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The Australian Economic Review

Edited by Ross Williams (Managing Editor), Ian McDonald and Chris Ryan

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The *Australian Economic Review* is published quarterly by Wiley on behalf of the Melbourne Institute. An applied economics journal with a strong policy orientation, the *Review* publishes high quality articles applying economic analysis to a wide range of macroeconomic and microeconomic topics relevant to both economic and social policy issues, and is the leading journal of its kind in Australia and the Asia-Pacific region. Whilst of particular value to Australian academics, students, policy makers, and others interested in the Australian economy, the journal also considers matters of international interest. The *Review* is a peer-reviewed journal and is included in the Social Sciences Citation Index. Regular sections of the *Review* include the:

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Westpac – Melbourne Institute Leading Index of Economic Activity

ISSN 2203-1855 (Online)

Published monthly, this report presents and examines movements in the leading indicator of economic activity in Australia. The index of economic activity is designed to enhance the decision-making process of financial and business managers and policy makers by anticipating and identifying turning points in the economy. The index blends several variables which reflect different aspects of the economy; the combination is intended to give a more representative picture than any one variable would by itself.

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This report is concerned with consumers' views about expected house prices. The survey response categories are: rise by greater than 10%; rise by less than 10%; no change; fall by less than 10%; fall by more than 10%; and don't know. The survey began in July 2009, on a quarterly basis. It became a monthly series in November 2013.

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ISSN 2203-1561 (Online)

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ISSN 2206-2726 (Online)

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Melbourne Institute Survey of Consumer Inflationary Expectations

ISSN 1836-4233 (Online)

This survey produces a direct measure of inflationary expectations as consumers are asked whether, and by how much, they believe prices will change over the next 12 months. This report is published monthly. Information about wage changes over the previous 12-month period and expectations of wage changes in the year ahead is included each quarter.

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ISSN 1835-6443 (Online)

This report provides forecasts of the state of the Australian economy. The forecasts are generated using econometric techniques which combine both historical and forward information contained in, for example, consumer expectations, leading indexes of economic activity, and financial futures. The monthly updates of forecasts for the ensuing four quarters provide information in advance of official quarterly data.

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Melbourne Institute Monthly Inflation Gauge

ISSN 2206-2017 (Online)

Based on the Australian Bureau of Statistics' methodology for calculating the quarterly consumer price index, this report estimates month-to-month price movements for a wide-ranging basket of goods and services across the main capital cities of Australia. This report is published monthly.

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ISSN 1448-0530 (Online)

Poverty Lines: Australia is a quarterly newsletter that updates the Henderson Poverty Line as defined in the 1973 Commonwealth Commission of Inquiry into Poverty. It is standard reference material for those concerned with social welfare policy in Australia. Minimum income levels required to avoid a situation of poverty are presented for a range of family sizes and circumstances. The updated poverty lines take into account changes in the average income level of all Australians, reflecting the idea that poverty is relative. Each issue includes a table indicating changes in the purchasing power of the poverty lines and a table comparing welfare payment levels with poverty lines for various family types.

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Household Expenditure Measure

The Household Expenditure Measure (HEM) is a measure that reflects a modest level of weekly household expenditure for various types of families. The Melbourne Institute produces the quarterly HEM report which is distributed through RFI Roundtables.

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Other Melbourne Institute Publications

The Household, Income and Labour Dynamics in Australia Survey: Selected Findings from Waves 1 to 15

ISSN 2205-0558 (Print)

ISSN 2205-0566 (Online)

The Household, Income and Labour Dynamics in Australia (HILDA) Survey is Australia's nationally representative household panel study, providing longitudinal data back to 2001 on households and family life; incomes and economic wellbeing; labour market outcomes; and life satisfaction, health and wellbeing. The annual statistical report of the HILDA Survey contains a number of short articles spanning a variety of topics. Particular emphasis is given to longitudinal analysis examining how and why individuals' lives change over time.

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This series presents findings from the research trial of the Early Years Education Program. This program provides early years care and education targeted at the particular needs of children who are exposed to significant family stress and social disadvantage. The impact of the program is being evaluated through a randomised controlled trial.

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U21 Ranking of National Higher Education Systems

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HILDA Survey Discussion/Technical Paper Series

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MABEL Matters

ISSN 1836-8174 (Print)
ISSN 1836-8247 (Online)

This newsletter was introduced in 2009 to inform people about developments and research findings from the Medicine in Australia: Balancing Employment and Life (MABEL) panel survey of doctors. MABEL is funded by the NHMRC Centre for Research Excellence in Medical Workforce Dynamics.

This publication is free of charge. It is available online from our website and as hard copy.



Policy Brief: Centre for Research Excellence in Medical Workforce Dynamics

ISSN 2201-9995 (Print)
ISSN 2202-0004 (Online)

This series of Policy Briefs is designed for those in the front lines of developing and implementing medical workforce policy. The first issue was released in 2013.

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Ross Williams (2012)
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Dog Days: Australia After the Boom

Ross Garnaut (2013)

ISBN (paperback) 978-1-863-95622-2
ISBN (epub) 978-1-922-23117-8

Australians have just lived through a period of exceptional prosperity but Ross Garnaut tells us the Dog Days are on their way. Are we ready for the challenges ahead? In *Dog Days*, Garnaut explains how we got here, what we can expect next and the tough choices we need to make to survive the new economic conditions. Are we clever enough—and our leaders courageous enough—to change what needs to be changed and preserve a fair and prosperous Australia?

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Analyzing Markets for Health Workers: Insights from Labor and Health Economics

Barbara McPake, Anthony Scott and Ijeoma Edoka (2014)

ISBN (paperback) 978-1-4648-0224-9
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This book provides an overview of the key issues when attempting to apply economics to the analysis of health workers' labour markets. Though much has been written and planned about health human resources, a major weakness with most of the analysis is that it does not use an economic perspective. The use of an explicit economic framework moves the focus away from simplistic but costly policy responses, such as training more doctors and nurses, towards better understanding the role of incentives, productivity, and the distribution of health workers. This is a useful resource for health workforce planners and those researching the health workforce.

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