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Dear friend,

Welcome to the June Newsletter.

Upcoming Events

SAVE THE DATE

Next Lunchtime Seminar - Thursday 11 July
Annual General Meeting - Thursday 8 August

More information coming soon - in the meantime, please hold the dates

ACE 2019



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Less than 40 days to go until
ACE 2019 kicks off in
Melbourne.

Click [here](#) to see who is speaking at ACE2019, more information on the Conference and to register.

Emerging Economist Lunch with Maxine McKew

Maxine McKew is an author and Hon Enterprise Professor of the Melbourne Graduate School of Education at the University of Melbourne.

Maxine McKew's background traverses both journalism and politics. For many years she was a familiar face to ABC TV viewers and was anchor of prestigious programmes such as the 7.30 Report and Lateline. Her work has been recognized by her peers with both Walkely and Logie awards. When she left journalism and made the switch to politics, she wrote herself into the Australian history books by defeating Prime Minister John Howard in the Sydney seat of Bennelong. In government she was both parliamentary secretary for early childhood and later, for regional development and local government. Maxine lives in Melbourne and is a director of Per Capita and the John Cain Foundation. In 2015 she was appointed to

serve on the board of the State Library of Victoria and re-appointed for a further term in 2018. She also serves as a non-executive director of New Energy Solar.

Her most recent book, published by Melbourne University Press in 2014, is *Class Act* – a study of the key challenges in Australian schooling. This publication followed the success of her memoir, *Tales From the Political Trenches*, an account of her brief but tumultuous time in the Federal Parliament.

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Latest News

Women in Economics Retreat 17-18 October 2019

The Women in Economics Network, part of the Economic Society of Australia, will host the 2019 Women in Economics Retreat at [Cleveland Winery](#), Macedon Ranges, Victoria.



The Retreat provides an opportunity for around 20 junior and mid career women economists to develop their networks, receive mentoring and strengthen their leadership skills. Participants in the retreat are drawn from academia, government and the private sector, providing great opportunities for networking and broader economic discussions.

Click [here](#) for more information on the Retreat, the mentors and how to apply.

Other Events

Rob Nicholl, CEO, AOFM : Tough times, easy task

Tough times, easy task

Wednesday 05 June 2019

This year is already unsurprising in terms of generating a divergence in views on the global economic and market outlook. What becomes clearer though is that the AOFM's issuance programs have materially declined, consistent with forecasts of the fiscal position. While less exciting than years of yield curve extensions, it has meant implementing an anticipated business as usual approach, and what this entails invites further clarity. At the same time, global markets continue to create conditions that have the potential to further increase the challenge for AGS in terms of its relative attractiveness to offshore investors. A lot of thought within AOFM has gone into developing a framework to track capital flows in support of its understanding of these challenges and to better identify shifts in investor preferences. Examples of this will highlight these efforts.

We offer an on-line booking and payment facility

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

Or go to abe.org.au > Forthcoming events.

Details

Time: 12:30 pm - 2:00 pm

Venue: Hyatt Regency Sydney, 161 Sussex Street, Sydney

Cost: \$165 members, \$195 non-members, \$1480 tables (of 8 guests each)

Lunch includes two courses and beverages.

[Register online here.](#)

Mr Nicholl has agreed to take questions from the floor.

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

Rob Nicholl

Mr Nicholl was appointed Chief Executive Officer of the Australian Office of Financial Management in January 2011. He has extensive public and financial policy experience having had a number of senior executive appointments in the Tasmanian Treasury and Department of Infrastructure, Energy and Resources. His public and financial policy knowledge is broad and during his eight year appointment as a Tasmanian Treasury Deputy Secretary he gained significant commercial and regulatory experience taking a lead role in major whole-of-government projects. In 2000, Mr Nicholl worked as Senior Advisor to the then Tasmanian Deputy Premier. Prior to joining the public service, he spent several years in academia as a research fellow and lecturing in economics. He has worked as a consultant and has a Bachelor of Economics from the University of Tasmania and a Masters of Arts from the University of Alberta.

Registrations are transferable. Please advise us by phone or email as soon as you can. For cancellations advised up to five working days before the briefing, the fee will be refunded in full. For cancellations notified later than five working days before the briefing, no refund will be made. Thanks for your interest. Please direct inquiries to info@abe.org.au

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2019 Queensland Winter School - Economics of inequality

Queensland Winter School in the Economics of Inequality: Theory and Policy O'Reilly's Rainforest Retreat, 1 – 3 July 2019

The Economic Society of Australia (Qld), in association with Griffith University, Queensland University of Technology (QUT), and The University of Queensland (UQ) invites you to participate in the 2019 Queensland Economics Winter School at O'Reilly's Rainforest Retreat in the Gold Coast hinterland from 3pm, 1 July to 1pm, 3 July 2019.

