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Newsletter #48

Economic Society of Australia,
New South Wales Branch,
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Dear friend,

Please find below the ESA NSW Branch Newsletter for June 2018.

Upcoming Events

Lunchtime Seminar: University Economics: Student Choices and Funding Incentives

Abstract: Previous RBA work has highlighted the decline in the number of universities offering economics, weak enrolments in economics courses and a lack of diversity in the economics student population. Several factors appear to be contributing to these trends. At the student level economics faces many challenges, including fewer students becoming familiar with economics before university, the relatively low availability and high cost of economics courses, low completion rates, a lack of role models from diverse backgrounds, and misperceptions about wage outcomes and employment opportunities for economics graduates. At the university level, economics appears to be underperforming on financial and other indicators that could influence university administrators' decisions about where resources are allocated. Join our discussion about what actions are needed to address these challenges.

Bio: Melissa Wilson is an economist at the Reserve Bank of Australia and completed this work while on secondment to the Bank's Public Access & Education team. Melissa has worked in various roles across the Bank's Economic Analysis, Financial Stability and International departments. She holds Bachelors of Economics and Commerce from the University of Adelaide, an honours degree from the University of Melbourne, and a masters degree from the University of New South Wales.

ACE2018

The provisional program has been released for the 2018 **Australian Conference of Economists**. This year's program focuses on Australia's place in the world, and features Keynote presentations, panel and contributed sessions. It is a program not to be missed.

[CLICK HERE TO VIEW PROGRAM](#)



ACE Venue Change

We would like to bring your attention to an important change regarding the venue. The Australian National University was originally booked as the conference venue but is currently undergoing building reconstruction works, which may well be disruptive to our conference. Due to this the Committee has made a last minute decision to move the conference to QT Canberra (1 London Circuit, Canberra).

Emerging Economist Series



The Hon Paul Keating was our final guest in this year's Emerging Economist Series. In a lunchtime address on Wednesday 2 May, the former Prime Minister emphasised the economic issues facing Australia along with the need to have a growth strategy, the digital opportunities facing us and the risks of inequality. He stressed the important role that economists can play in educating and enabling. He encouraged the audience to be imaginative and remember the power of one.

Latest News

Reduce government debt or provide tax cuts?

For our April poll we asked a budget related question of our panellists:



Proposition 1: Slowing the growth in the debt to GDP ratio should be a priority for Australian governments.

Proposition 2: Slowing the growth in the debt to GDP ratio is a higher priority than income or corporate tax cuts.

** Collaborator credits: we would like to thank James Giesecke for suggesting the idea for this question and Danielle Wood for her assistance in framing these poll questions and her expert overview of the results.*

View the [Results of this Poll](#)

Read the [Overview of Poll Results by Danielle Wood](#) (Grattan Institute; ESA Women in Economics Network).

We're always on the lookout for good questions to put to the NEP. Submit your question ideas [here](#).

ESA NEP Robot Poll in the news

A recent NEP Poll put out by ESA has been in the news lately. "Collaborative robots could save Australian manufacturing jobs and boost small business" (Nick Whigham, MAY 18, 2018). You can read the article by [following this link](#). In case you missed it, our original NEP poll ("Robots, artificial intelligence and the 'future of work'", October 2017) and the accompanying expert overviews by Professor Jeff Borland (University of Melbourne) and Professor Jason Potts (RMIT) are [here](#).

Economic Record - Free to a good home

An ESA Member has generously offered a complete set of the Economic Record from its first issue in November 1925 to the March 2005 issue and would like to see them go to a good home for no cost other than any expenses involved in collection (to be discussed direct with the seller). The very early volumes are in reasonable to good condition but soon thereafter the condition is excellent.

For those who might be concerned about the space involved in housing this precious collection, the current owner has calculated that the first 50 years of journals up to 1975 would take only about 1.2 or 1.3 lineal metres.

If you are interested in this offer, please [contact ESA](#).

