



NEWS AND VIEWS AARES Newsletter

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Welcome to the December 2014 edition of AARES News and Views

1. President's Report

In Alan Randall's final Report as President of AARES, he confirms that President-elect Ross Cullen and the 2015 Local Organizing Committee have planned and organized an excellent and exciting annual AARES conference in Rotorua next February. Alan also provides an update on the Society's move to encourage joint participation with allied associations. See Alan Randall's [President's Report](#) here.

2. Roley Piggott's farewell

The head of the UNE Business School Associate Professor Martin Hovey invites you to a Celebration of the life and achievements of the late Roley Piggott on Wednesday **10 December 2014**. For more information please [click here](#).

3. Quality of Communications Awards

We are pleased to advise that the deadline for the submission of entries to the AARES Quality of Research Discovery Award and the Quality of Research Communications Award has been extended until **19 December 2014**. Winners of the prizes will be announced at the 2015 Annual Conference dinner in Rotorua, New Zealand on 11 February 2015, with each prize being valued at AUD \$500. For more information about these awards, [click here](#).

4. 59th Annual AARES Conference in Rotorua, New Zealand

Over 200 papers have initially been received for the 59th Annual AARES Conference, which will be held in Rotorua in February. The programme includes a wide range of applied and theoretical issues, so there will be something of interest for everyone. For more information on invited speakers, pre-conference workshops, mini-symposia, social activities and key [click here](#).

5. AARES 2015 membership

Don't forget that all 2014 AARES memberships expire on the 31 December 2014. To renew your membership for 2015, simply visit the [AARES website](#) and click on the tag *Renew Your Membership* under the *Member Quicklinks*. Once you have logged in you will then be able to go through our online step-by-step renewal process. If you have forgotten your AARES ID or password, please contact Annie Hurst at the [AARES Central Office](#). Alternatively you can fill in and complete the attached [Membership Form](#) and email it back to the Central Office.

6. Report on 2015 Annual General Meeting

Notice is given of the AARES Annual General Meeting to be held at the 2015 Conference (Distinction Hotel and Conference Centre), Rotorua, New Zealand at 4.30 pm on 12 February 2015. The Agenda and Minutes of the previous meeting can be found on the [AARES website](#).

Call for nominations

Nominations for the positions of President, Treasurer, Secretary and Manager of Promotion and Development can be sent to Bob Farquharson at bob.farquharson@unimelb.edu.au.

7. International Association of Agricultural Economists (IAAE) travel award

The Australian Agricultural and Resource Economics Society (AARES) is inviting applications for the 2015 IAAE-ACIAR Travel Grant to be used to assist two AARES members to participate in the IAAE's 2015 Triennial Conference to be held in Milan, Italy in August 2015. For more information [click here](#).

8. University of Western Australia - Free online course on Agriculture, Economics and Nature

We are pleased to announce that The University of Western Australia is offering a free online course on the economics of agriculture, natural resources and the environment starting 2 February 2015. This course is about agricultural production and the interaction between agriculture and the environment. The course will be presented by Professor David Pannell, who is one of Australia's leading economists working in the area of agriculture, natural resources and environment. For more information [click here](#).

9. University of Tasmania - Marine and fisheries economics scholarships

Two living allowance scholarships are available. Fee scholarships are also available for highly qualified international candidates. Students interested in developing research projects in the area of marine and fishery, particularly around the following; behavioural economics, bioeconomic modelling, applied econometrics, non-market valuation and experimental economics; are encouraged to apply. Projects drawing on interdisciplinary linkages and

motivated by issues of national and global significance are also encouraged. For more information [click here](#).

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