

Citation for Dr Matthew Butlin Honorary Fellow Award, Economic Society of Australia

Matthew Butlin has made a long and distinguished contribution to the Economic Society of Australia. He has been national President from 2013 to 2019, prior to which he was President of the Victorian branch for a 3-year term.

During Matt's term as national President the Society has prospered. Membership has increased strongly with 100 extra members taking the total number to over 1400, the Society's journals are in excellent shape, and the annual Conference of Economists continues to be a flagship event for the economics community in Australia. Matt has been a huge supporter of initiatives such as the establishment of the Women in Economics network and the National Economics Panel – both of which have promoted the profile of the Society and significantly enhanced the professional environment for economists working in Australia. In recent times Matt has led the Society in commencing to put in place measures to ensure its long-term financial viability in the face of slowing revenue growth.

Matthew Butlin has contributed a huge amount of his time to the Economic Society over the past decade, and we have benefited greatly from his wise and enthusiastic leadership. He is a most deserving recipient of the Honorary Fellow award.