transition: Eating better for a healthy longer life*), an academic seminar (*Discrete Choice Experiments and Alternative Elicitation Procedures*), and an EMCR workshop on agri-environmental economics and new policy developments such as contract stacking. In addition to the formal activities, Iain was able to engage with staff, students and other visitors. Highlights of the visit included the Thursday morning coffee and cake social (especially the cake!), as well as savouring the delights of coffee flavoured crisps. Iain was grateful for the opportunity to visit UWA as part of his longer stay in Australia.



Alaya Spencer-Cotton
AARES WA

Job Opportunities

University of Tasmania: Research Fellow in Fisheries Economics

The Level B Research Fellow position will be hosted by IMAS and affiliated with the Queensland Department of Primary Industry (QDPI).

The Research Fellow will join an interdisciplinary research team working on the FishLIGHT program and will design a 2-year project, in collaboration with an Advisory Panel from the FishLIGHT program (QLD DPI, IMAS, CSIRO).

[Click here for more details.](#)

For further information about this position, please contact [Emily Ogier](#).

Applications close **15 May 2025**.

UNSW Canberra: Lecturer/ Senior Lecturer in Economics

UNSW Canberra is currently advertising a Lecturer/Senior Lecturer in Economics (Fixed term (2 years), Academic level B/C).

UNSW Canberra's School of Business delivers multidisciplinary programs and collaborates with other schools at UNSW Canberra Campus.

[Click here for more information.](#)

Applications close **18 May 2025**.

Lincoln University: Lecturer/ Senior Lecturer / Associate Professor in Economics (x2)

The Faculty of Agribusiness and Commerce at Lincoln University is hiring two individuals to join the Economics team at levels A6, A7, or A8.

This is a permanent role, 37.5 hours per week (1.0 FTE) at the Lincoln Campus, with short periods of work in China.

[Click here for more details.](#)

For further information about this position, please contact [Wanglin Ma](#).

Applications close **12 June 2025**.

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