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## Newsletter #67

Economic Society of Australia,  
New South Wales Branch,  
**March 2020**  
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Dear friend,

Welcome to the March 2020 newsletter. There's lots going on this month so be sure to scroll all the way through this newsletter.

## Upcoming Events

### Women in Economics IWD2020

WEN is pleased to present **Women's economic progress in Australia: how far have we come and how much further do we want to go?**

WEN is excited to celebrate IWD2020 with a powerful line-up of speakers:

- Bianca Hartge-Hazelman, founder of the [Financy Women's Index](#) (and former AFR journalist)
- Heidi Sundin, founder of the Agenda Agency (and Group Manager, Strategy and Markets at Coates Hire)
- Taleen Shamlan, member of the [NSW Council for Women's Economic Opportunity](#) (and Founder and Manager Director of Advisory Street).

The MC will be Jo Masters, Chief Economist, EY.

Attendance is free for ESA/WEN members, \$10 for non-members.

### WEN NSW Branch - AGM

Notice is hereby given of the **Annual General Meeting** of the Women in Economics Network (NSW Branch).

#### Details

**Date** Monday 16 March 2020  
**Time** From 12.30pm  
**Register** Wednesday 11 March  
**Nominations** To be received by Wednesday 11 March  
**Location** ACIL Allen, Level 9, 50 Pitt Street, Sydney

If you would like to attend, please register below by Wednesday 11 March. We will need to know that you're coming so that you can get into the building.

## Nominations for Council Positions

As per the [WEN Charter](#), the Annual General Meeting shall elect a Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer and up to ten (10) other members of the Network to form a Committee, which shall be responsible for the management of the affairs of the WEN (NSW).

All positions will be vacated for the election and we welcome the active participation of our members to help nurture and grow this important network.

To nominate:

[Click here to download the Nomination Form.](#)

**Alternatively**, you may nominate without a form by simply e-mailing the [administrator](#) with the following:

- State your name, contact details (address, email and contact number) and position you would like to be nominated for, and copy in at least one other ESA (NSW) financial member (the supporter of your nomination). The person(s) supporting your nomination will be required to follow up with a separate email endorsing your nomination. Please also disclose any possible conflicts of interest, including employer and role and other professional affiliation.
- Include the following text in your email:

*I would like to be nominated for a vacant position on the WEN (ESA NSW Branch) Council for 2020-21. I am a financial member of the Society and I have read and agreed to the Council's Governance Statement (available on the 'Governance' section of the website).*

Complete the nomination form and send to the [administrator](#). Nomination forms must be received by Wednesday 11 March. If you wish to attend the AGM you will need to register in order to gain access at Security (register now).

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## New Year's Resolutions

Join us for a new event which brings together the **Economics Society of Australia (NSW)** and the **Australian Business Economists** for an evening of forecasts and fun.

On the evening, you'll hear from some of NSW's most respected economists, who will be sharing their forecasts – both economic and other – for 2020. Introduction and welcome by Luci Ellis from the Reserve Bank of Australia. You'll have a chance to connect with other economists, build your network (effects) and indulge in some game (theory).

## Introduction and Welcome by:



**Luci Ellis** is the Assistant Governor (Economic) at the Reserve Bank of Australia, a position she has held since December 2016. She is responsible for the Bank's Economic Analysis and Economic Research departments and is the chief economic advisor to the Governor and the Board. She is also the executive sponsor of the Bank's LGBTI+ allies employee resource group. Luci has been a member of the Australian Statistics Advisory Council since November 2015. Prior to holding this role, Luci was Head of Financial Stability Department for eight years. She has also served as a Deputy Head of Economic Analysis Department and spent almost two years on secondment at the Bank for International Settlements.

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## Panellists:



**Nicki Hutley** is a highly experienced economist with broad-based experience in economic policy, gained over nearly three decades of practice. Nicki spent the first half of her career as a macroeconomist for commercial and investment banks. She is a regular commentator on economic and financial issues in the media and is a sought-after keynote speaker.



**Stephen Walters** is chief economist for NSW Treasury. He joined Treasury in July 2018. Previously, Stephen was chief economist with the Australian Institute of Company Directors (AICD) and investment bank JPMorgan, from October 2001 until February 2016. Before joining JPMorgan, Stephen was Senior Economist with Access Economics in Melbourne and International Economist with Norwich Union in the UK. He also spent 7 years as an Economist with the Treasury in Perth. Stephen is Chair of the Australian Business Economists (ABE) and is a member of the Australian Statistics Advisory Council (ASAC). He has published three books.

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## Cost to Attend

(Includes drinks and snacks)

Members - \$20.00

Non Members - \$30.00 ([join now from \\$40 p.a.](#))

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## Cost Benefit Analysis Forum 2020

You are invited to a one day forum on **Cost Benefit Analysis (CBA)**. The forum will feature speakers and panels focusing on the role of and issues in application of CBA in investment appraisal and policy. The event will be of interest to experienced practitioners, those new to developing CBAs and people who rely on CBAs as part of decision making.

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## Cost

Members \$165.00

Non Members \$220 ([Join or Renew Now](#) to pay the member price)

## Speakers

This event is supported by experts in the field of CBA. [Read more about our speakers](#) - bios will be added as they are received.

## Breakout Sessions

Immediately after lunch, we offer four breakout sessions - Stream A: Non-Technical and Stream B: Technical. Please make your selection below.

