



New Zealand Agricultural and Resource Economics Society (Inc.)

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Dear members,

NZARES will hold a 1-day symposium on Friday 28 August in Wellington themed: **Irrigation, economics and the resilience of NZ Agriculture**. Many of us are working in these areas and the subject of irrigation is very topical. As a society we have a role to bring all the diverse lenses together, understand the trade-offs and their implications.

We have sought some speakers to provide an agricultural and resource economics lens to stimulate discussion.

- Andy MacFarlane, Ashburton: *Achieving resilience: Recent Canterbury experience*
- Con Williams, ANZ: *The future of irrigation in NZ*
- Sarah Wheeler, University of Adelaide: *Irrigation lessons from Australia*

A panel discussion on the theme will close the symposium.

Registrations will open 1 July and the cost is \$40. The symposium will be held at the Williston Conference Centre, Lambton Quay, 9am-3pm. The AGM will be held at 3.15pm. There will not be any contributed paper sessions.

Please feel free to distribute the attached flyer to interested people.

The shortened annual event follows the successful hosting of the AARES conference in Rotorua in February. The local organising committee ran a brilliant conference. Special thanks go to Mathew Newman of DairyNZ who chaired the organising committee for the conference.

Members who do not attend will be invoiced for their annual membership fees

This week we have called for nominations for our annual postgraduate student awards and the winners will present at the 2016 conference.

I look forward to seeing many of you in Wellington.

Frank Scrimgeour

PRESIDENT