



economics group



Harley Dale, Chief Economist

Harley Dale has spent over 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, analysis, 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, flexible, and industry-leading housing policy research agenda. Harley is a regular media commentator and is a highly regarded public speaker on economic and housing issues.



Andrew Harvey, HIA Senior Economist

Andrew Harvey has nearly 15 years' experience in economic analysis and public policy, with much of this period having been spent working for the Commonwealth Treasury. During his career Andrew has worked in a number of areas including industry policy, forecasting the international economy, business tax policy and energy policy.

Prior to joining HIA in 2010 Andrew was Manager of the Cities, Housing and Planning Unit within the Treasury and it was during this time that he developed a keen interest in the policy and economic issues relating to Australian housing. In terms of formal qualifications Andrew holds a Bachelor of Commerce, a Graduate Diploma in Economics and a Master of Economics from the Australian National University.

Within the HIA Economics Group Andrew assists members with data and forecasting requirements, edits a number of Economics Group' publications, leads the housing research agenda, provides presentations to HIA members, and comments in the media on housing-related issues.



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.



Geordan joined the HIA in 2010 and his responsibilities extend across the full range of member services and research that the HIA Economics Group engages in. Geordan also acts as a point of contact for inquiries from HIA members regarding economic and housing activity.

Diwa Hopkins, Economist

Diwa graduated from the Australian National University in 2010 with a combined Bachelor's degree in Arts and Economics. During her studies she gained experience in policy research in the area of trade and international affairs with the Australian Chamber of Commerce and Industry. Diwa continued with a policy focus in the area of remote public housing in her role as a graduate with the Northern Territory's Department of Housing, Local Government and Regional Services. As a graduate, she also completed statistical work on NT social housing under the Council of Australian Governments' National Affordable Housing Agreement.

Diwa joined the HIA in December 2011 and her responsibilities extend across the full range of member services, research, and publications which the HIA Economics Group provides.

Kirsten Lewis, Economics Group Coordinator

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.