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### Newsletter #94

Economic Society of Australia,  
New South Wales Branch,  
**August 2022**  
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Dear friend,

Welcome to the ESA NSW Branch newsletter for August 2022.

## From our President

July was a fabulous month for the ESA with two flagship events.

Firstly, the Australian Conference of Economists (ACE) was held over three days in Hobart. The weather may have been chilly but the debates were heated, at least in certain sessions! We were lucky to hear from some amazing international speakers - notably Prof. Joe Stiglitz, Martin Wolf from the Financial Times, and Hal Varian, Chief Economist of Google. As you can imagine, they spoke on important issues of where democracy and capitalism intersect, the role of economics in policy debate (and some of its failings), and of course the use and role of technology in economic decisions. The papers presented across the conference were of a high standard and covered so many issues, such as the climate change costs and benefits, the economics of well-being, the early release of super during covid, the review of the RBA and some econometric modelling pointers plus much more. If you missed this year, make sure you get to ACE2023 in Brisbane. A very high bar has been set by the Tasmanian ESA.

Right on the heels of ACE our NSW Branch hosted the Cost Benefit Analysis forum, held at Deloitte in Sydney, and on line. It started with a bang, as Prof. Percy Allen opened the session with a hard-hitting segment on how Governments must be more accountable, and the need for more and transparent CBAs of policy and program proposals. NSW Treasury and Infrastructure Australia presented the latest thinking on frameworks and guidelines including green and blue infrastructure, incorporating Indigenous values in CBA and were part of a lively discussion on discount rates (always a favourite of mine). Presentations from international and inter-state speakers included case studies on the impact of feral horses and the value of Olympic "success". There were also plenty of opportunities to network with colleagues as 130 people from industry, government and academia gathered. Over 70 people also participated in the pre-forum on-line "Introduction to CBA" session hosted by NSW treasury. Where permission was granted, slides have been uploaded on our website, and recordings of the presentations will be added soon.

But wait; there's more! The lineup of speakers over the rest of the year is truly impressive. And we hope to shortly return Policy in the Pub as well as the ever-popular Trivia night.

The NSW AGM will be held in early September - we warmly welcome new members and office bearers, so please watch out for a formal announcement and date as well as nomination instructions, which will be coming to you very soon. Participation in the ESA is rewarding.

Finally, continuing our Councillors in Profile series, this month we focus on Robert Smith and Ashley Brosnan.

Warm wishes,  
Nicki Hutley  
President

If you have any questions, suggestions and/or are interested in getting involved with the committee, please reach out to [president@easnw.org.au](mailto:president@easnw.org.au)

## Councillor Profile

Ashley Brosnan, Councillor

### How long have you been on the NSW ESA Council and what is your role?

I am a very recent appointee as Councillor to the ESA Council, and am eager to get stuck in. My interests are economic development, trade and macroeconomic policy.

### Why is the ESA important to you?

The ESA is a great way to support the economist community and build out the next generation of economy leaders. It is also an excellent way to connect with others in the field, and learn from their experience (iron sharpens iron). It keeps me engaged and aware of what others are working on.

### How has studying economics influenced your career?

I originally began studying marketing, but quickly changed to economics after taking a first year class. My interest in economics has always been about improving the welfare of humanity, and creating a society that lifts up

human well-being. In that way, I am very much influenced by Indian economist Amartya Sen's capability approach.

**What's your favourite hobby (outside being involved in the ESA!)?**

Well I'm getting married in a few weeks, so that has been taking up my time. But outside of economics I am fitness conscious and am either at the gym or cycling.

Robert Smith, Councillor

**How long have you been on the NSW ESA Council and what is your role?**

I Joined shortly after the 2007 ACE conference in Hobart to counterbalance all the dull old white guys on the council. Now, with the council better reflecting society and being younger (YEN) , more diverse and having women (WEN) in senior roles, I have happily moved into an old white guys minority.

I get involved shaping the sort of events I would enjoy going to, including the CBA forum and Emerging Economist luncheon series and previously Trivia Nights and ACE. I am past proof that it's not hard to be elected a vice president if you're interested

**Why is the ESA important to you?**

The ESA creates a place to be reminded and surprised by the usefulness of economics, the breadth of its application, and to come in contact with the ideas and inspiring work of other economists. Even where clear answers are hard to find in an uncertain world, economics can help you ask the right type of questions.

**How has studying economics influenced your career?**

Studying economics and getting a degree opens the door to places where interesting and important work is done. What you learn from work, and the people you work with, then shapes your career and how you think. Economics is a way of thinking which, at its best and when done with rigor and humility, can support informed decisions that improve people's lives

**What's your favourite hobby (outside being involved in the ESA!)?**

Multiple interests include: ocean swimming; reading history, science and technology; mentalism (economic forecasting's evil twin).