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## Cost Benefit Analysis Forum | Friday 24 April 2020

Preliminary Program  
Being held at Deloitte, Sydney

8.15	<b>Registration</b>	
8.45 – 9.00	<b>Welcome Address/Open – the value of CBA in NSW</b> Speaker TBC	
9.00 – 9.45	<b>Outcomes Budgeting, Evidence Bank and Ex Post CBA</b> TBC, NSW Treasury	
9.45 – 10.30	<b>CBA: the Good, the Bad, and the Ugly</b> John Daley, Grattan Institute	
10.30 – 11.00	<b>Morning Tea</b>	
11.00 – 11.45	<b>Update on US Benefit and Cost Analysis Conference</b> Peter Abelson, Applied Economics	
11.45 – 12.30	<b>Panel or co-presentation on Fit for Purpose</b> Anna Chau, former Infrastructure NSW. Further panellists TBC – Chaired by Robert Smith	
12:30 – 1.30	<b>Lunch</b>	
	<b>Stream A: Non-Technical</b>	<b>Stream B: Technical</b>
1.30 – 2.15	<b>Current state of CBA practice in Australian and NZ (Regional Areas)</b> Professor Leo Dobes, ANU	<b>Challenges of marrying CBA and Place making</b> Ben Hewett, Government Architect
2.15 – 3.00	<b>CBA and Regulation</b> Kris Funston, Deloitte	<b>Health</b> Brita Pekarsky, Health SA
3.00 – 3.30	<b>Afternoon Tea</b>	
3.30 – 4.10	<b>Session to be confirmed</b> Speaker TBC	
4.10 – 4.50	<b>Panel Discussion – Place, WEBS, and the boundaries of CBA</b> Panellists: Brita Pekarsky and Julia Suh	
4.50 – 4.55	<b>Close followed by post event drinks</b>	
5.00	<b>Post Event Drinks &amp; Networking</b>	

Emerging Economist Series - [Subscribe Now](#)

Consisting of six sit-down lunches, the Series will be held at the Reserve Bank of Australia. Attendance

is by subscription to all six lunches and can be shared amongst your colleagues. Alternatively, you can purchase tickets for individual lunches, subject to availability. The program offers a fantastic professional development opportunity for economists.

The Series provides a unique opportunity to hear lessons and insights from the lived experience of senior figures in government, business and public debate. For economists, particularly those in the earlier stages of their career, it provides access to the views and experience of eminent speakers on the paths they have taken, the role they have played and the challenges Australia has navigated - and will face in the future.

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## Latest News

ACE2020 - Wealth & Wellbeing



ACE2020, which will be focusing on "100 years of Welfare Economics", will be hosted by ESA's Western Australia branch. Read on for information about submitting an abstract, early bird registration and KeyNote Speakers. Visit the [Conference website](#)

You are invited to the Australian Conference of Economists (ACE) 2020 which will be held from the **8th to 10th of July 2020** in Perth, Western Australia.

The 2020 Conference will celebrate 100 Years of Welfare Economics and will bring together like minded individuals to explore concepts of allocation, utilisation and distribution of our resources as they relate to the wealth and wellbeing of individuals and our society.

### Registration

Early bird registration is now open - save over \$100 by registering for an early bird discount. Get in quick this is for a limited time only. Click [here](#) to register.

### Submit an Abstract

Do not miss your chance to be part of ACE 2020, submit your abstract before **Friday 28 February 2020** to be considered for inclusion in the conference program. Click [here](#) for more information on submitting your abstract.

The Australian Conference of Economist 2020 themes include:

- Wealth
- Wellbeing
- Other issues in economics

### Keynote Speakers

The Organising Committee of the Australian Conference of Economists 2020 are excited to announce the following confirmed keynote speakers:

- Professor Olivier Bargain, Bordeaux University
- Professor Paul Frijters, London School of Economics
- Professor Gigi Foster - University of New South Wales

For more information on our keynotes speakers click [here](#) to visit the Conference website.

### Sponsorship

ACE 2020 Sponsorship and Exhibition Opportunities are now available! Click [here](#) for more information.

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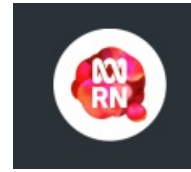
Take advantage of the numerous sponsorship and exhibition opportunities at ACE 2020. To discuss opportunities available, please contact the Conference Managers at [ace2020@arinex.com.au](mailto:ace2020@arinex.com.au) or by calling +61 8 9486 2000

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The Economists on ABC Radio National

The fourth season of **The Economists** on ABC Radio National has just gone to air, presented by Peter Martin and Gigi Foster.

Click [here](#) to listen.



#### Deloitte Access Economics Mentoring Opportunities

*Model your future... with Deloitte Access Economics* seeks to align young women studying or interested in economics and policy with young female professionals working in economic advisory and policy consulting at Deloitte Access Economics



Applications for the 2020 Program are now open - click [here](#) for more information and to apply.

## Other Events

### Ridge Summer School in Economics

The Summer School will take place in the framework of the World Congress of the International Economic Association (IEA) between 3-7 July 2020 in Bali, Indonesia with the support of the Ministry of Finance of Indonesia. In addition to attending the RIDGE Summer School lectures, students are expected to participate in the congress attending plenaries, invited sessions and contributed sessions. Click [here](#) for more information.



## 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.

Current opportunities include:

### Graduate Economists - Productivity Commission

Applications for the Productivity Commission's 2021 Graduate program are now open.

We are looking for high calibre economics graduates who are interested in working on a range of challenging public policy issues affecting the welfare of Australians. Positions are available in both our Canberra and Melbourne offices.

Successful applicants will demonstrate an awareness of Australian economic conditions and economic policy and a range of capabilities including applied economic research and analysis, analytical and investigative skills, good communication skills and the ability to work effectively as part of a team.

The Commission offers excellent development opportunities. As well as a comprehensive graduate program, our graduates work with some of the best and most experienced policy analysts in the country and have access to both on-the-job and formal training throughout their career.

For further details and to apply, please visit [Commission's website](#)

Applications close on **5 April 2020** and should be submitted via the Commission's website.

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