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2003 AARES Distinguished Fellow

Jock R. Anderson



Principal Economist and Adviser, Agricultural Policies Division, Evaluation Adviser, Operations Evaluation Department, Adviser, Strategy and Policy, Agriculture and Rural Development Department, World Bank, Washington, DC, 1989 to present;

Emeritus Professor of Agricultural Economics, University of New England (UNE), 1988 to present;

Research Fellow, Department of Farm Management, Lecturer in Economic Statistics, Lecturer, Senior Lecturer, Associate Professor, Professor (Personal Chair) in Agricultural Economics and Business Management, UNE, 1966–1988;

Head, Department of Agricultural Economics and Business Management, UNE, 1986–1988;

Dean, Faculty of Economic Studies, University of New England, 1980–1982;

Director, Impact Study of the CGIAR, CGIAR Secretariat, World Bank, 1984–1985;

Research Fellow, Resource Systems Institute, East-West Center, Hawaii, 1982–1983;

Deputy Director and Chief Research Economist, Bureau of Agricultural Economics, 1978–1979;

Visiting Professor of Agricultural Economics, Indian Agricultural Research Institute, 1973;

Joint Editor (with J.B. Hardaker), *Australian Journal of Agricultural Economics*, 1978–1980;
Editorial Board, *Australian Journal of Agricultural and Resource Economics*, 1998 to present;
Guest Editor (with J.L. Dillon), Special Issue of *Agricultural Economics*, 1989;
Associate Editor, *American Journal of Agricultural Economics*, 1986–1990;
Editorial Council, *American Journal of Agricultural Economics*, 1978–1980;
Editorial Manager, *Quarterly Review of Agricultural Economics*, 1978;
Editorial Committee, *Australian Journal of Agricultural Economics*, 1974–1977; and
President, Australian Agricultural Economics Society, 1981.

Jock Anderson was born at Monto, Queensland. He was raised on a mixed beef, pig, wheat and sorghum farm in the Upper Burnett, an area not then well served with high schools, so he obtained his postprimary schooling at the Brisbane Grammar School, where he won an Open Scholarship to the University of Queensland. There he completed BAgrSc (Hons. I) and MAgrSc degrees, majoring in agricultural economics. Following the appointment of John L. Dillon as Foundation Professor of Farm Management at the University of New England, and after a year with the Queensland fertiliser industry, Jock moved to Armidale to work with John on pastoral-zone wool industry issues, particularly risk-management aspects. He earned his PhD under John, awarded in 1970, and he was awarded a publications-based Doctorate of Economics in 1981.

Jock's publications have ranged widely across the discipline, including the analysis of fertiliser response data, the design and interpretation of agricultural experiments, the impact of climate variability, and methodological and empirical work on systems modelling and simulation. Jock's first main professional specialisation was in the economics of risk and uncertainty, championing Bayesian perspectives and undertaking pioneering applications of stochastic efficiency analysis. This led to a string of influential publications, *Agricultural Decision Analysis* (with John Dillon and Brian Hardaker 1977), *Coping with Risk in Agriculture* (with Brian Hardaker and Ruud Huirne 1997), *Risk Analysis in Dryland Farming Systems* (with John Dillon, 1992), and his latest review article (February 2003), 'Risk in rural development: challenges for managers and policy makers', in a special issue of *Agricultural Systems*. Jock's abiding side interest has been in economic and evaluative aspects of agricultural research, especially international. He has done much work with the Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research (CGIAR) as well as non-CGIAR institutes. Jock's recent interests at the World Bank include environmentally sustainable rural development, with

particular concern for the rural non-farm economy; the economics of agricultural technology generation and transfer, and efficacy in investment in agricultural research – local, national and international.

Jock loves life and work, croquet and wine. Jocular and convivial by nature, he is a fair judge of wine but an indifferent judge of horseflesh. He is also a demanding critic of economic thinking, a sharp wit, and a cunning wordsmith, who has never let the constraints of collegial sensitivity or political correctness limit the force of his argument or the play of his humour. The larrikin factor has been a notable element in the history of agricultural economics in Australia, and Jock Anderson is one of those who created that legacy and kept it alive.

Jock's service to the Society includes terms as joint editor of the *Journal*, and President. He was an Exchange Fellow in the Academies' Australia–China Exchange in the Humanities and Social Sciences in 1981, and a Distinguished Foreign Scholar, Mid-America State Universities Association in 1984. He is a Fellow of the Australian Institute of Agricultural Science, a Fellow of the American Agricultural Economics Association, and a Fellow of the Academy of the Social Sciences in Australia.

