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| **Thursday 28 August** | |
| 9:00 - 9:15 | **Welcome and Conference Opening**  Phil Journeaux, NZARES President |
| 9:15 - 10:00 | **Robin Johnson Memorial Session**  Keynote Speaker – Land Use Change, Professor Alan Renwick, Lincoln University |
| 10:00 - 10:30 | *Morning Tea* |
| 10:30 - 12:00 | **PANEL 1: Science Funding in NZ, Chair: Ben Marmont**   * Jacqueline Rowarth, Adjunct Professor, Lincoln University * Catherine McLeod, Chief Science Officer, Cawthron Institute * Nicolas Lyons, Head of Science, Dairy NZ |
| 12.00 - 13:00 | *Lunch* |
| 13:00 - 14:00 | **PANEL 2: Climate Change Adaptation, Chair: Phil Journeaux**   * Professor Ilan Noy, Chair in the Economics of Disasters and Climate Change, Victoria University * Chris Dawkins, Farmer * Dr Bruce Thorrold, Chief Science Advisor, Dairy NZ |
| 14:00 - 15:00 | **Contributed Paper Session I: 3 papers (20 min each) \* 3 sessions (9 papers)** |
| 15:00 - 15:30 | *Afternoon tea* |
| 15:30 - 17:00 | **Early Career Researcher Session: (4 papers \* 3 sessions, 12 papers)** |
| 17:00 - 18:00 | **NZARES Annual General Meeting** |
| 18:30 - 19:30 | **The President’s shout (Drinks)** |
| 19:30 - 21:30 | **NZARES Dinner - The Tides (Nelson) After dinner speaker: Wayne Langford, chair Federated Farmers** |
| **Friday 29 August** | |
| 8:40 - 10:00 | **Contributed Paper Session II:4 papers (20 min each) \* 3 sessions (12 Papers)** |
| 10:00 - 10:30 | *Morning tea* |
| 10:30 - 12:00 | **PANEL 3: Future Food Systems, Chair: Alan Renwick**   * Miriana Stephens, General Manager AuOra (Whakatu) * Dr Conal Smith, Economist, Kōtātā Insight * Dori Torres Rojas, Sustainable Nutrition Initiative, Massey University |
| 12:00 – 13.00 | *Lunch* |
| 13.00 – 14.00 | **Contributed Paper Session III: 3 papers 20 min each \* 3 sessions (9 papers)** |
| 2.00 – 2.45 | **AARES Speaker** – Jeff Connor, President, AARES |
| 2:45 - 3.00 | **Conference Closing and Awards**  NZARES President 2025-26 (Incoming President – Katie Bicknell) |

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**Contributed Paper and ECR Sessions**

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| **Thursday 28 August** | | |
| **14:00 - 15:00** | **Contributed Papers Session 1** |  |
| Stream 1 | NRM | Chair: David Evison |
| 1 | Issues with Rural Subdivision – the Saga Continues | Phil Journeaux |
| 2 | Preference exploration with real-time land use optimisation | Sharples, Alex |
| 3 | Use of industry data to monitor investment returns from farming and forestry | David Evison |
| Stream 2 | Food 1 | Chair: Khatun, Most Nilufa |
| 1 | Consumer preferences in key New Zealand export markets for Māori cultural attributes in agri-foods - The role of ethnocentrism and neophobia. | Peter Tait and Meike Guenther |
| 2 | Capitalizing on “Country Calendar”: Using farming stories to elevate agribusiness marketing | Meike Rombach |
| 3 | Mobile phone and gender nexus: A pathway to increased household food security in Bangladesh | Khatun, Most Nilufa |
| Stream 3 | Farm 1 | Chair: Shuang Liu |
| 1 | Typology of Dairy Farmer Responses to changing dynamics | Erandi Kalehe Kankanamge |
| 2 | Information Access and Perceived Technological Complementarity: Explaining Rice Farmers’ Paired Use of Biopesticides and Chemical Pesticides in Hubei province | Yuke Li |
| 3 | Labor-Intensive Cropping Systems and Rural Wage Stability: Evidence from China’s Agricultural Sector | Shuang Liu |
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| **Thursday 28 August** | | |
| **15:30 - 17:00** | **Early Career Researcher Session** |  |
| Stream 1 | ECR1 | Chair: BBB |
| 1 | Opportunities swept away: How do floods affect children’s educational outcomes in rural China? | Xinjie Shi  (Discussant: AAA) |
| 2 | Employment implications of the Australian carbon offset market | Bernardo Cantone  (Discussant: BBB) |
| 3 | The dual impact of carbon and water cycles on farm economics in a changing climate | Quyen Nguyen  (Discussant: CCC) |
| 4 | Assessing the environmental regulation and performance on farm profitability | Laila Arjuman Ara  (Discussant: DDD) |
| Stream 2 | ECR2 | Chair: EEE |
