



New Zealand Agricultural & Resource Economics Society (Inc.)



NZARES 2019 Conference Summary

The New Zealand Agricultural and Resource Economics Society Conference was held in Hamilton on the 29th and 30st of August 2019, with 65 attendees. Key sponsors of the conference were the Ministry for Primary Industries, Waikato Regional Council and the Deep South National Science Challenge.

In conjunction with the conference, a pre-conference workshop was held on the 'Sustainable Delta' interactive session on the 28th of August. The pre-conference workshop focused on understanding water system in New Zealand and applying the principals of adaptive planning and negotiation.

Murray Sherwin from the New Zealand Productivity Commission opened the conference, sharing his experiences of working in policy under uncertainty and risk. This opened up discussion on suitable discount rates for biosecurity and climate change policy with long time horizons. Panel discussions were held on climate change policy pathways, adaptation and biosecurity. John Rolfe, President of AARES, attended the conference and closed the conference with a presentation on mitigating diffuse pollution on the Great Barrier Reef.

Arturo Bascunan and Harold Mayaba were awarded First Time Presenter Awards. Farnaz Pourzand and Trinh Nguyen were awarded the Best Paper Awards.

Anita Wreford began her term as president of NZARES, Ramilan Thiagarajah joined the committee as president-elect, with Ivan Luketina and Zack Dorner also new to the committee this year.

Phil Journeaux, a long serving member of the committee stepped down and became the fifth life member of NZARES in recognition of his service to the society and his contribution to agricultural economics.