Vale Peter D Groenewegen: 13th February 1939 - 4th May 2018

Professor of Economics at the University of Sydney from 1981; Fellow of the Academy of Social Sciences; Distinguished Fellow of the History of Economics Society; Distinguished Fellow of the Economic Society of Australia, inaugural Distinguished Fellow of the History of Economic Thought Society of Australia.

Peter Groenewegen was great scholar and contributor to the profession and the Economic Society over many years. His publications span the history of economic thought (especially early European economics, and the economics of Alfred Marshall) as well as public finance. The

economic classics course he taught to honours students for many years, the doctoral students he supervised, and the work of the Centre for the History of Economic Thought gave the University of Sydney an international reputation in this field.

Further details of his academic work may be found in Aspromourgos, A. (2011). "Distinguished Fellow of the Economic Society of Australia, 2010: Peter Groenewegen." *Economic Record* 87(277): 335-41, and the forthcoming obituary in the *Economic Record*.

Other Events

ABE Briefing - Dr Tony Richards

Dr Tony Richards
Head of Payments Policy
Reserve Bank of Australia

Cryptocurrencies - View from the central bank

Tuesday 26 June 2018

We offer an on-line booking and payment facility

To book on-line, please click [here](#)

Or go to to [abe.org.au](#) > Forthcoming events. Or, register on the form below>>>

Details

Time: 12:30 pm - 2:00

Venue: The Gallery, State Library of New South Wales, Macquarie Street, Sydney

Cost: \$75 members, \$95 non-members

A light working lunch will be served.

Register online [here](#) or with form overleaf.

Enquiries: info@abe.org.au or call 0419 256 339

Tony Richards is Head of Payments Policy at the Reserve Bank, where he leads the staff's work for the Payments System Board. The Bank's mandate is to promote competition and efficiency and to control risk in the Australian payments system.

Value Capture - making sense of policy options

Invitation to Attend - or go [direct to registration website](#)

We are pleased to invite you to the one-day conference, **Value Capture: Making Sense of Policy Options**, to be held in Canberra on 9 July 2018.

The **Value Capture: Making Sense of Policy Options** conference is being held at the Hyatt Hotel in Canberra to coincide with the Australian Conference of Economists (ACE) run by the Economic Society of Australia (ESA). The ACE will be held at the Australian National University (ANU) in Canberra from 10 to 13 July 2018.

The conference will explore key issues related to value capture in Australia and will hear from public policy experts from Australia and around the world who have experience in the application of value capture and from academics with their latest research of the issues.

Different value capture methodologies have been used by various governments and organisations over time. However, more recently in Australia, governments are seeking new ways which are politically tenable and economically feasible to use value capture mechanisms to fund new large infrastructure projects.

The theme of this conference taps into the current debate in Australia about infrastructure – about ideas such as the infrastructure deficit, congestion charging, taxation policy, and infrastructure funding.

This is a great opportunity for your company or organisation to be a sponsor and have your brand associated with this thought leadership event.

Conference session themes developed by the organising committee will focus on policy development, economic assessment, and practical implementation. Topics will include:

- Attribution of value creation
- Beneficiary selection
- Mechanisms for value capture – theoretical and practical
- Taxation and transport pricing
- Economic development and town planning
- Case studies from around the world

The Value Capture Conference will seek to attract a highly focused audience of decision-makers, infrastructure planners and academic experts with direct interest in and knowledge of debate surrounding the efficacy and application of value capture mechanisms.

We welcome and look forward to your sponsorship in the conference and the opportunities it offers to promote your organisation and services.

Mr Craig Wilson

Chair

ESP Conference Organising Committee

Careers and Graduate Opportunities

Advertising an economics position on the ESA website is a good way to get wide exposure for a role. If you would like to advertise a role on the website, please contact our [administrator](#) for

more information. There is a small fee of \$110 inc GST.

Below are some recent opportunities:

Opportunities with the Department of Treasury and Finance

The Department of Treasury and Finance (DTF) provides specialist fiscal, economic and statistical advice and services to the Northern Territory Government to ensure long-term economic development through effective management of public sector resources. Territory Revenue Office (TRO) is a division of DTF whose role is to administer and provide advice on the Territory's main own-source revenues and related grant and incentive schemes.

