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## Newsletter #50

Economic Society of Australia,  
New South Wales Branch,  
**August 2018**  
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Dear friend,

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

## Upcoming Events

Young Economists Network - A Day In The Life Of

'A Day in the Life Of' presents a fantastic opportunity to hear young economists reflect on their careers and provide valuable insight into a typical day in their job. Come investigate the many career opportunities a grounding in economics can facilitate.

Our speakers will be:

- Rubana Huda - NSW Treasury
- Jess Mizrahi - Deloitte Access Economics
- Kaixin Owyong - National Australia Bank
- Michael Read - RBA
- Howard Zhang - Sapere Research Group

Ticket price includes canapes, a drink on arrival and automatic membership to ESA for current students of economics.

### Details

Registration is essential.

Date: 8 August 2018

Time: 6:00pm for a 6:30pm start.

Venue, Attic Room at the Arthouse Hotel, 275 Pitt Street, Sydney

Dress code: Business Casual

## Latest News

### ACE2018 - Society Awards

There were a number of prestigious awards bestowed upon worthy

economists at the recently held ACE2018 in Canberra, including the inaugural Trevor Swan Memorial Prize.

Click [here](#) to read about the Award Winners



#### Understand the World Around You

The Women in Economics Network, sponsored by ESA Central Council have put together a fantastic video which promotes the study of economics.

Click [here](#) to view the video.



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## Other Events

The Anika Foundation and Australian Business Economists Annual Fundraising Lunch  
The Anika Foundation and Australian Business Economists are pleased to present a lunch in support of The Anika Foundation with a briefing by Dr Philip Lowe, Governor, Reserve Bank of Australia - Demographics and recent monetary policy. The Governor has agreed to take questions from the floor.

#### Details:

- Lunch includes two courses and beverages
- Donation: \$2250 tables of ten guests each, \$225 individual seats
- Donations are tax deductible and GST-free

There will be no live broadcast of this function.

**NAB** is hosting this lunch by way of generous support for The Anika Foundation.

#### To Register

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

Please direct enquiries to [info@abe.org.au](mailto:info@abe.org.au) or 0419 256 399

#### The Anika Foundation

The Anika Foundation was established in 2005 to raise funds for the purpose of supporting research into adolescent depression and suicide, which have become amongst the most significant (but least well considered) medical and social problems of our time. The Anika Foundation is governed by a Board comprising Dr Adrian Blundell-Wignall (Chair), Dr Philip Lowe, Mr Glenn Stevens, Mr Jeff White, Mr Crispin Murray, Mr Paul Brennan, Professor Philip Mitchell, Ms Danae Blundell-Wignall, Mr Tate Dogan. Funds are raised for an endowment that is invested by professional fund managers working on a completely voluntary basis. Income from the fund is used to sponsor prizes for research, community and school initiatives, in perpetuity, in the area of adolescent depression and suicide. The Anika Foundation provides an opportunity for corporate Australia to make a difference in an area that affects at least 1 in 4 families. All donations are fully tax deductible, and donors are permanently listed on the website. For further details please visit: [anikafoundation.com](http://anikafoundation.com)

#### Dr Philip Lowe

Philip Lowe is Governor of the Reserve Bank of Australia. Dr Lowe holds a PhD from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and a B.Comm (Honours) in Economics/Econometrics from the University of New South Wales. He has authored numerous papers, including on the linkages between monetary policy and financial stability. He commenced as Governor in September 2016. He is Chair of the Reserve Bank Board and Payments System Board, and Chair of the Council of Financial Regulators. He also serves on the FSB Steering Committee. Prior to his current role, he held the positions of Deputy Governor, Assistant Governor (Economic) and Assistant Governor (Financial System). He also spent two years with the Bank for International Settlements working on financial stability issues. Dr Lowe is Chair of the Financial Markets Foundation for Children and a director of The Anika Foundation. Dr Lowe is a signatory to The Banking and Finance Oath.

National CGE Workshop 2018 – Sydney, NSW

#### National CGE Workshop 2018 – Sydney, NSW

This year the Centre of Policy Studies, Victoria University, will partner with the NSW Department of Premier and Cabinet to host the National CGE Workshop on Monday August 13 in Sydney, with an advanced GEMPACK course held in the same venue the following day.

The workshop offers a forum for advanced and beginning CGE modellers and interested observers alike to share their work and learn about the latest developments in the field.

We are excited to announce that Dr Andy Stoeckel, Chief Economist of the NSW Centre for Economic and Regional Development, will give the keynote lecture. Dr Stoeckel will speak on a very topical subject: the implications of a trade war.

For more information and to register or submit an abstract for consideration, please visit <https://www.vu.edu.au/about-vu/news-events/events/sydney-cge-workshop-gempack-courses-august-2018>



Centre for Economic and Regional Development

## 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:

Unique Opportunity for Health Economics Research in Prostate Cancer

**We are seeking a highly motivated individual to undertake a PhD in the health economics of prostate cancer.**

The Centre for Health Economics Research and Evaluation (CHERE) is collaborating with the Australian and New Zealand Urogenital and Prostate Cancer Trials Group (ANZUP) on the international project: Intermediate Clinical Endpoints for Cancer of the Prostate (ICECaP). ICECaP is using data from more than 28,900 prostate cancer patients to test and validate an intermediate clinical outcome for use as a surrogate for overall survival in men with prostate cancer.

