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President's Message

As the end of the year approaches, I would like to recognise and thank all the members of the Federal Council, as well as all Branch-level office holders.



It is the ongoing support, effort and dedication of all these people (many of whom are volunteers) that enables AARES to deliver such high quality services, advice and events to you, our members.

As a member of the ACT Branch myself, I am especially grateful for the support of the ACT Branch office holders who organised a very active and most engaging speaker program in 2017. For instance, at the December meeting of the ACT Branch, we presented a gift to Annie Hurst in appreciation of her many valuable years of service. We also presented several awards to students from the ACT Branch. It is these type of 'grass roots' activities that really makes AARES a vital and thriving organisation.

As all our members are aware, 2017 saw a number of improvements take place for AARES, particularly in terms of how the society is governed. I expect the final changes to be approved by the

federal regulators before our AGM and conference, which will be held from 7 to 9 February 2018 in Adelaide. Minor changes to the AARES constitution will also be approved at our AGM. These changes are in keeping with regulatory requirements for our society as it is a Company Limited by Guarantee. The proposed constitution changes will be forwarded to all members for consideration.

If you have not already done so, I strongly encourage you to attend the [2018 AARES Annual Conference](#). Featuring world-class speakers and a series of special events, the Conference is set to be outstanding.

2018 is already set to be a busy year for AARES, commencing with the Conference, and welcoming our new President, Suzi Kerr. Much of the Federal Council's energy next year will be focused on implementing our strategic plan and increasing member services and value. If you have any ideas or suggestions for AARES, please contact me via email or chat with me in Adelaide.

Please accept my very best wishes for the holiday season and the New Year.

Quentin Grafton
Professor Quentin Grafton
AARES President

2018 AARES Annual Conference

The [2018 AARES Annual Conference](#) in Adelaide is nearly upon us. The Conference will run from 6 to 9 February at the Adelaide Convention Centre.

The event is sure to impress, with just some of the keynote speakers including Professor Bård Harstad on *'Compliance Technology and Self-enforcing Agreements'*; Professor Ross Garnaut (AC) on *'Making Australia the Energy Superpower of the Low Carbon World Economy'*; and Professor Ana María Ibáñez on *'Agricultural Production Amid Conflict: Separating the Effects of Conflict into Shocks and Uncertainty'*.

If you have applied to present a paper at the Conference, you should have already been notified of your successful inclusion in the program, and have registered to attend the event.

If not, please remember that [Early-bird Registrations](#) close on 31 December 2017.

All people who are presenting papers at the Conference **MUST** be registered by 10 January 2018. Failure to register will result in the paper being removed from the program. AARES currently has over 40 papers on standby; there are plenty of people waiting in the wings to assume available slots from those people who fail to register on time.

The [full paper and session program](#) is now available online. Please be sure to peruse the exciting line-up of speakers and symposium on offer.

We look forward to seeing new faces and old friends at the Welcome Drinks on Tuesday night, and then throughout the conference proper. On behalf of the Local Organising Committee, I look forward to welcoming all AARES members to Adelaide for what promises to be an engaging, exciting and thought-provoking Conference.

Adam Loch

Dr Adam Loch
SA-AARES President
2018 LOC Chair



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2018 Annual Conference

Adelaide Convention Centre, Adelaide, South Australia

6 – 9 February 2018



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Changes to AARES Legal Status

As members should now be aware, the Federal Council of AARES initiated the process of changing the legal status of our Society to a Company Limited by Guarantee, to be registered as a Charity, and to be endorsed as an Income-Tax Exempt Company. This is, in part, as a result of the 2016 Strategic Planning.

We have retained a specialist legal firm to assist us with this process.

At the time of writing, the Society has:

- Been renamed the Australasian Agricultural and Resource Economics Society Limited
- Been approved by ASIC as a Company Limited by Guarantee
- Been granted an ABN
- Applied to the ACNC for registration as a Charity

Once this is complete, AARES will apply to the ATO for endorsement as an Income-Tax Exempt Company. We anticipate that this will be achieved by the time of the AGM on 8 February 2018.

A separate notice of the AGM (including the agenda) is included on page 4 of this edition of News & Views.

As part of this process, we have upgraded the Constitution and there are some final (minor) amendments to the Constitution that will be voted on as Special Resolutions at the AGM.

Please contact me if you have any questions or comments.

Bob Farquharson
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AARES Company Secretary



Notice of AARES Annual General Meeting (AGM)

The 2018 Annual General Meeting of the Australasian Agricultural and Resource Economics Society Limited will be held on Thursday 8 February 2018, commencing 4pm at the Adelaide Convention Centre.

The agenda for the 2018 Annual General Meeting is listed opposite.

Bob Farquharson
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AARES Company Secretary

AARES Annual General Meeting (AGM) Agenda

8 February 2018 at 4.00pm
Adelaide Conference Centre
South Australia

1. Apologies
2. Minutes of Special General Meeting held on 5 October 2017
3. Business arising from the Special General Meeting
 - a. Winding up of current Unincorporated Association (AARES Inc.)
 - b. Amendments to the Constitution
4. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting on 9 February 2017
5. Business arising from the minutes of the 2017 Annual General Meeting
6. Office Bearer Reports
 - a. President
 - b. Secretary
 - c. Treasurer
 - d. Manager Promotion and Development
 - e. AJARE Editors
7. Awards
8. Election of Office Bearers
 - a. President
 - b. Secretary
 - c. Treasurer
 - d. Manager Promotion and Development
7. Close



AARES Webinars

AARES recommenced its webinar program after a long break, with a joint AARES-NZARES webinar on the economics of Animal Welfare. Kathryn Bicknell (Senior Lecturer in Economics at Lincoln University, New Zealand) spoke on the topic of *'The distributional implications of farm animal welfare policy'*.

Kathryn took the audience through the basics of farm animal welfare mechanisms and addressed some of the second round responses to farm welfare controls, such as product substitution from imports of product produced without these controls, and effects on consumer welfare from price impacts.

There were 22 people who registered for the webinar and, of these, 15 people attended during the live broadcast. Another two people have viewed the recorded webinar since then. Overall, the feedback for the webinar has been very positive; all

nine survey respondents rated the webinar four or five out of five.

The webinar is available via the AARES website: http://www.aares.org.au/imis_prod/AARES2016/Publications/AARES_Webcasts/AARES2016/Publication/AARES_Webinars.aspx?hkey=1a71993d-7b4b-4945-8809-3a048c00ecc7.

For those of you not familiar with webinars, they are a way to broadcast seminars to a geographically spread audience using simple PC and broadband technology. For instance, we had registrants across Australia, New Zealand and the United States.

AARES is now looking for proposals for webinars for our 2018 program. If you're interested in presenting a webinar next year, please send your topic, abstract and suggested broadcast date to Rod McInnes (AARES Manager Promotion and Marketing) via rod.mcinnes@optusnet.om.au.