Various opportunities currently exist in the Territory Revenue Office (TRO)

Current opportunities

Assistant Director Legislation, Advisory and Review – SA01

As the Assistant Director Legislation, Advisory and Review in TRO, you will manage policy review, development and administration of the Northern Territory's taxation and royalty laws and associated grant and incentive schemes and provide leadership and guidance to staff as part of building a high performing team.

For more information, access the [job description](#).

Principal Revenue Analyst – AO7

As a principal revenue analyst in TRO, you will undertake complex tax assessments and provide technical advice; conduct compliance and audit activities; support tax and royalty payers with meeting their revenue obligations; undertake research, review and development of revenue laws and associated grant schemes; and reviewing administrative decisions and manage litigation.

For more information, access the [job description](#).

Senior Revenue Analyst – AO6

As a senior revenue analyst in TRO, you will undertake complex tax assessments; provide technical advice to taxpayers and their advisers; conduct compliance and audit activities and support tax and royalty payers with meeting their obligations; undertake research, review and develop revenue laws and associated grant and incentive schemes; and review administrative decisions and manage litigation.

For more information, access the [job description](#).

Revenue Analyst – AO5

As a revenue analyst in TRO, you will undertake complex tax assessments; provide advice to taxpayers and their advisers; administer own-source revenue and home incentive schemes, including managing debt recovery; conduct compliance and audit activities and support tax and royalty payers with meeting their revenue obligations; undertake research; and review of revenue laws and associated grant and incentive schemes; assist in developing revenue policy and legislation; and assist in reviewing administrative decisions.

For more information, access the [job description](#).

Revenue Officer – AO4

As a revenue officer in TRO, you will undertake routine tax assessments; administer home ownership incentives and respond to enquiries; assist in monitoring tax and royalty payers and participate in compliance and audit activities; assist in researching revenue laws and associated grant and incentive schemes; assist with developing revenue policy and legislation; and assist in reviewing administrative decisions.

For more information, access the [job description](#).

Further Information and How to Apply

For further details please visit our [Careers website](#).

Applications close on 11 June 2018 and should be submitted via the [Careers in Government website](#).

Pharmacy Guild of Australia - Economist

The Pharmacy Guild of Australia represents the proprietors of around 5,500 community pharmacies. They form a unique network of trusted healthcare professionals across Australia. The Guild is committed to offering staff a supportive, flexible and rewarding work environment. Are you a tertiary educated Economist with 3-5 years' experience in the industry? Keen to move into an organisation that promotes flexibility, community and diversity? Not local to Canberra and considering a tree change?*

Then this role is for you! This varied role will offer exciting challenges and allow you to work with a highly skilled in-house team of advisory professionals.

The Guild currently has a vacancy for a full-time permanent Economist based in Canberra. This role will sit in the Economic and Data Analyst Team and be responsible for providing economics analytical support to the Guild through conducting microeconomic analysis of pharmacy industry issues; the creation and maintenance of micro-econometric forecasting models; statistical analysis of big data; and communicating the economic and financial implications of the analysis.

To be considered for this role, you will need to address the following selection criteria:

- Evidence of both tertiary qualifications and professional experience as an economist
- Excellent communication and stakeholder engagement skills including the ability to communicate between technical and non-technical areas
- Demonstrated high-quality economic analysis skills to specification within deadlines
- Experience in applied microeconomics, particularly working with complex data sets
- Previous experience working with technical, analytical and statistical software such as SQL, R and SAS

If you are interested and qualified for this role, an application can be submitted including the above selection criteria and a copy of your CV via recruit@guild.org.au

For more information regarding this opportunity, please contact Lisa Todd lisa.todd@guild.org.au on 02 6270 1841.

* Relocation assistance may be negotiated for the right candidate.