Two of the objectives of ICECaP are:

- (1) to assess the implications of the use of a proposed surrogate outcome measure for determining the cost-effectiveness of treatments for men with prostate cancer; and
- (2) to determine the value associated with the use of a surrogate outcome as the basis for registration and reimbursement compared with delaying market entry by waiting for mature overall survival data in a clinical trial setting.

**This PhD will address these two objectives, using Australia as the reference country upon which to build an analysis of international significance.**

**This PhD offers a full-time scholarship (up to \$35,000 per annum) for three 3 years.** There is also the potential for top-up funding and travel support for meeting attendance as part of this program. To be considered for eligibility, candidates should complete the expression of interest and meet the following minimum requirements:

- *Minimum qualifications:* Master's Degree (or demonstrated equivalent professional experience) in economics, health or social sciences, public health, medicine, nursing or another related field.
- Applicants must be Australian citizens, Australian permanent residents or New Zealand citizens, or an international student in receipt of an International Postgraduate Research Scholarship (IPRS).

The successful candidate will enrol at the University of Technology Sydney and commence studies by the PhD census date for the autumn intake of 2019.

Interested candidates should contact Richard De Abreu Lourenco ([richard.deabreulourenco@chere.uts.edu.au](mailto:richard.deabreulourenco@chere.uts.edu.au) or +61(0)2 9514 4729) at CHERE for more information and to request a submission pack.

Applications close 30th September 2018.

**For more information on CHERE please visit: [www.chere.uts.edu.au](http://www.chere.uts.edu.au)**

**For more information on ANZUP please visit: [www.anzup.org.au](http://www.anzup.org.au)**

Two Positions - NSW Department of Industry

- **Utilise your economic analysis skills to join a high performing and dynamic team**
- **Two ongoing full time roles available based in Orange**
- **Generous remuneration packages. Senior Analyst (salary from \$108,044) and Analyst (salary from \$94,782) plus superannuation and annual leave loading**

We have two exciting opportunities available for an experienced economist or analyst to join a high performing and dynamic team based in Orange.

### **Senior Analyst – Clerk Grade 9/10**

As a Senior Analyst you will manage and conduct the evaluation of programs using rigorous and credible methodologies, as well as applied economic research. You will also be

responsible for providing guidance and advice to team members to assist with program evaluations. This role will contribute to evaluation-related activities undertaken by the Program Evaluation team and will represent the Department at policy forums and meetings where evaluation expertise is required to support reporting and decision-making processes.

To be successful in this role you will have a thorough understanding of evaluation processes and experience delivering insightful and practical economic analysis and advice. You will thrive in a fast-paced and high pressure environment and will be effective in managing your own workload to balance competing demands within tight timeframes. It is essential that you will be an excellent communicator, with strong problem solving skills and experience in quantitative and qualitative economic analysis. Tertiary qualifications in economics or a similar discipline will be highly regarded.

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#### **Analyst – Clerk Grade 7/8**

As an Analyst you will undertake economic analysis and data research activities to assist in the planning, conduct and reporting of evaluations across the Department. You will contribute towards the design and robust evaluation of programs, as well as the ongoing development of evaluation methodologies to support evidence based policy and decision making in government.

To be successful in this role you will have demonstrated experience delivering insightful and practical economic analysis and advice to inform business and policy decision making. You will be an excellent communicator, with strong problem solving and analytical skills. You will be skilled at undertaking sound quantitative and qualitative economic analysis and will be capable of managing your own workload to meet competing demands within tight timeframes. Tertiary qualifications in economics or a similar discipline will be highly regarded.

#### **About Us**

We strive to achieve excellence and understand that strong leadership is critical to our success. We pride ourselves on sourcing exceptional, high calibre talent and provide employees with the opportunity to work with and be developed by inspirational leaders.

The team you will join undertakes and manages the evaluation of programs, including the development of supporting program logics. The team also has expert knowledge on setting fees and charges consistent with established cost recovery principles and outlining the appropriate role for government with regard to the provision of services in certain market settings.

#### **Applying for the Roles**

Through the application process, you will be asked to submit an updated copy of your resume and a cover letter that outlines your relevant skills and experience as they apply to this role.

For further information about the Senior Analyst role and to apply please [click here](#).

For further information about the Analyst role and to apply please [click here](#).

**Closing Date:** Monday 13 August 2018 at 10:00AM

**Enquiries:** David Buckland, Manager Program Evaluation on 02 6391 3715

A recruitment pool may be created for ongoing and temporary roles of the same role or role type that may become available for filling over the next twelve months.

*The NSW Department of Industry is an inclusive workplace which promotes diversity and encourages flexible working arrangements.*

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