



New Zealand Agricultural and Resource Economics Society (Inc.)

A Word from the President

Kia ora,

The NZARES 2026 Conference is now taking shape, and we are looking forward to welcoming members to Christchurch in late August. We welcome papers on any topic related to agricultural and resource economics and are aiming to build a strong and diverse programme across the field.

This newsletter outlines key dates for abstract submissions and awards, as well as further details on the conference. With deadlines approaching relatively quickly, I encourage those interested in presenting or applying for awards to begin preparations now.

I look forward to what promises to be a strong and collegial conference, and to catching up with many of you in Ōtautahi.

Ngā mihi,
Katie Bicknell
President, NZARES

NZARES 2026 Conference

The NZARES 2026 Annual Conference will be held at the Commodore Hotel in Ōtautahi Christchurch on **27–28 August 2026**, with a pre-conference field trip planned for the afternoon of **Wednesday 26 August**.

The programme will include plenary sessions on **agricultural productivity**, the **emerging market for biodiversity credits in New Zealand**, and **water management and irrigation policy**, alongside contributed paper sessions, an Early Career Researcher session, and a poster session. We are also pleased to welcome AARES President Emilio Morales, who will join the conference, along with a group of early career researchers from Australia.

Further details, including the call for abstracts and registration information, will be made available shortly on the NZARES website. We encourage members to begin thinking about submissions and participation.

Please keep an eye on the NZARES website (www.nzares.org.nz) for updates. We look forward to seeing you in Christchurch.



Call for Abstracts

NZARES invites submissions of abstracts for presentation at the 2026 Annual Conference in Christchurch. We welcome papers on any topic related to agricultural and resource economics.

Authors should indicate whether they wish to present a paper or a poster when submitting their abstract, and whether they wish to be considered for the Best First-Time Presenter or Best Paper awards.

Key Dates:

- ✓ Call for abstracts: April 2026.
- ✓ Conference registration opens: April 2026
- ✓ Deadline for titles and abstracts: 31 May 2026
- ✓ ECR paper submission deadline: 30 June 2026
- ✓ Deadline for full manuscripts (Best Paper award): 18 July 2026
- ✓ Early bird registration closes: 12 August 2026
- ✓ Conference: 27-28 August 2026 (field trip afternoon of 26 August)

Further details, including submission and registration information, will be available soon on the NZARES website.

We look forward to seeing you in Christchurch!

Poster Session

NZARES will be offering a poster session at the 2026 conference. Authors may indicate whether they wish to present a paper or a poster when submitting their abstract. If the number of paper submissions exceeds available presentation slots, some authors may be invited to present their work as a poster.

Upcoming Awards

NZARES Post-graduate Awards

Each year NZARES offers up to **three post graduate awards of \$1,500 each** to NZ-based post-graduate students with a study programme whose primary focus is: agricultural economics, natural resource economics, environmental economics, farm management, development economics, agricultural systems, or agricultural extension. For the purposes of this award, a 'post-graduate student' is defined as a student enrolled in a 4th year honours course or above.

Nominations are made through the Universities. Prospective applicants should contact their Head of Department, who can submit a nomination on their behalf. Award recipients are expected to present their work at the NZARES conference.

The application deadline is **5pm Friday, 15th May 2026**. More information on eligibility and selection criteria is available [here](#).

NZARES Conference Paper Awards

NZARES offers the following awards for papers and presentations at the annual conference:

- Best paper
- Best ECR paper
- Best first-time presenter

To be eligible for these awards, nominees must submit an abstract for the conference, indicate which award(s) they would like to be considered for, and submit their full paper by the specified deadline.

Further details about these awards are available under Honours & Awards on the NZARES website.

NZARES Conference NEW Poster Award

NZARES will introduce a **Best Poster Award** at the 2026 conference. The award carries a prize of **\$200** and recognises the quality of posters presented at the conference.

To be eligible, nominees must present a poster at the conference.

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Ngā mihi,

The NZARES Committee



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