



The University of New England's Economics Society (U.E.S.) was officially opened by Federal Member for New England and economics graduate Tony Windsor on Friday.

Society President Giles Dickenson-Jones discussed the future aims of the student organisation. "We're here to offer academic support and mentoring for students studying Economics-related degrees and units," he said. "But we're also providing careers support, will be acting as a liaison between faculty staff and students and we are offering tutoring in HSC economics for local high school students." Also in attendance were students and teachers from local high schools taking the opportunity to investigate future directions within Economics courtesy of the Society's Careers Officer Margaret Lopez.

The information session was the first of many planned events by the society designed to raise the profile of economics within the university and wider community, whilst building links with local schools and organisations.

Following the information session in the lecture theatre, the Economics Society held their official opening function at Booloominbah, attended by the university's Vice-Chancellor, Professor Alan Pettigrew and Mr. Windsor, who was presented with an honorary membership to the society. Professor Roley Piggott, Executive Dean of the Faculty said he was "Delighted with the formation of the UNE Economics Society..." and that "student societies play very important roles within their respective Faculties, ranging from Faculty governance to careers advice. I look forward to working with its Executive Board and wish them well in their endeavours."

Mr Tony Windsor, M.P. noted the importance of the event, "The study of economics has assisted me throughout my career and I am pleased to have been involved in the launch of the U.N.E. Economics Society."

Mr. Dickenson-Jones went on to describe membership opportunities, stating that "We encourage our members to develop personal networks to last a lifetime, which we're looking to achieve through regular social functions and an internationally-accessible discussion group."

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