| 1 | Agricultural cooperatives, Good Agricultural Practice (GAP) standard, Main Crop Equivalent Yield (MCEY) and farm profit: Differential treatment effect analysis using Cambodia’s country-wide survey data | Narith Roeun  (Discussant: EEE) |
| 2 | Does women’s participation in intra-household production decision-making affect input demand and output supply? Evidence of tea production in Sri Lanka | Bowen Shen  (Discussant: FFF) |
| 3 | Natural Enemies, Farmer Cognition, and Pesticide Use: Micro Evidence from China’s Pear Producing Regions | Liu, Zhenzhen  (Discussant: GGG) |
| 4 | Impact of Agricultural Mechanization on Household Dietary Diversity and Food Consumption: Insights from Rice Farmers | Huanyu Zhu  (Discussant: HHH) |
| Stream 3 | ECR3 | Chair: HHH |
| 1 | Groundwater dependent agricultural use and economic development: Does it show an EKC? | Aiza Shabbir  (Discussant: HHH) |
| 2 | Types of Employment and Subjective Well-being among Rural Residents: Evidence from a Multivalued Treatment Effects Approach | Ziqi Wang  (Discussant: HHH) |
| 3 | Can the development of advantageous and characteristic industry clusters narrow the urban-rural income gap? Evidence from China | Geng Xianhui  (Discussant: HHH) |
| 4 | Developing Competitive and Inclusive Value chains in developing countries: Lessons from a ACIAR funded development project in Pakistan | Ben Marmont  (Discussant: HHH) |
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| **Friday 29 August** | | |
| **8:40 - 10:00** | **Contributed Papers Session 2** |  |
| Stream 1 | Water | Chair: Kenny Bell |
| 1 | A Cost Framework for Assessing the Economic Impacts of Invasive Asian Clams (Corbicula fluminea) in New Zealand: Early Insights from the Waikato River | Wei Yang |
| 2 | Viticulture, Wine Industry, and Climate Change: A Focus on New Zealand Data | Sazia Ahmed |
| 3 | Valuing freshwater quality improvement across Aotearoa: Regional willingness to pay estimates from a national discrete choice experiment | Maksym Polyakov |
| 4 | Quantifying the value of optimal freshwater management in Aotearoa New Zealand | Kenny Bell |
| Stream 2 | Environment | Chair: Thiagarajah Ramilan |
| 1 | Assessing WTP for trees in pasture landscapes through a novel road trip CE | Worden, David |
| 2 | Technological Innovation, Environmental, Social and Governance Factors, and Environmental Sustainability in Belt and Road Initiative Countries | Sidra Ishfaq |
| 3 | Is There a Market for Low-Carbon Concrete in Aotearoa? Evidence from a Choice Experiment | Stefania Mattea |
| 4 | Marginal abatement costs of GHG mitigation options | Thiagarajah Ramilan |
| Stream 3 | Food 2 | Chair: Jonathan Farez Satyadharma |
| 1 | Dairy Consumption in Tokyo: Socio-Cultural, Perceptual and Global Influences in a Gateway City. | Parmindar Singh |
| 2 | Impact of Cigarette and Alcohol Expenditure on Body Weights of Rural Residents | Wenguang Zhang |
| 3 | Circular Bioeconomy in Agri-Food Systems: A Literature Review | Wanglin Ma |
| 4 | Solution or Illusion? The Distributional Impact of Minimum Wage on Household Food Security | Jonathan Farez Satyadharma |
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| **Friday 29 August** |  |  |
| **13:00 – 14.00** | **Contributed Papers Session 3** |  |
| Stream 1 | Farm 2 | Chair: Josiah Cleland |
| 1 | Financing the Future Farm: How Green Bonds Can Transform Agricultural Investment | Nicola Thomas |
| 2 | Performance Across 60 Years of the Dairy Economic Survey | Ben Marmont |
| 3 | Comparing the land use competitiveness of dairy to alternative uses | Josiah Cleland |
| Stream 2 | Risk | Chair: Del Castillo, Noel |
| 1 | Applying an economic lens to natural hazard risk assessment for agricultural and forestry systems in New Zealand | Nicola McDonald |
| 2 | Lifting the veil: Impacts of extreme weather events on mental health in New Zealand | Del Castillo, Noel |
| 3 | Does Access to Credit Improve Farmers’ Subjective Well-Being? Evidence from Potato Farmers in India | Quan He |
| Stream 3 | Productivity | Chair: Burhan Ahmad |
| 1 | Beyond Productivity: How Technical Efficiency Shapes Farmers’ Subjective Well-Being in India | Lixue,Qu |
| 2 | Integrating Sustainability into Total Factor Productivity Metrics for New Zealand Dairy | Mario Fernandez |
| 3 | Global Competitiveness of Pakistan’s Chickpeas Sector: Insights from RCA Indices and Shift-Share Analysis | Burhan Ahmad |