Dormant hobbies include: juggling; drawing; skiing; rock climbing; and watching any sport my kids ever played.

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## News

ACE 2022



The Australian Conference of Economists (ACE) 2022 was held from 10 to 13 July 2022 in Hobart, Tasmania as an in-person event.

Our theme, **Economics in the New Normal**, sought to address the challenges that a post-pandemic world faces.

Where permission is granted, presentations will be uploaded soon.

Paul Blacklow,  
Convener of ACE 2022, on behalf of the ACE 2022 Organising Committee

[VISIT THE ACE 2022 WEBSITE FOR THE MOST UP TO DATE INFORMATION](#)

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## Upcoming Events

**SPECIAL INVITATION: Gender Responsive Budgeting in Australia: Insights into government budget statements and processes**

The value of placing a "gender lens" on economic policy and budget design is gaining stronger attention in the Australian policy environment.

In recognition of the growing interest in Gender Responsive Budgeting at the Federal Government level and among various State Governments in Australia, the Women in Economics Network is organising a two-part online event on the purpose and practice of Gender Responsive Budgeting.

All members and supporters of the Economic Society of Australia (ESA) and Women in Economics Network (WEN) are warmly invited to these special online webinars, organised by the South Australian and New South Wales Branches of WEN in collaboration with the University of Adelaide.

The first webinar will be hosted by WEN SA Branch and is aimed at informing the audience on the history, principles and practice of Gender Responsive Budgeting within Australia and internationally. This event will be held online on **18<sup>th</sup> August 2022 at 12:30pm AEST** and will include presentations and panel discussion by five eminent experts who bring a combination of economic, legislative and public policymaking insights to this issue:

**Emeritus Professor Rhonda Sharp – University of South Australia**  
**Dr Monica Costa – Curtin University**  
**Professor Miranda Stewart – The University of Melbourne**  
**Professor Helen Hodgson – Curtin University**  
**Associate Professor Julie Smith – Australian National University**

The second webinar will be hosted by WEN NSW Branch and will place emphasis on how to undertake gender impact assessments and design gender responsive policies looking forward in the Australian context. This event will be held on **8<sup>th</sup> September 2022 at 1pm AEST** and be facilitated by **Ms Chirine Dada**, a senior advisor to the Australian Energy Market Commission (AEMC). This panel will bring a combination of insights from economics, public policy, legislative and human rights perspectives.

**Dr Leonora Risse – RMIT University and Women in Economics Network**  
**Dr Ramona Vijayarasa – UTS**

**Mr Nick Wood – NSW Treasury**  
**Gender Responsive Budgeting: Part 1 Event details**  
**Hosted by WEN SA**

PS: Booking details and detailed speaker profiles for the Part 2 Event will be sent in a separate email closer to the event.

**Date:** Thursday 18 August 2022  
**Time:** 12:30pm-2:00pm AEST  
**Venue:** Online via Zoom – Register below  
**Cost:** Free

Both men and women are welcome to attend. The event is open to public.

The Women in Economics Network aims to promote and support the careers of female economists and foster greater gender equality and inclusion within the economics profession in Australia. If you would like to show your support for WEN, we invite you to consider joining or renewing your membership. To check the status of your membership, log in to the ESA portal to ensure your membership is current and tick the WEN box in My Profile.

**About the speakers at Gender Responsive Budgeting: Part 1 (WEN SA)**



**Professor Rhonda Sharp Ph.D. AM** is Emeritus Professor, Justice and Society, University of South Australia. She was formerly a Research Chair and Professor of Economics at the University of South Australia. The focus of her work has been to integrate a gender perspective into economic and social policies and government budgets through research, and working with governments, NGOs and international organizations, including developing the framework for the first South Australian government Women's Budget Statement.

Professor Sharp's research and publications include her pioneering books on gender and economics published in 1988- Short Changed: Women and Economic Policies (with Ray Broomhill) and How to a Gender Sensitive Budget: Contemporary Research and Practice (with Debbie Budlender in 1998), and most recently, Challenging Knowledge, Sex and Power: Gender and Work in Engineering. She was a founding member of the International Association for Feminist Economics and served as its President in 2000. In 2003 Professor Sharp was awarded the Centenary Federation medal by the Australian government for services to education and society. In 2012 she was awarded an Australia Day Honours Award (AM) for her services to the study of women and economics.