Economics of Inequality and Inequality of Opportunity

Economic inequality represents a serious social problem in most developed countries, and the topic is considered of broad interest to both academics and policy-makers. Recently, attention has shifted from studying inequality as a general phenomenon, to investigating sources that lie beyond the control of the individual. In this Winter School, one of the world's foremost economic philosophers in the field of inequality, John Roemer, will discuss the theory and practice of measuring inequality of opportunity. He will be joined by Lars Osberg, who will discuss the trajectory of research in inequality since the seminal work of Tony Atkinson in the 1970s.

George Verikios, Director, KPMG will present on the Australian experience of inequality. An additional session covering practical issues including data analysis and STATA coding will also be presented.

Details of the preliminary program are here [2019 Winter School Preliminary Program](#)



Prof John Roemer (Yale) is the Elizabeth S. and A. Varick Professor of Political Science and Economics. He is a Fellow of the Econometric Society, and has been a Fellow of the Guggenheim Foundation and the Russell Sage Foundation. His research concerns political economy, and distributive justice. He is currently teaching Political Competition and a Workshop in Political Economy. Publications include: Political Competition, Harvard University Press, 2001; Equality of Opportunity, Harvard University Press, 1998, Theories of Distributive Justice, Harvard University Press, 1996.



Prof Lars Osberg has been a member of the Economics Department at Dalhousie University (Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada) since 1977. He also worked for a brief period at the University of Western Ontario. He is well known internationally for his contributions in the field of economics. His major research interests are the measurement and determinants of inequality, social exclusion and poverty, measurement of economic well-being, leisure co-ordination and economic well-being, time use and economic development, and economic insecurity.

About the Winter School

The Winter School will provide an opportunity for PhD economics students, early career academics and professional economists in both the public and private sector to learn about research and policy applications in the important field of the economics of inequality. It is also an opportunity to connect and share research ideas and gain new insights. The School is held in a very pleasant environment in the Gold Coast hinterland. Details of the venue are [here](#). The School is residential to help PhD student and other attendees build their professional networks and opportunities for future collaboration.

The School is an initiative of the Economic Society of Australia (Qld), Griffith University, the University of Queensland, and Queensland University of Technology.

Date: Monday 1 July to Wednesday 3 July 2019

Time: Check in at O'Reilly's from 2pm for registration and coffee at 3pm for the start of the conference at 3.30pm on Monday 1 July, to conclude by 1pm Wednesday

Venue: O'Reilly's Rainforest Retreat, 3582 Lamington National Park Rd, O'Reilly QLD 4275. See details of the venue [here](#)

Dress: Smart casual

Costs:

The conference fee includes accommodation, all meals, morning and afternoon tea, the first drink at pre-dinner drinks and some wine at dinner. The registration fee has been kept at a very moderate level, especially for postgraduate students and academics.

The conference registration fees (which are being subsidised by the four host institutions) are shown below.

Economic Society Qld member discounts are automatically applied if logged in as a member when booking.

Full-time HDR students \$430 (\$390 for ESA Qld members) – based on twin-share bedrooms with ensuite in a spacious two bedroom villa. You will be asked to nominate a "room buddy" to I.grose@griffith.edu.au by 20 June. Alternatively O'Reilly's will allocate a buddy to you. When booking, please use the discount code HDRSTUDENT and email a copy of your student card to I.grose@griffith.edu.au.

Academic staff \$750 (\$710 for ESA Qld members) – single-room bedrooms, own ensuite in a spacious two bedroom villa (use the discount code ACADEMIC when booking).

Non-academic \$990 (\$950 for ESA Qld members) – single-room bedrooms, own ensuite in a spacious two bedroom villa.

The two bedroom villas are spacious with a lounge, kitchen and two bedrooms, each with ensuite - see [two bedroom villas](#).

A limited number of single bedroom villas are available at additional cost.

For inquiries please email Leah Grose - I.grose@griffith.edu.au

The registration fee will cover accommodation for 2 nights, all meals for the duration of the Winter School, the first drink at pre-dinner drinks, some wine at dinner and a guided rainforest tour. All other personal expenses are to be settled before checking out of O'Reilly's. If you are wishing to arrive earlier or extend your stay, please contact O'Reilly's directly.

The registration fee does not include transportation to/from O'Reilly's. Participants will need to make their own way to the venue. Please speak with your home institution about car share options.

As room numbers are limited, it is important to book as early as possible and no later than 3 June. Registrations after that will be dependent on rooms still being available.

If you are unable to pay for a booking immediately, please let Leah Grose - I.grose@griffith.edu.au know that you wish to take part in this event so we can reserve a place for a limited time pending payment being made.

By booking, you acknowledge your acceptance of the Winter School 2019 refund policy that full refunds are available for cancellations advised by email before 3 June and not available after that (though registration may be transferred to another attendee entitled to the same registration fee).

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