



## Economics in the Pub

Scroogenomics

Is Christmas a healthy annual boost to the economy? Or is it, in fact, an international exercise in wealth destruction? Joel Waldfogel's Scroogenomics asserts that Christmas gifts given are less-informed choices, worth less than the money spent, and leave recipients less than satisfied, creating a social deadweight loss.

Join us for drinks and nibbles at the next Economics in the Pub session which will be held on Tuesday, 16th December. The series is designed to encourage debate, networking and interaction amongst members.

- Topic:** Does Christmas create a deadweight loss?
- Venue:** Arthouse Hotel, Attic Bar, 275 Pitt Street
- When:** Tuesday 16th December
- Time:** From 6pm
- Cost:** Free for all members including young economists

Complementary drink and bar food will be provided

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## Emerging Economist Series

Dates for the remaining lunches in the series are now finalized – Professor Geoffrey Brennan, Friday 13th February | Laura Tingle, Tuesday 14th April | Bruce Petty, Tuesday 26th May.

**Dr Ken Henry** provided an insightful glimpse into his extensive career. He highlighted that, in addition to economic rigor and teamwork, persistence is a defining feature of a good economist reflecting on the critical importance of long periods of analysis and policy development done before governments seek or accept advice from economists. With an interest sparked in childhood by seeing the forces of short-termism and rent-seeking in his father's work as a woodsman in state forests Dr Henry promoted the use of these concepts as lenses to view policy decisions. In discussing the Henry Tax review he emphasized the continuing opportunities of good policy, not only in tax reform but also with distribution effects which formed a major and neglected part of the report.



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- The Calendar of Events has plenty of activities in the economics arena - again, these cover both national and international events that have been brought to our attention by our Partners. We would be happy to promote your economics focussed event, free of charge - [see what's listed on our calendar](#) at the moment.
- From time-to-time, the Society is approached by media outlets seeking comment on economic matters. If you would like to be interviewed please let us know.

Contact Di Litherland via [admin@esansw.org.au](mailto:admin@esansw.org.au) if you would like more information on any of these services.

## Jobs in Economics

- The University of Sydney are seeking a lecturer in Business Analytics
- Melbourne Business School are looking for an Assistant, Associate or full Professor in Operations and / or Business Analytics.
- The World Economic Forum has posted a number of jobs which can be found on our website.

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### ACE 2015

Economic Challenges of Today: Answers from theory and practice

The Economics Society of Australia (Qld Branch), in association with Brisbane-based universities, invite you to the 44th Australian Conference of Economists (ACE 2015).

#### Important Dates

Call for papers opens: **1 October 2014**

Final date for submission of papers: **6 March 2015**

Notification of acceptance: **30 April 2015**

The conference will bring renowned international economists to Brisbane as well as showcase the economic prowess of Australian economists in an innovative program structure that will facilitate dialogue between academic, public policy and market economists. Visit <http://ace2015.org.au/> for more.

## ABARES Outlook

3-4 March 2015

The Australian Bureau of Agricultural and Resource Economics and Sciences (ABARES) invite you to exhibit at the [Outlook 2015 conference](#).

With a conference theme of 'the business of agriculture: producing for profit' Outlook 2015 is on 3 - 4 March 2015. At Canberra's National Convention Centre. Outlook 2015 is Australia's leading event to debate the issues for the agricultural, fisheries and forestry sectors. It is where public and private sector decision makers will gather and discuss the key domestic and global issues affecting our rural industries and economic outlook. The conference will attract delegates to a wide range of sessions over two days, and facilitate stimulating discussion and debate.

Our program features leading producers, national and international speakers who will provide their unique perspectives.

Please note that trade stand sites are limited and will be allocated in order of responses received. We've had an overwhelming response so far with limited sites still available. Don't miss out on this opportunity, register your interest now by contacting the ABARES event team at [conferences@agriculture.gov.au](mailto:conferences@agriculture.gov.au) or 02 6272 2303.