

MELBOURNE INSTITUTE FORUMS

Economics Forum in Melbourne

The Melbourne Institute Economics Forum in Melbourne entered its 11th year in 2008 and generated considerable interest. Luncheons were held on 1 July and 13 October at the Park Hyatt, and 16 September at the Sofitel Melbourne. A particular policy issue was covered and discussed at each forum.

The forums were chaired by Mr Tony Cole of Mercer (Australia) Pty Ltd.

Topics and speakers in 2008 were:

Too Little Too Late? Preparing and Caring for Children for Life (1 July)

Professor Collette Tayler (The University of Melbourne)

Associate Professor Guyonne Kalb (Melbourne Institute)

Dr Matthew Gray (Australian Institute of Family Studies)

Changing Fortunes of Australian Families in the Long Boom (16 September)

Associate Professor Bruce Headey (Melbourne Institute)

Professor Mark Wooden (Melbourne Institute)

Dr Roger Wilkins (Melbourne Institute)

The 2008 Review of the Australian Automotive Industry (13 October)

The Hon Steve Bracks

Professor Joshua Gans (Melbourne Business School)

Mr Tony Pensabene (Australian Industry Group)

Public Economics Forum in Canberra

In 2008 the Melbourne Institute Public Economics Forum in Canberra continued into its 10th year and maintained very strong interest levels. Luncheons were held on 29 April, 24 June and 15 September at the Hyatt Hotel Canberra. A particular policy issue was covered and discussed at each forum.

The forums were chaired by Dr Ken Henry (Department of the Treasury) and Dr Jeff Harmer (Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs).

Topics and speakers in 2008 were:

Boosting the Labour Supply (29 April)

Dr Peter Burn (Australian Industry Group)

Dr Andrew Leigh (The Australian National University)

Professor Guay Lim (Melbourne Institute)

Too Little Too Late? Preparing and Caring for Children for Life (24 June)

Professor Collette Tayler (The University of Melbourne)

Associate Professor Guyonne Kalb (Melbourne Institute)

Dr Matthew Gray (Australian Institute of Family Studies)

Changing Fortunes of Australian Families in the Long Boom (15 September)

Associate Professor Bruce Headey (Melbourne Institute)

Professor Mark Wooden (Melbourne Institute)

Dr Roger Wilkins (Melbourne Institute)



A Melbourne Institute Public Economics Forum