**Dr Monica Costa** is an economist and gender and development researcher with a particular focus on the application of Gender-Responsive Budgeting. Her book - Gender Responsive Budgeting (GRB) in Fragile States: The case of Timor-Leste - is the first international publication addressing the potential of gender budgeting in fragile state contexts. She has published widely in leading journals and has worked on gender issues in Australia, Timor-Leste, Solomon Islands, and Indonesia. *Monica will present her insights on the contribution of gender/women's budget statements to GRB in the context of recent developments in Australia in this area with statements published by governments in Victoria, ACT and Queensland and internationally in Canadian and Spanish context.*



**Miranda Stewart** is a Professor at Melbourne Law School, University of Melbourne and an Honorary Professor at Crawford School of Public Policy, Australian National University. Miranda has researched and consulted on gender responsive budgeting for the International Monetary Fund, and in various countries focusing mainly on tax and transfer policy. Her forthcoming book is Tax and Government in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century (Cambridge University Press 2022) and she edited Tax, Social Policy and Gender (2017, ANU Press). *Miranda will present on Internal Processes of GRB in Government and how GRB can be developed internally to embed a GRB process, engaging Office for Women (PMC), Dept of Finance, Dept of Treasury and all line departments and service agencies.*



**Professor Helen Hodgson** is an expert in Taxation, based at the Curtin Law School. Her research is in the areas where tax and social policy intersect: superannuation; housing and inequality. She has contributed significantly to policy review in the areas of superannuation and the tax and transfer system, specifically examining these systems through a gender lens. In 2019 she was appointed as an inaugural Provost Fellow to undertake a project to develop recommendations for strategies to reduce the negative effects of career breaks on Curtin University staff. Helen is a Director and Chair of the Social Policy Committee of the National Foundation for Australian Women. In this capacity she is a co-editor of the Gender Lens on the Budget, published annually by NFAW. *Helen will be presenting on assessing outcomes of the GRB process and the need for independent scrutiny to ensure accountability which aligns with the Gender Lens project of NFAW.*



**Dr Julie Smith** is an Australian Research Council Future Fellow, Honorary Associate Professor in the ANU National Centre for Epidemiology and Population Health, and Fellow at the ANU Crawford School's Tax and Transfer Policy Institute. Dr Smith has broad academic, NGO and policy experience. She was an expert adviser for the US Surgeon-General's Call to Action on breastfeeding, and led evidence reviews for the Australian Department of Health and the World Health Organization. She has worked with international and Australian civil society organisations. Before her academic career, she was a senior economist in the Australian and New Zealand treasuries and the Parliamentary Research Service. *Julie will be presenting on the value of Gender Responsive Budgeting for analysis, capacity building and policy accountability, using the example of the 2017-2022 'Gender responsive budgeting for breastfeeding project' at the ANU.*

**Moderators**

Part 1 event will start with a welcome speech by **Professor Fiona Yap** (Head of School of Economics and Public Policy, University of Adelaide and Honorary Professor at the Australian National University) and will be moderated by Co-Chairs of WEN SA Branch, Associate Professor Duygu Yengin, University of Adelaide and Dr Tania Dey, Manager, BDO EconSearch.



**Professor Fiona Yap** is Head of School, Economics and Public Policy, University of Adelaide. She is Honorary Professor at the Crawford School of Public Policy, the Australian National University. Professor Yap' main research interests are in public policy and political economy of East and Southeast Asia, where she focuses on explaining political behaviours and outcomes across East and Southeast Asia. Fiona is particularly interested in modelling and testing how key players, such as government and citizens, work strategically with one another to achieve large-scale policy success or political outcomes such as growth and development. She holds editorial positions at [the European Journal of Development Research, Asia and the Pacific Policy Journal](#), [Journal of East Asian Studies](#), [Asian Survey](#), Korea Observer, and 21stCentury Political Science Review, Chief Editor of the academic blog, [presidential-power.net](#), advisory board member of internationally-funded Korea Institute at the Australian National University.

**Dr Tania Dey** is a Senior Economist at BDO EconSearch. She is an Applied Economist experienced in conducting qualitative and quantitative research and analysis using her extensive formal training and knowledge of economics, relevant legislation and regulatory arrangements in various jurisdictions in Australia and overseas. Prior to joining EconSearch, Tania has worked as an Economist at the University of Adelaide and as a Regulatory Analyst at the Essential Services Commission of South Australia. Tania is experienced in macroeconomic issues (Economic Briefing Reports, macroeconomic monitoring, industry analysis, regional economies, population strategy); energy economics (Future Fuels CRC on Hydrogen) labour market issues (gender



inequality, disability employment); economic evaluation using impact assessment and cost-benefit analysis (projects assigned by Department of Trade and Investment); social issues (Costs of alcohol, tobacco, opioid, cannabis, gambling issues); public policy (population policy, future fuels) and regional development.



