



#POWERING ON



Economists continue to debate the relative merits of different mechanisms for dealing with carbon pollution. But what is often not appreciated is that many in the energy sector have already factored a price for carbon into their decision-making. For them, life has moved on and how a carbon price is ascribed is of interest primarily to academics and politicians, not industry.

This was a key message from the Energy Symposium that preceded the AARES conference in 2018. The symposium brought together industry experts, government agencies and academics working on energy policy.

Over 100 attendees robustly debated the merits of different forms of state intervention with unique insights offered by South Australian Power Networks, the major sponsor for the event.

Focusing on the notions of renewables and reliability, successive speakers emphasized the rapid pace at which the sector was adjusting and the role of new technologies and the disruption created by their uptake. The impacts on regulators dealing with this changing landscape were also revealed and questions raised about the extent to which regulation and policy built around centralised systems was able to adapt.

Thanks to Lin Crase UniSA for contributing this piece

HEADING WEST AWARD

AARES and NZARES will facilitate the attendance of one New Zealand-based AARES member at the AARES Annual Conference in Melbourne in February 2019

Applicants must be members of AARES and normally reside in New Zealand.

APPLICATIONS CLOSE 30TH SEPTEMBER. [CLICK TO APPLY](#)

HEADING SOUTH AWARD

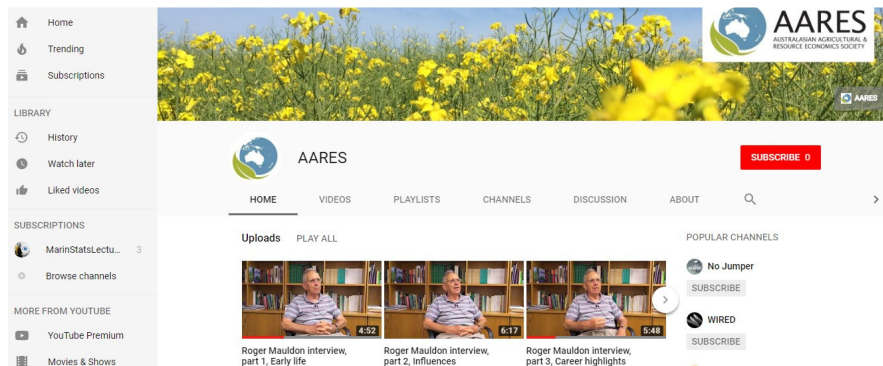
AARES will facilitate the attendance of one US based AARES member at the AARES Annual Conference in Melbourne in February 2019

Applicants must be members of AARES

APPLICATIONS CLOSE 30TH AUGUST. [CLICK TO APPLY](#)

AARES ON YOU TUBE !!

David Pannell has kindly interviewed Roger Muldoon and set up a YouTube Channel to allow his story to be told. David, Mal Wegner and Julian Alston are going to be hosting many treasures of the society and capturing the history. Roger's interview is the first to be completed - To listen to the interview please click the picture below.



AARES 2019

Make sure you have marked out next year's conference in your calendar:

February 12th-15th
Melbourne Convention Centre

Calls for Pre-conference workshops, mini-symposium, and selected papers are coming up soon. So start getting your ideas together!

Further information to come.



Alexandra is presenting her paper -" Spousal agreement and women participation in decision making in rural Vietnam" at AAEA. Which she is lead author and co-authored by Wendy Umberger and Christian Genova.

Alexandra and her co-authors contribute to the literature by analysing the determinants of wives' participation in South East Asia. Using a unique data set from 369 households in rural Vietnam. They use logistic regression to estimate the probability of couple agreement in decision authority, and of wives participation in decisions according to their husbands and themselves.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALEXANDRA PERALTA ON WINNING THE HEADING NORTH AWARD!

Alexandra is a Lecturer in Agricultural and Food Economics with the Centre for Global Food and Resources (GFAR) at the University of Adelaide. She is a development economist with experience on impact evaluation, field experiments and farmer decision-making models.

Her recent research focuses on the use of experimental methods to evaluate the impact of value chain development interventions in East Africa and the Pacific. She has conducted impact evaluation of rural development projects with multiple interventions in Nicaragua and Haiti.

In Nicaragua she also conducted a field experiment to determine the effects on levels of trust of farmers who participated in a microfinance intervention. She also has research experience in East Africa, where she conducted research on farmers' decisions on whether to grow trees or crops in the highlands of western Kenya. She has presented her work in the United States, Australia, Mexico, Brazil, Italy, and New Zealand. Before joining GFS Alexandra was working as a Research Associate at the Department of Community Sustainability at Michigan State University.

Alexandra will present her paper in at the AAEA meeting in Washington D.C in August.

QUALITY OF RESEARCH COMMUNICATION AWARD

Quality of Research Communication call is now open. The award recognise superior communication of concepts or knowledge in any subject matter of professional specialization (i.e. teaching, research, policy analysis, or extension) in agricultural and resource economics to a specified audience.

The publication may communicate the author's original research or include that of others, and the communication may be directed to audiences inside or outside the profession.

Entries must be received by 15 November of the year of nomination (for items In Press, page proofs may be submitted along with a letter from the editor or publisher, indicating the date when the work will be published).

For more information [CLICK HERE](#)



DISTINGUISHED LIFE MEMBERS

The call is now out for Distinguished life members. This award recognises members of AARES who have made an outstanding contribution to the advancement of agricultural and resource economics through extraordinary service to the administration and advancement of AARES, extraordinary service to the community more generally, or the achievement of some other great distinction in agricultural and resource economics.

Benefits of the award include life membership to AARES
Complimentary conference registration, 1 night's accommodation and 2 tickets to the Awards Dinner

The person must be alive at the time of the nomination and either option a) or b) below:

a) An outstanding service contribution, which greatly enhances the operation and/or development of AARES. The person must have been a member of AARES for at least 10 years, not necessarily continuously or currently.

b) A sustained and distinguished contribution to the community through policy, administration, extension, business, or public service in Australasia. The contribution(s) must be in a field relevant to AARES, including agricultural economics, environmental economics, food economics, resource economics or agribusiness.

Please send nominations to
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PHD THESIS AWARD

The Best PhD Thesis Award is intended to recognise the most outstanding PhD thesis in the field of agricultural and resource economics.

The winning thesis will receive a \$500 cash award and a certificate to be presented at the Society's Annual Conference dinner.

All theses accepted (that is, examined and approved) by Australian and New Zealand universities during the 12 months ended 30 September for the award of a PhD degree will be eligible. 'Accepted' in this sense means approved by the Faculty concerned, irrespective of the date of conferring of degrees.

Membership of the Society is not a necessary condition of entry. The Prize will be made on the basis of academic merit within the field of agricultural and resource economics. Entries are due by the 12th of November more information can be found [HERE](#)