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Anthony H. Chisholm



Emeritus Professor, La Trobe University, 1999 to present;
Professor and Head of Agricultural and Resource Economics, La Trobe University, 1988–1998;
Head, School of Agriculture, La Trobe University, 1994–1996;
Visiting Professor, Auckland University, New Zealand, 1991;
Deputy Dean, Faculty of Economics and Commerce, Australian National University, 1982–1984;
Head of Department of Economics, The Faculties, Australian National University, 1981–1982;
Visiting Fellow, Resource Systems Institute, East-West Center, Honolulu, 1980;
Visiting Scholar, University of California, Berkeley and Davis, 1974;
Lecturer, Senior Lecturer, and Reader, Australian National University, 1966–1987;
Research Fellow, Faculty of Agricultural Economics, University of New England, 1963–1965;
Assistant Editor, *Australian Journal of Agricultural Economics*, 1972–1973;
Editorial Board, *Australian Journal of Agricultural and Resource Economics*, 1997–1998;

President, ACT Branch, Australian Agricultural Economics Society, 1976;
President, Australian Agricultural Economics Society, 1990;
Outstanding Article Award, *Australian Journal of Agricultural Economics*,
1992; and
Fellow, Academy of the Social Sciences in Australia, since 1997.

Tony Chisholm was born in Auckland and grew up on a fat lamb/wool/beef farm located in the foothills of the Waitakare Ranges, directly west of the city. He traces his professional interest in agricultural economics and subsequent interest in natural resource management, back to his boyhood farm life. Two relevant activities were escorting visitors to view a giant kauri tree in a magnificent native bush setting and riding a horse to barter-trade dressed lamb in exchange for fresh fruit and wine. Tony graduated with a BAgrSc from the University of New Zealand (Massey College) in 1962, and in 1964 he received a Masters degree from Massey University, specialising in production economics and farm management. In late 1963 he accepted Jack Lewis' offer of a Research Fellow position at the University of New England (UNE), but after only 2 years at Armidale he moved to Canberra and the Australian National University (ANU). He received a PhD in Economics from the ANU in 1976.

Tony spent a large part of his professional life (1966–1987) at the ANU, successively as Lecturer, Senior Lecturer and Reader. This was a period when Economics at ANU grew from almost nothing to become a major force in the discipline nationally, and Tony played a variety of leadership roles during this development. His service at ANU included terms as Deputy Dean of the Faculty of Economics and Commerce and as Chair of the Department of Economics. He also enjoyed the opportunity of spending time with some formidable Australian intellectuals, learning economics at the Workers Club over many beers. In 1988, Tony moved to Melbourne, and was Professor of Agricultural and Resource Economics at La Trobe University until his formal retirement in 1999.

Tony's research has evolved over time, across four main areas. Initially, at Massey University and UNE, he worked on production economics and farm management, including work on optimal stocking rates, replacement/rotation criteria and investment analysis. The *Farm Management Guidebook* on discounting procedures, which he published with John Dillon in 1966, continues to be widely used by consultants and university students after 35 years. Working in farm management, Tony developed an interest in the impact of income tax policy and investment incentives on management decisions in agriculture and forestry. Part of his reason for choosing to go to the ANU in 1966 was because the ANU had considerable strength in public economics and tax policy. He also worked on agricultural protection,

food security and international trade, and spent a year (1980) in Hawaii at the RSI East–West Center, contributing to some foundational work on modelling agricultural trade policy.

Tony is probably best known, however, for his work on natural resource management, including land degradation, pollution control policies, heritage conservation, population growth and the environment, and regulation of pesticide use. He was among the pioneers in these topics in Australia. While at ANU, in 1975 he began teaching as a subject ‘Environmental Economics’, and was the first to do so in an Australian University. He also made a range of early and important research contributions in these areas, and continues to be recognised as a leader in the field of resource management economics.

Tony’s service to the Society includes terms as Assistant Editor and as a member of the Editorial Board of the *Journal*, as President of the ACT Branch, and as national President. He has been a Fellow of the Academy of the Social Sciences in Australia since 1997.

Tony has an open and friendly style, which has contributed to his great success as a mentor and collaborator. He enjoys fishing, photography and bird watching, and since his retirement from La Trobe University in 1999, he has sought to balance some freelance consulting with considerable Australian outback travel accompanied by his wife.