**Associate Professor Duygu Yengin** is an expert in microeconomic theory and joined the School of Economics and Public Policy at the University of Adelaide after receiving her Ph.D from the University of Rochester in 2007. She has taken roles as Interim and Deputy Head of School and Associate Dean of Diversity and Inclusion. She specializes at using game theory, mathematical economics, bargaining theory, auction and market design, and fair allocation to develop models and solutions for various issues such as land sales, compulsory acquisitions, law and economics, sustainability, trust in negotiations, equitable allocation of resources, gender economics. She is a co-founder and Research, Resources and Data Manager of National WEN. She is an active promoter of women in economics and written in the Conversation, VoxEU, Advertiser and presented in public talks.



Delivering Customer Value: A new framework for water regulation

#### Details

**When:** Tuesday 23 August 2022 AEST (please note this event was previously scheduled for 2 August 2022)

**Time:** 12.30 pm - 1.30 pm AEST

**Cost:** members: free, non-members: \$5 ([join or renew](#))

**Venue:** Macquarie University City Campus and online via Zoom

All people in NSW expect safe reliable drinking water and wastewater services at a fair price. However, the environment in which monopoly water businesses plan and deliver services is changing. Population growth, climate change, economic shocks, digital technology and new government water strategies all present challenges that water businesses need to plan for and manage.

IPART's regulatory approach needs to adapt to ensure that water businesses:

- Deliver long term customer value
- Have robust planning and cost management systems in place, and
- Deliver credible pricing proposals backed by the capability to deliver outcomes.

This presentation will discuss what is needed to regulate natural monopoly infrastructure in a modern world. It looks at how to manage the multiple objectives of understanding and delivering on customer preferences, efficient supply and providing the assurance communities expect that regulated businesses can manage risk in complex operating environments.

Traditional approaches to regulation have become increasingly complex and costly. IPART is therefore developing and consulting on a new approach that draws on Australian and international experience in water and electricity regulation.

The 3Cs approach of customer, cost and credibility rewards water businesses that deliver long term customer value will still holding the businesses to account. It discourages short-term thinking and cost-cutting where it would lead to higher prices in the future, and shifts the focus to put customers at the centre of decision making, backed by good long-term planning and continuing the focus on ongoing efficiency.

#### About the Speaker

**Deborah Cope** has over 35 years' experience in analysing and reforming governments' economic, social and environmental policies and regulation. She was appointed to the New South Wales Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal in 2017 and chairs the delegated committee on local government contribution plans. Deborah is also a member of IPART's delegated committee for the regulation of electricity network safety. She is the principal of PIRAC Economics, a consulting business started in 2000, where she works with a broad range of regulators to help them improve the effectiveness and efficiency of regulation. She is a member of the National Disability Insurance Agency's Pricing Reference Group and the ASIC Consultative Panel.

Deborah was a Commissioner with the Victorian Competition and Efficiency Commission (VCEC) for 6 years. She developed Victoria's manual and supporting paper on how to implement risk-based regulation. She previously sat on the boards for the Cooperative Research Centre for the Sustainable Development of Tropical Savannas and the Northern Territory Centre for Social Research. She was appointed by the Victorian Government to lead an independent inquiry into casino regulation in Victoria in 2021 and was a member of the Victorian Essential Services Commission Appeals Panel.

She has held senior positions in the National Competition Council, Office of Northern Development and worked with the Australian Productivity Commission and its predecessor organisations for 8 years. Deborah completed an honours degree in economics from the University of New England in 1986.

#### Registration and Joining this Event

This is a hybrid event, being held in-person at **Macquarie University City Campus, Room 2415, Level 23** and online via **Zoom**.

To register please book online below. If you are attending via Zoom the link to join will be sent 24 hours prior.

Please select how you will attend the event via the drop down selection when registering.

Members should login before registering to avoid paying \$5 non-member fee.

Please also keep an eye out for webinar events from other ESA Branches. The [Central Council Upcoming Events](#) page has further information.

#### Partner Events

Let us know if you have any economics events you'd like us to share.

#### Reading and Listening

A reminder - you can catch up on ESA Central Council's National Webinar Program [here](#) and NSW branch webinars [here](#).

