

Welcome

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Dear members,

Welcome to the Society's new-look newsletter.

This will be the last newsletter of the year; so it is particularly pleasing that it goes out under this new format. The new format makes it much easier for us to add content and, hopefully you'll agree, is a big improvement (visually) on the previous newsletter.

The new newsletter format has been part of our program to upgrade our website (<http://esacentral.org.au/nsw/>). The new website, launched this last month (see the article below), is a critical piece of infrastructure for the society. The new website offers many new useful features. I particularly like the new calendaring and event listing feature and that we now provide online access to the journals.

2013 has again been a busy year. Particularly pleasing has been the continued high standard of our monthly lunchtime seminars, the continued success of the Emerging Economist Series (<http://esacentral.org.au/nsw/events/emerging-economist-series/>) and the visit by Deidre McCloskey as part of the Eminent Speaker Series (<http://esacentral.org.au/nsw/eminent-speaker-series>).

As always, we appreciate your input. So please if you have any suggestions for the newsletter, the website, for events or, more generally, how we can promote the goals of the society please send them through.

As this year draws to a close, I'd like to thank all those who contributed to the society in 2013 in particular the NSW council members who have volunteered their time. A special thank you must go to our administrator, Diane Litherland, who has been instrumental in getting the new website up and running while at the same time making everything else run so smoothly.

Have a happy and safe festive season.

Richard Tooth

President, Economic Society of Australia - NSW Branch

New Website Launched

Welcome to the Society's new-look newsletter.

I am delighted to announce, on behalf of the NSW Council, the launch of the new Economic Society of Australia website. It represents a big improvement in the quality and usefulness of this important piece of infrastructure for your Society. It is our aim that the ESA website is the first place you think of to visit when you're looking for an economics event, useful link or resource.

To that end, we have added some extra functionality that we expect to improve the usefulness of the site to our members. Here's a few highlights:

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- If you subscribe to The Economic Record or Economic Papers, you will be able to login to our website and read these online.
- We have created an interactive calendar of events that draws on both ESA and Partner activities from all over Australia. You will now be able to register to attend ESA events online. In addition, it's now possible to sort the type of events that are of interest to you.
- Our jobs page covers economics employment opportunities nationally
- A dedicated Young Economist page has been developed
- You will be able to renew your membership online and pay by either credit card, cheque or EFT. This process is now fully automated.
- Coming Soon – the ability to network via a Members' Directory – a service which you are able to use as you wish.

We welcome all feedback on our new site - of particular interest to us are your views on how it can be further improved. Please take a moment to visit our new site at www.esansw.org.au. Feel free to login and update your profile.



Peter Kenyon Scholarship

Peter Kenyon was a well-known and passionate economist, educator, media commentator and social justice advocate. He believed strongly in the value of tertiary education. Prior to Peter's passing in February 2012 he requested a scholarship be established in his memory, to help disadvantaged postgraduate students complete their higher degree.

The 2014 Peter Kenyon Memorial Postgraduate Scholarship is valued at \$30,000 and will be paid in three equal instalments. It is awarded for a period of 12 months.

The Economic Society of Australia is administering the scholarship on behalf of Peter Kenyon's widow, Jan Wright. The award of the scholarship will be by a selection committee comprising 3 academic representatives of the Economic Society's Central Council and 2 other academics with whom Peter worked closely

For more more information, including terms and conditions, application form and timeline, please visit our website at www.esansw.org.au.

Eminent Speaker Series

This week Deirdre McClosky kicked-off her tour of Australia as the Society's Eminent Speaker in Queensland. If you'd like to listen to her ABC radio interview click here: <http://blogs.abc.net.au/files/deirdre-mcclosky-interview.mp3>.

Summary of NSW ESS Events

Professor Deirdre McCloskey has recently concluded her whirlwind tour of NSW for the Economic Society. The tour started with a lecture on 26 November at Alphacrucis College, Parramatta, called "Religion, entrepreneurship and economic development". The lecture marked the launch of the College's new Business degrees. The following evening, Deirdre gave the Centre for Independent Studies Bonython Lecture: "Cautiously Optimistic: Bourgeois Dignity and Global Prosperity". Next was a Sydney Ideas event where she spoke of her gender change from Donald to Deirdre. On Friday, Deirdre presented at an Economic Society lunch time seminar on the ethical responsibilities of economists, which stimulated discussion over whether the Economic Society of Australia should promulgate a code of ethics for members and other economists. That night she spoke about writing economics at a mentoring event for women organised by Renee Adams of FIRN. Her final event was a keynote address at the Society for Heterodox Economics Conference at UNSW on "Virtue, Ethics and Economics". Members at the events enjoyed the opportunity to hear and meet Deirdre. Her busy tour garnered significant media interest, including a report by Matthew Wade in the Sydney Morning Herald, a full page Lunch with Deirdre article the following Saturday, and several radio spots. We are grateful to her for coming as this year's Eminent Speaker and for her generous engagement with us.

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Deirdre will be visiting Adelaide next - please visit our website for more details of her itinerary.



Emerging Economist Series

The third EES lunch was held on 19th November with Jillian Broadbent as guest speaker. Jillian shared insights from her extensive experiences, ranging from her early career as a young economist to her board appointments - including on the RBA board during the global financial crisis.

Remaining Lunches

- Michael Stutchbury, Editor in Chief, The Australian Financial Review, will be joining the next session - **13th February**
- Dr Kerry Schott, CEO NSW Commission of Audit - **25th March**
- The Hon Michael Egan, Chancellor, Macquarie University - **16th May**

Who would you like to lunch with?

Registration is now closed for this year but if you'd like any information about next year's program, or if you have any suggestions on who you'd like to see as guest speaker, please contact Di Litherland on admin@esansw.org.au.

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Key Dates

Call for papers opens: 1 Nov 2013
Final date submission of papers: 14 March 2014
Notification of acceptance : 30 April 2014
Registration opens: 1 March 2014
Early bird registration closes: 23 May 2014

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Seminars at University

University of New South Wales

4 December, 12:00pm, ASB 115
Speaker: Steven Pennings, NYU

Topic: Cross-region transfers in a monetary union

6 December, 3:30pm, ASB 115

Speaker: Woong Yong Park, Hong Kong University

Topic: Optimal Monetary Policy in a Currency Union with Interest Rate Spreads