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Brian S. Fisher



Executive Director, Australian Bureau of Agricultural and Resource Economics (ABARE), Canberra, 1996 to present;
Executive Director, Agriculture and Forests Group, Department of Primary Industries and Energy, Canberra, February–December 1995;
Executive Director, ABARE, Canberra, 1988–1995;
Dean, Faculty of Agriculture, University of Sydney, 1987–1988;
Professor of Agricultural Economics, University of Sydney, 1985–1988;
Deputy Director, Bureau of Agricultural Economics (BAE), Canberra, 1985;
Chief Research Economist, BAE, Canberra, 1984–1985;
Head, Department of Agricultural Economics, University of Sydney, 1982–1984 and 1985–1988;
Lecturer and Senior Lecturer, Department of Agricultural Economics, University of Sydney, 1976–1984;
President, Australian Agricultural Economics Society (AAES), 1989;
AAES, NSW Branch, committee member, 1976–1983 and 1986–1987, and President, 1980; Federal Council member 1981–1990; ACT Branch, Committee member, 1984–1985;

- Joint Editor (with Carolyn Tanner), *Australian Journal of Agricultural Economics*, 1984–1987;
- Member, Editorial Committee, *Australian Journal of Agricultural Economics*, 1981–1983;
- Member, Editorial Board, *Australian Journal of Agricultural and Resource Economics*, 1997–2002;
- Member, Editorial Board, *Resources Policy*, 1993–2002;
- Member, Editorial Advisory Board, *Agricultural Economics*, 1995–2000;
- Associate Editor, *The Scientific Basis of Modern Agriculture* (1988), Sydney University Press, Sydney, 1985–1986;
- Member of the Sydney University Press/Oxford University Press Joint Editorial Board, 1988;
- Editor's prize for the best article published in *Australian Journal of Agricultural Economics*, 1974;
- Editor's prize for the best article published in *Australian Journal of Agricultural Economics*, 1983 (shared with Robyn Munro);
- Awarded the Farrer Memorial Medal for 'outstanding contribution to agricultural economics in the field of research and education', 1994;
- Fellow, Academy of the Social Sciences in Australia, since 1995; and
- Awarded the Public Service Medal for 'outstanding public service in the field of agricultural and resources policy development', 2002.

Brian Fisher grew up on a dairy farm on Comboyne, in northern New South Wales, where his brothers still farm. He earned his BScAgr (Hons I), awarded in 1973, at the University of Sydney, and stayed on there to work with Keith Campbell for his PhD, awarded in 1978. While earning his PhD, Brian began work as a Lecturer in the Department of Agricultural Economics, and over a period of some 10 years at the University of Sydney he rose through the ranks eventually to become Department Head, Professor, and ultimately Dean of the Faculty. Under Brian's leadership enrolments in agricultural economics at Sydney grew significantly and the Department became stronger and rose in prominence nationally, but he only stayed as Professor for a few years before switching from academic to public service.

In parallel with his career as a University academic, Brian held a variety of positions in the Commonwealth government, beginning with a stint as Chief Research Economist and then Deputy Director at the Bureau of Agricultural Economics, the precursor to ABARE, in the mid-1980s. Brian was appointed Executive Director of ABARE in November 1988. He has held that position since then, apart from a short period at the Department of Primary Industries and Energy in 1995, and is the longest-ever serving chief executive of the Bureau. Brian has been the government board member on a number of statutory corporations, and has played a leading role in

recent years in the international climate change negotiations, in particular as economic adviser to Australia's negotiating team.

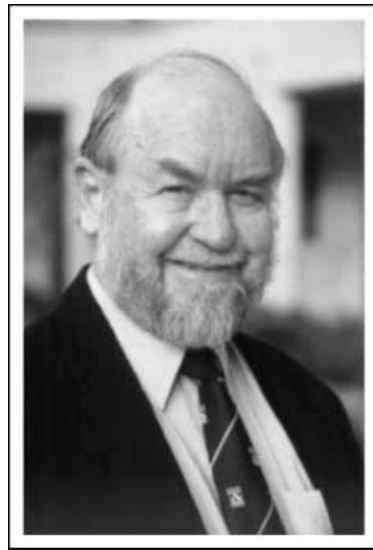
Brian's research interests have spanned the full range of topics in agricultural and resource economics, and he has published more than 200 papers and monographs. His contributions to the published literature have ranged from technical and methodological papers on econometric estimation through to a wide variety of types of applied policy analysis. A hallmark of Brian's approach to policy work is his emphasis on high-quality analysis as a basis for positions taken. In various policy settings, Brian has been a stalwart champion of economic rationality in situations where others with less courage would have taken an easier road.

Brian is a strong-minded person, who plays to win and usually does. His energy and determination have allowed him to achieve in one lifetime the equivalent of two full careers – one as an academic and one as a senior public servant. The same qualities also probably served him well in his third 'career' as a semiprofessional rally driver.

