



Harley Dale, Chief Economist

Harley Dale has 18 years experience in the economics field covering a wide range of roles in New Zealand, Australia, Hong Kong, and the United Kingdom. Harley holds tertiary qualifications in both economics and political science and began his career as an international economist specialising in East Asia. Over the past decade Harley has focussed on the Australian domestic economy, particularly the construction industry and the household sector.

Harley cemented a long standing link with the HIA when he joined the organisation as a Senior Economist in September 2003. Harley assumed responsibility for the HIA Economics Group in November 2007.

Harley is responsible for ensuring the timely provision of a wide range of economic and housing reports, data, forecasts, and research projects within HIA, for HIA members, and for the wider business and financial community. Harley maintains close communication links with the Reserve Bank of Australia together with a range of public and private industry stakeholders. Harley delivers a large number of economic presentations to HIA members and the wider business sector each year and is a regular media commentator on Australian residential markets.

Ben Phillips, Senior Economist

Ben Phillips has over 10 years experience in the Economics field working in both the public and private sector. Ben started his career at the Australian Bureau of Statistics where he worked for four years as a research economist. Ben spent the next six years at the National Centre for Social and Economic Modelling (NATSEM) as an economic and social researcher where he specialised in the construction of economic models particularly in the fields of tax, social security, and housing.

Ben joined the HIA in early 2007 and specialises in housing policy, and economic analysis and modelling. Ben played an integral role in 2007 in assisting the development of policy solutions in respect to housing affordability and continues to work closely in this area. Ben provides substantial input into HIA's forecasts of housing starts, underlying demand, and renovations activity and provides a number of economic presentations to HIA members and housing-related conferences each year.

Matthew King, Economist

Matthew King graduated with a Bachelor of Economics from the University of Canberra in 2006. His studies took him to Sydney where he gained two years experience working for a broad-based HR Consultancy.

Matthew then transitioned into an Economist/National Policy Officer role for the Association of Consulting Engineers Australia (ACEA) where he achieved valuable experience in the areas of economic analysis, forecasting, and reporting. Matthew was also responsible for economic and taxation policy development. This incorporated deliberations with Government to promote



sustainable economic growth, but ensure careful consideration was given to factors such as education and training, workforce participation, infrastructure investment, and reforming tax systems. Matthew was pivotal in the ACEA's response to the Henry Review.

Matthew joined the HIA in September 2009 and his responsibilities extend across the full range of member services and research that the HIA Economics Group engages in. Matthew also acts as a point of contact for inquiries from HIA members regarding economic and housing activity.

Kirsten Lewis, Administration and Research Assistant

Kirsten Lewis is the first point of contact with the HIA Economics Group for a large number of HIA members and wider industry participants and is well known in this regard.

Kirsten has responsibility for a wide range of regular HIA member requests and data updates, and coordinates the large suite of Economics publications together with the Economics website. Kirsten has extensive experience overseeing survey-based research projects, both internally and for the purposes of tailored market research.