

**The Economic Society of Australia (ESA)
(WA Branch)
ABN 63 914 017 937
Annual General Meeting
Minutes**

Date: 27th August 2016

Venue: Bluewater Grill, Applecross

Meeting Opened: 5.30 pm

1. Welcome and Apologies

Attendance: Chris Shulha, Thuy Nguyen, David Butler, Gregory Moore, Inga Kristoffersen, Maria Mangano, Anusha Mahendran, Jasmine Kaur, Michael McClure, Abu Siddique, Sarjit Singh, Peter, James,

Apologies: Margaret Nowak, Yatin Prasad, Mike Dockery

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Moved by Abu and Chris

3. President's Report

Branch Activities for 2015-16

These included the following activities which were well run:

- Two one day economic workshops
- Two Shann memorial lectures – Philip Lowe (RBA) and Mary Morgan who was part of Eminent Speaker Series
- Sponsorship of the *International Panel Data Conference* – The sponsorship issue regarding underwriting the conference has also been resolved. The WA Council has agreed to sponsor the PhD conference in Economics and Business to be held at UWA in November this year.
- Young Economist Quiz Night

2016-17 Remaining Activities

These include:

- Chief Economists of the ERA to present to society on the 5th of October on 'Market Power Mitigation in the Wholesale Electricity Market' at the UWA Club
- Young Economist quiz night on November 3rd
- Presentation by Peter Kolf in early October
- Christmas Sundowner in early December
- One day workshops to be held in first half of 2017

ACE and Central Council Matters

- **ACE 2017:** This will be held from the 19th to 21st of July in Sydney at the Sofitel Hotel Sydney. Members are strongly encouraged to attend.
- **National Economic Panel:** Central Council has introduced a ‘National Economic Panel’ of very senior and distinguished ESA members. This has been running successfully for a year.
- **Eminent Speaker Series 2016:** Mary Morgan’s tour of April 2016 was a great success nationally. In 2017, John Williams (CEO of the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco) has accepted an invitation to tour Australia in the last week of June/first week of July 2017. We have requested that Dr Williams visits WA as part of his tour.
- A **\$10,000 ‘Trevor Swan Prize’** is being introduced to encourage good scholarly research and publication in the Society’s main journal

Prize Winners

- ESAWA has awarded several students prizes for their academic performance in the 2015 Year. Please refer to the President’s report for further details
- Professor Harry Bloch was also awarded the 2016 Austin Holmes Award

4. Treasurer’s Report

- The branch had a deficit of \$18,034. This is largely due to two Shann Memorial Lectures falling in the same financial year. Please refer to the President’s Report for further details.
- Branch Membership is at 72, a gradual increase from last year.

5. Election of Office Bearer’s 2015/16

This was undertaken by Sarjit Singh.

Michael Mclure (President), University of Western Australia
 Peter Kolf (Vice President),
 Chris Shulha (Treasurer), Doney Leahy Private Assets
 Jasmine Kaur (Secretary), Murdoch University PhD Candidate

Committee Members

David Butler
 Harry Bloch
 Philip Brown
 Ishita Chatterjee
 Anusha Mahendran
 Margaret Giles
 Greg Moore
 Abu Siddique
 Malcolm Tull
 Michael Dockery
 Rahul Salim
 Inga Kristoffersen
 Maria Mangano

Cameron – from EY ex UK Treasury

Meeting closed 6.10 pm