

Economic Society of Australia - Honorary Fellow Award 2020

Citation for Tom Chan and Buly Cardak

Tom Chan and Buly Cardak were instrumental in developing and rolling out the National Economic Panel and monthly National Economic Poll.

The panel is made up of 55 leading (mainly academic) economists. Each month they are polled on their views on policy issues. It is an important vehicle for the ESA to highlight the relevance of economics and to bring a broad range of economist voices into the policy conversation.

Tom and Buly saw a similar poll run by the American Economic Association and had the bright idea to do it here. But this award isn't just for an idea - it's for making it happen. Tom and Buly worked with the ESA to build the Panel and launched the first poll in 2015 on the economic case for GST reform.

Since then we have had more than 40 polls. The ESA now runs it in conjunction with The Conversation and it continues to throw up very interesting results and regularly makes the news.

It's a great initiative for the ESA and its success is largely down to Tom and Buly's efforts.