



Harley Dale, Chief Economist

Harley Dale has spent nearly 20 years in the economics field covering a wide range of roles in New Zealand, Australia, Hong Kong, and the United Kingdom. Harley has tertiary qualifications in both economics and political science and began his career as an international economist specialising in East Asia.

Harley has focussed for many years on the Australian domestic economy, particularly construction, primarily within financial markets and for the Housing Industry Association. Harley cemented a long standing link with the HIA when he joined the organisation as their 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, and forecasts within HIA, for HIA members, and for the wider business and financial community. Harley is also responsible for the Economics team pursuing a diverse housing policy research agenda. He maintains close communication links with a range of public and private industry stakeholders and is a regular media commentator on issues related to the housing industry.



Andrew Harvey, HIA Senior Economist

Andrew Harvey has nearly 15 years experience in economic analysis and public policy, having worked for the Commonwealth Treasury for a number of years, in addition to other Commonwealth departments. Andrew holds a Bachelor of Commerce with an economics major and a Master of Economics from the Australian National University.

Andrew joined the HIA in August 2010 having most recently been the Manager of the Cities, Housing and Planning Unit within the Infrastructure, Competition and Consumer Division of Treasury. Among a number of housing-related areas, Andrew's work has included a focus on the Council of Australian Governments' housing supply and affordability reform agenda.

Within the HIA Economics Group Andrew will play a major role in assisting members with data and forecasting requirements and will hold responsibility for a number of Economics Group' publications. Andrew will also lead a wide-ranging housing research agenda in addition to providing a number of presentations to HIA members.



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 Tax 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 acts as a point of contact for inquiries from HIA members regarding economic and housing activity and is the editor of the HIA-rpdata.com

Residential Land Report and the HIA-Cordell Construction 100 Report. He is also increasingly involved in providing presentations to HIA members.



Geordan Murray, Economist

Geordan graduated from Deakin University in Melbourne in 2006 having completed a Bachelor of Commerce (Finance) and a Bachelor of Applied Science (Health Promotion). In 2007, Geordan continued his Commerce studies at the Honours level and completed a thesis entitled “Australian House Price Dynamics: The Role of Financial Wealth” which sought to investigate the relationship between the housing market and financial markets.

Having gained experience in the banking and financial services industry during his studies, Geordan began his career as an Investment Analyst within a chartered accounting firm. Using his analytical skills and knowledge of global economies and financial markets, Geordan was instrumental in the successful management of investment portfolios during one of the most difficult periods experienced in financial markets in recent history. During his time at the firm he served as a member of the firm’s Investment Committee and made important contributions to the development and implementation of the firm’s investment strategies.

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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.