



#PRESIDENTS REPORT

I am already three months into the job as President, and the time is passing incredibly quickly.

In March and April we conducted a tender process for our office manager function as part of the process of developing our management systems. I'm very happy to announce that we have confirmed AES as our office manager for the next three year period, and look forward to working closely with Nick, Lisa and Sarasi over this time.

We have also evaluated options for a new software and website system for the Society, led by Rod McInnes as Chair of the software sub-committee for Council. We have selected Netranger as our new system, and plan to have it built over the next three months. In the meantime, Annie Hurst has been coaxed out of AARES retirement to help the AES team to navigate our IMIS system – I'm very grateful for the help from Rod and Annie, as well as Lisa from AES.

The call for the Travelling North award has been finalised, with Saeideh Khosroshahi from the University of South Australia selected for her paper on volumetric-only water tariffs in Australia. She will join me and Mal Wegener in presenting the AARES Symposium on the Economics of Managing Water in Australia at the AAEA conference in Atlanta in July.

The call is currently out for the Travelling East award. This supports a researcher to attend the New Zealand Agricultural and Resource Economics Society conference, which will be held in Hamilton this year on the 29-30th of August. Please note the date for anyone who is interested to attend.

I'd also like to offer support to Dr Brian Fisher, whose private home was egged by activists earlier this month, in response to his modelling of the costs of different Australian climate change policies, followed by adverse comments in the Australia election process. Brian's 'sin' that provoked the attack was to show that the supply cure for greenhouse gas abatement options is sloping upwards to the right, a fact that would not surprise anyone in our profession.

Apart from leading the Australian Bureau of Agriculture and Resource Economics (ABARE) for many years, Brian Fisher has played a distinguished role in our society, being a joint-editor of the Journal from 1984-1987, President in 1988 and becoming a Distinguished Fellow in 2002.

Australia is fortunate to have policy analysts in the energy economics space, who are able to logically assess the consequences of different public policy options.

EVENTS COMING UP:

ACE 2019

Theme: Economics for Better Policy; Evidence, Education + Impact

Date: 14-16 July 2019

Where: Pullman Melbourne On The Park Hotel

Website:

<https://www.ace2019.org.au/t>

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CRAWFORD FUNDS ANNUAL CONFERENCE

2019 is going to be quite special as Australian Nobel Prize winner, Elizabeth Blackburn kicks off the event with her first address during a short visit to Australia .

The Sir John Crawford address will be on 12 August, followed by a one day Parliamentary Conference "Weathering the Perfect Storm: Addressing the Agriculture, Energy, Water, Climate Change Nexus" in the Great Hall, Parliament House on 13 August.

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WEAI 2019 CONFERENCE

WEAI 2019 conference in San Francisco June 28th-July 2nd, 2019
Registration is now open. if you are going and keen to catch up please contact Sorada @
Sorada.Tapsuwan@csiro.au

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This is a hotly debated area, and it is important to note that some experts disagree with Brian's findings. These analytic skills are needed, given the constant stream of idealistic, opportunistic and plain foolish ideas that are suggested in public discourse, particularly at election times.

AARES is very supportive of open discussion and analysis, but efforts to close off debate or launch personal attacks are condemned because they ultimately reduce the quality of debate and decision making at a national level.

Finally, we are issuing calls for nominations for the next President-Elect in this newsletter. Nominations can be sent to Professor Quentin Grafton at quentin.grafton@anu.edu.au. Quentin is acting as Past President again this year, with support from Ross Cullen and Deborah Peterson, as Suzi Kerr is unable to continue in the role given her relocation to the United States. Thanks to Quentin, Ross and Deborah for stepping in to help.

*Cheers,
John Rolfe*

HEADING EAST AWARD

AARES provides a grant of AUD \$1,500 to substantially meet the costs of a return economy class airfare to New Zealand, accommodation for the duration of the conference.

Along with attendance at the Conference Dinner and other social events at the Conference.

The conference registration fee for the winner of this award will be waived by NZARES.

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ADVERTISED JOBS

Sir John G Crawford Chair in Agricultural Economics.
ANU is advertising for a Level-E (Professor) position in agricultural economics.

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World Bank is seeking a Sydney based environmental economist

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Agriculture Victoria Research branch within the Agriculture Victoria group are looking for a Research Scientist (Farm Systems Economics)

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University of Tasmania has advertised for a Marine Resource Economist
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The New Zealand Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (the Ministry) is seeking a senior Advisory to Ministry

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Turn up the radio



Paul Burke who is an AARES member and Associate Professor at Crawford School of Public Policy at ANU was on the airwaves last week.

Paul's ongoing research includes policies for zero-carbon energy uptake in Indonesia and India, energy poverty in Australia, factors affecting solar panel installation rates, pollution policy in Japan, and other topics.

Last week he joined Peter Martin and Gigi Foster on radio national to discuss Climate Change and costs of cutting emissions. Gigi also presented at AARES conference and they did a great job of talking through the costs and relevant policies.