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#### The Role

In this role you will:

- Combine excellence in academic research with teaching experience you are expected to be a course coordinator and will be gaining recognition at a national level for your contribution to research, teaching, postgraduate supervision, and community engagement.
- Develop and deliver high quality courses in the field of Economics.
- Contributions in research will include the publication of high-quality research outputs and an ability to attract competitive funding. You should have capacity to undertake interdisciplinary research and grow industry-research collaborations.
- As a core member of the Discipline of Business Analytics, Economics and Politics, you will strengthen the group's reputation in fostering community and work-ready graduates trained in the skills to develop multi-disciplinary and sustainable solutions to key issues and challenges.
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#### How will you become part of our community?

- Developing and delivering high-quality undergraduate and postgraduate courses in Economics.
- Having the capacity to undertake interdisciplinary research, publish in highly ranked journals, and grow industry-research collaborations in the area of Economics.
- Strengthening the group's reputation in fostering community and work-ready graduates trained in the skills to develop multi-disciplinary and sustainable solutions to key issues and challenges in global and local economic policy.

By being an energetic, self-motivated team player with a passion for teaching, research, and mentoring.

#### How will we support you?

- The remuneration for this position is from \$103,221pa + 17% superannuation.
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1. Your ORCID ID
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  4. Your 'CV', which should be a maximum of five pages and be succinct and discipline appropriate.
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- A PhD degree in Economics.
  - Demonstrated record of publication or non-traditional research output in high-quality outlets including evidence of international and national research collaborations and/or partnerships.
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  - Skills in active supervision of honours, masters and/or Higher Degree by Research postgraduate research projects.
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  - Ability to efficiently perform in allocated internal roles, sharing academic service responsibilities, contributing to outcomes of internal committees, and developing external collaborations.

For additional information on the position contact Prof Frank Agbola, Professor, Newcastle Business School, College of Human and Social Futures on (02)4921 2048 or Email: [Frank.Agbola@newcastle.edu.au](mailto:Frank.Agbola@newcastle.edu.au)

Applications for this position will only be accepted from those with Australian residency or a valid work permit.

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#### Contact officer:

Kate Wagner, Director

Phone: (02) 6277 9533

Email: [katherine.wagner@pbo.gov.au](mailto:katherine.wagner@pbo.gov.au)

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Applications close Sunday 7 August 11.30pm AEST

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- We talk straight and honestly. We engage in regular constructive, open and honest two way communication throughout the firm and with our clients.
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- We make sustained, outcome focused contributions to making Marsden Jacob a better place to work. We encourage staff to get in and create positive change by identifying opportunities and acting on them.

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For this current opportunity, we are looking for you to bring post-graduate tertiary qualifications in economics (or similar degree with a major component of economic studies) with complementary studies (eg environmental management) being well regarded. You will have advanced environmental and / or natural resource economic skills. In particular, we are seeking people with experience in two or more of the following:

- Designing, implementing and analysing stated and revealed preference surveys (e.g. choice modelling, contingent valuation, and travel cost) to establish community values for the environment to support policy decision making, and as part of regulatory price submissions.
- Designing, implementing, and evaluating natural capital markets. Including working with the likes of Councils, water businesses and environmental Departments and regulators to develop offsets markets, auctions, and other market-based mechanisms.
- Designing and implementing natural capital accounts, particularly the monetary values in accounts, using the System of Environmental Economic Accounting (SEEA) framework <https://eea.environment.gov.au/> across rural and urban landscapes and services.
- Conducting economic analyses, including benefit cost analyses, across a range of environmental issues, including climate change, agriculture, and coastal issues.
- Preparing Plain English reports in ppt and word, and leading client briefings (e.g. presentations, policy briefings)
- Working with our team developing proposals for new work across clients
- Whole of lifecycle project and client management

#### How to apply

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If you know someone who might be interested in this position, we'd really appreciate you flagging this opportunity with them.

We'll assess you against these technical skills during the selection process:

- Applied statistical and economic analysis for natural capital
- Applied econometrics to designing and analysing stated and/or revealed preferences surveys
- Applied experience in developing environmental markets
- Applied experience in developing natural capital accounts
- Proven data management skills and programming skills in Stata and R
- Writing and presentation skills
- Teamwork and core values
- Consulting experience and delivery

#### In your application, please tell us:

- A bit about yourself
- why you are interested in joining Marsden Jacob and what interests you about the position

If you'd be interested in exploring this opportunity or have questions, we're happy to talk. Salary on offer will be negotiated, commensurate with skills and experience - we are happy to receive inquiries on this.

For any questions, please get in contact with Lisa Davidson on 0417 407 170 or email at [ldavidson@marsdenjacob.com.au](mailto:ldavidson@marsdenjacob.com.au).

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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.

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