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For independent comment on any of the following “hot issues” please feel free to call our faculty.

Where possible I have listed their mobile telephone numbers so you can call them directly or if you can't get through, let me know and I'll arrange for them to call you back. (Some do not have mobile telephone numbers, but are still happy to be contacted on other numbers, which I've included for you.)

## National broadband announcement

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## Bank profits and interest rate rises

Sam Wylie	Tel: (03) 9349 8185 Mob: 0428 103 859 Email: <a href="mailto:s.wylie@mbs.edu">s.wylie@mbs.edu</a>	Is there a need for more competition/regulation in the banking sector?
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## World bank forecast for the global economy

Mark Crosby	Tel: 9349 8184 Mob: 0437 988 120 Email: <a href="mailto:m.crosby@mbs.edu">m.crosby@mbs.edu</a>	The impact/outlook for Australia.
Catherine de Fontenay	Tel: (03) 9349 8231 Email: <a href="mailto:C.Fontenay@mbs.edu">C.Fontenay@mbs.edu</a>	Developing economies: what does the world bank forecast mean for the poorer nations and is this accurate?

## Property market and the emphasis in housing growth

Sally Wood	Tel: (03) 9349 8103 Mob: 0425276967 E: <a href="mailto:sally.wood@mbs.edu">sally.wood@mbs.edu</a>	How robust is the data in this area, given that it usually comes from the real estate industry which has vested interest in talking this sector up.
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Australian real estate indices are biased in several ways. For instance, the new home buyers grant could easily depress the standard index.

## Housing affordability and home owners grant

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Everyone's interested in the impact of bank rates on mortgagees, and housing is at the centre of many policy and economic commentator arguments, Has the home owners grant really increased housing affordability or has it created a debt bubble? A better way to increase the housing market without distortion is to simply reduce stamp duty.

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## Emissions Trading Scheme

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Legislation is currently being considered in the Senate

## Indian student issues

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In our full-time MBA programs we have 20 Indian students, who have specifically come to Australia from India to study here. But these students are only a small part of the total number of students who have an Indian background. The rest are in Australia as permanent residents or have gained Australian citizenship. We actually have a broad range of nationalities (up to 30 in any one classroom). Call acting dean, Jennifer George for a frank opinion on this hot issue.

## BREAKING RESEARCH

*Ground-breaking Australian research will provide central bankers with greater control over their country's economy*

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By applying advances in statistical analysis to macroeconomic policy, Australian-led research is set to have a huge impact on the future stability of both local and international economies.

The Melbourne Business School-based research addresses structural measurement problems routinely confronted by central banks.

If policymakers had better information, they would have a better lead time on what's happening with the economy, allowing them to move earlier, and with greater precision.

If you are interested in this, please give Shaun a call and ask for an exclusive.

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