[Listen here](#)



COMING UP IN AARES

QLD ENVIRONMENTAL VALUATION CASE STUDIES IN COASTAL REGIONS OF QUEENSLAND

Date: Thursday, 30 May 2019

Time: 3:00-5:30pm

Location: CQUniversity Campus,
160 Ann Street, Level 6, Room
6.10, Brisbane, QLD 4000

The following presentations will be given:

Samantha Paredes, QUT: The economic value of local seafood and fisheries to tourism: A travel cost approach

Sabiha Sultana Marine, CQU: Economic valuation of recreational fishing: Examining the effects of Queensland's net-free areas

Please RSVP to
p.schrobback@cqu.edu.au by
Wednesday, 29 May.

The seminar can also be accessed online via Zoom.

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CONGRATULATIONS 3M THESIS WINNER ALFINURA SHARAFEYEVA

There were great presentations which made it tough on the judges but Alfinura kept us all captivated with her fairytale story of the importance of trade agreements and policy.

Alfinura Sharafeyeva, received her bachelor of Agronomy from Kazakh National Agrarian University, a Master of Agriculture from the University of Sydney and is currently studying her PhD at the University of Adelaide. After receiving the master's degree she work for almost 4 years for the Food and Agricultural Organization of the United Nations in Rome. The main area of expertise covers various aspects of the agricultural trade.



CONGRATULATIONS TO JUDE BAYHAM AND EMILY DAHL

Congrats to Jude Bayham who was the winner of the heading south award. Jude is from Colorado State University and has research interests in bushfire (wildfire) economics and natural resource economics. We hope you had a great time Jude and enjoyed the conference.

Also a big congrats to Emily Dahl from University of Queensland who was the recipient of one of the undergraduate prizes. As an honours student in economics, Emily studied the factors that affect agricultural technology adoption in Ethiopia using household survey data collected through the Sustainable Intensification of Maize-Legume cropping systems for food security in Eastern and Southern Africa (SIMLESA) program.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE POSTERS WINNERS MAKSYM POLYAKOV & LOUISE BLACKMORE

Congrats to Maksym who took out the people's poster award and Louise Blackmore who took out the judges award for the best posters at this years Melbourne conference.

Both posters involved great visual explanation of complex issues. Louise's poster was on the Value of recycled water for non-residential use from the Subiaco water treatment plant.

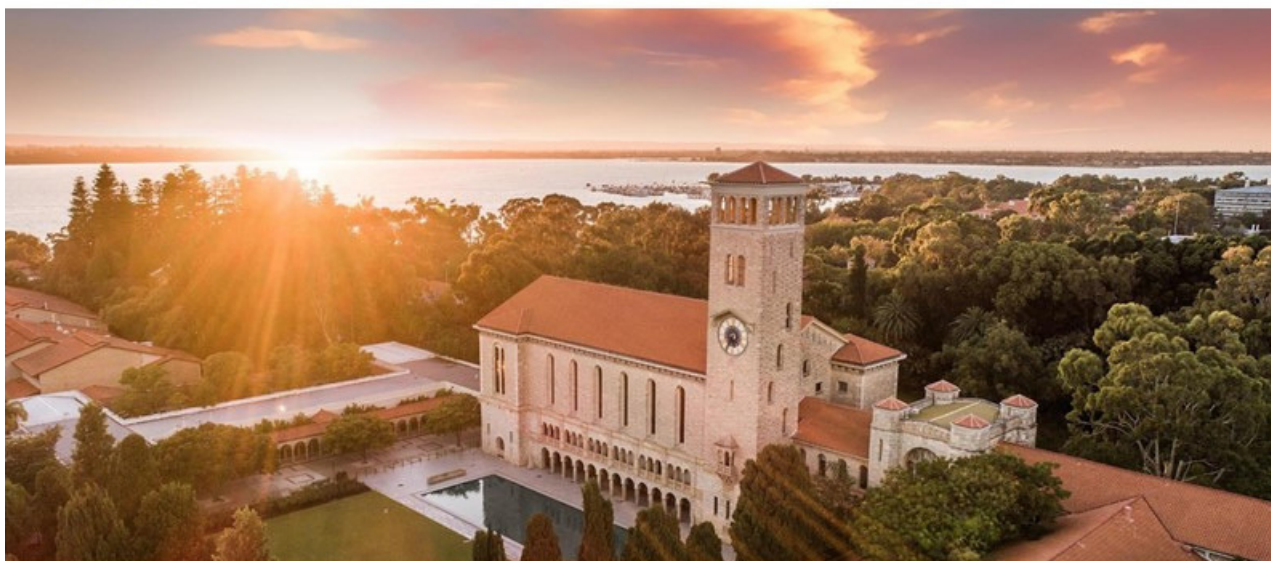
She stepped through the background, issues, approach, and pilot results concisely and clearly. Maksym's was titled "What do I smell? Its only the river" and he presented great graphics to explain his research.





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