For further information [view the Job Description](#)

Economists / Policy Advisors, Brisbane & Hobart

Deloitte Access Economics: Economists / Policy Advisors, Brisbane & Hobart

Deloitte Access Economics is Australia's largest team of private sector economists. We offer a suite of economic and policy advisory services to clients across government and the private sector, and we pride ourselves on bringing the highest level of rigour and creativity to the social policy challenges our nation faces.

ROLE 1: DAE Economists / Policy Advisors in Hobart (1 x Analyst, Manager & Director)

As part of the ongoing growth and success of our business, DAE is establishing a permanent, full-time presence in Hobart and looking to hire two to three experienced Economists/Policy Advisers. This reflects both an increasing confidence in the Tasmanian economy and a recognition that while DAE already undertakes a range of work in Tasmania, we can better serve our clients with a permanent on-the-ground presence.

Your role will involve quantitative and qualitative analysis of economic and social policy issues, communication of findings in reports and presentations to clients. You will participate in and lead small project teams.

About You

We are looking for individuals with experience as a professional economist or policy adviser, coupled with a passion for economic policy and the application of economic theory to real world issues.

You will also be able to demonstrate:

- A degree in Economics with strong academic results;
- At least 4 years' experience in other consulting or specialist economic firms;
- Experience in development of public policy, Cost Benefit Analysis, business cases, project evaluations, economic impact assessments, infrastructure and regulated industries (e.g. water, energy, ports);
- A network of contacts across the Tasmanian government and business sectors would be an advantage.

ROLE 2: DAE Health Economics & Social Policy in Brisbane (2 x Senior Analysts)

DAE's national dedicated Health Economics & Social Policy practice, provides robust, reliable and respected advice to government, not-for-profit and commercial clients. Due to increasing demand and a sustained period of growth, an opportunity has arisen for two new Analysts and Senior Analysts to join the Health Economics & Social Policy team within our Brisbane office.

You will work on a range of exciting, thought-provoking and high-profile projects across sectors including health, aged care, disability and other social services. You will be challenged on:

- Applying a variety of analytical frameworks, models and techniques (e.g. program evaluation, funding model analysis, policy analysis, cost-benefit analysis, demand and supply modelling, economic and social impact assessments etc.)
- Drafting and communicating findings in reports and compelling presentations to influence key decision makers in government, the not-for-profit sector and commercial organisations
- Advancing your skills in and experience in health and social services, economics and public policy alongside some of the best practitioners in Australia.

About You

You will be a motivated, energetic individual with a passion to make an impact in the health and social services sector. Specifically, you will have:

- 2 to 4 years' experience in the health and social services sector, as an economist, researcher, policy analyst/advisor, or in a related role;
- Strong academic results in economics, public policy, psychology, research or health-related degree is viewed as essential;
- Previous experience in other consulting firms, the university sector or health and social service industry would be an advantage;
- Previous experience or a demonstrated understanding and interest in the Australian health system, social policy or social service delivery including Indigenous affairs and community services, (e.g. justice, disability services, housing and homelessness, domestic and family violence);
- Experience in research and analysis including survey design, sampling techniques, and RCT and quasi-experimental designs; and the use of tools such as MS-Excel, stata, R, Nivo, Mapinfo, or Tableau to present findings using data visualisation e.g infographics, GIS mapping;
- Interest in any of the following fields: applied econometrics, behavioural economics, health economics, social policy, or experimental economics;
- Most importantly, you must have a desire to learn and work with a team of like-minded experts.

We would encourage practicing clinicians and individuals with a clinical/client facing background and project management experience to apply.

Next Steps

To apply, please follow the below links and submit your resume with a copy of your academic transcript:

- Hobart roles: <https://jobs2.deloitte.com/au/en/job/DELOA004X202806/Deloitte-Access-Economics-Economists-Policy-Advisers-Hobart>
- Brisbane roles: <https://jobs2.deloitte.com/au/en/job/DELOA004X211737/Deloitte-Access-Economics-Policy-Advisor-Economist-Health-Economics-Social-Policy>

If you have specific questions regarding these opportunities, you can contact Juliette Jamoneau in the Talent Acquisition Team on 02 8260 4149.

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