Throughout his career, Brian has been an active member of AARES, and has contributed great service to the Society as a member of various Branch Committees and the Federal Council, and in his roles of President of the Society and co-Editor of the *Journal*. Brian has received a number of research awards as well as awards in recognition of his public service contributions. He received the Farrer Memorial Medal in August 1994, became a fellow of the Academy of Social Sciences in Australia in November 1995 and was awarded the Public Service Medal in 2002.

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Robert K. Lindner



Emeritus Professor, Faculty of Natural and Agricultural Sciences, University of Western Australia (UWA), 2002 to present;
Executive Dean, Faculty of Agriculture, UWA, 1994–2001;
Dean, Faculty of Agriculture and Head, School of Agriculture, UWA, 1992–1993;
Senior Fulbright Fellow, Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics, University of California at Berkeley, and Department of Agricultural Economics, University of California at Davis, 1991–1992;
Head, Agricultural Economics group, UWA, 1985–1991;
Inaugural Professor of Agricultural Economics, UWA, 1985;
Visiting Research Fellow, School of African and Asian Studies, University of Sussex: 1980–1981;
Chairman of Department, Economics Department, University of Adelaide, 1977–1978;
Lecturer, Senior Lecturer, and Reader, Economics Department, University of Adelaide, 1971–1985;

Research Assistant and Teaching Assistant, University of Minnesota, 1969–1971;
Research Officer, Bureau of Agricultural Economics, 1967–1968;
Member, Editorial Committee, *Australian Journal of Agricultural Economics*, 1974–1977;
Council Member, Australian Agricultural Economics Society, 1982–1987;
President, South Australian Branch, Australian Agricultural Economics Society, 1980–1982;
Council Member, Economic Society of Australia and New Zealand (SA Branch): 1981/82; and
President, Australian Agricultural Economics Society, 1986.

Bob was born in and grew up in suburban Adelaide. Unlike many agricultural economists of his generation, he did not come from a farming background, nor did he study at the University of New England.

After high school, and with no clear career plan in mind, he chose to study agricultural science at the University of Adelaide on the grounds that it was likely to lead to a job outdoors. Instead he spent the next decade studying indoors. In fourth year, he took his first economics unit, and learned about comparative advantage. As a result, he holds both a BAgSc and a BEc as well as a MAgSc (in fact in agricultural economics) from the University of Adelaide, and a PhD in Agricultural Economics from the University of Minnesota.

The research topics that Bob has worked on are numerous, and his publications varied, but most stem from one or both of two abiding interests. He developed an academic interest in the ramifications of the economics of information from an undergraduate course in Bayesian decision theory. This led to a major stream of work on various aspects of the economics of technological change, including measuring research benefits, the adoption and diffusion of innovations, extension of research findings, the economics of research management and research policy, intellectual property rights in plant genetic resources and the economics of plant breeding. Bob developed an early interest in policy issues after hearing Bert Kelly and Frank Jarrett expound on the lunacy of dairy policy in the mid-60s. This led to a life-long fascination with public policy and research on such diverse topics as cost-benefit analysis of cycle tracks, fisheries management, meat and grain marketing, environmental policy, weed and wildlife management, educational policy, rangeland rehabilitation, and taxation of mineral exploration.

In 1974 he served as adviser on research planning to the Department of Agriculture, Stock and Fisheries, Papua New Guinea, and since then he has also served on bodies giving policy advice on research management, meat

marketing, overseas aid, economic research priorities, and fishery management. Recently, he had the chance to observe the *Realpolitik* of agricultural policy when he served on the National Competition Policy review of the Wheat Marketing Act.

Bob's contributions to this Society include membership of the editorial committee of the *Journal*, and terms as Council member, and branch and national President of the Society.

Appointed to the inaugural Chair in Agricultural Economics at the University of Western Australia in 1985, Bob became Dean of the Faculty of Agriculture in 1992, and subsequently Executive Dean from 1994. Through a decade of senior university administration, Bob managed to continue to publish research regularly and to supervise postgraduate students. Since the end of 2001, Bob has been an Emeritus Professor in the School of Agricultural and Resource Economics at the University of Western Australia. He also is a Board Member for Canola Breeders Western Australia and the Cooperative Research Centre for Plant-based Management of Dryland Salinity.

One of Bob's most impressive characteristics is his strength and clarity of mind. He has an outstanding ability to cut through the details and nuances of a complex problem (whether economic or administrative), and clearly identify the key issue at its heart. He has also proved himself a strong leader who does not shirk from making hard decisions.