

Dr Ken Henry (A.C.)

Director – NAB, Advisor to Government
Internationally Renowned Economist

HSC Year: 1975 – School Captain
– Dux



Training (eg TAFE, University etc):

- 1976 – 1979 University of NSW – Bachelor of Commerce (Economics)
- 1980 – 1982 University of Canterbury NZ – Doctor of Philosophy (Economics)

Special Educational Achievements (eg University medal, honours etc)

- First Class Honours in Economics 1979
- Doctor of Business (*Honoris Causa*) (UNSW) 2009

Jobs (at university and afterwards):

- 1980 – 1984 Lecturer in Economics, University of Canterbury
- 1984 – 1986 Senior Research Officer, Australian Treasury
- 1986 – 1991 Senior Adviser to the Treasurer, The Honourable P.J. Keating MP
- 1991 – 1992 Senior Executive, Australian Treasury
- 1992 – 1993 Minister (Economic & Financial Affairs), Australian Delegation to the OECD Paris France
- 1994 – 2001 Senior Executive, Australian Treasury
- 2001 – 2011 Secretary to the Treasury

What are you doing now?

- Special Adviser to the Prime Minister (Leading the development of a Government *White Paper on Australia in the Asian Century*)
- Director of National Australia Bank Ltd
- Chair of the Advisory Board of the SMART Infrastructure Facility, University of Wollongong

Relevant Experiences since leaving school (eg special achievements)

- 2007 – awarded **Companion of the Order of Australia (A.C.)** – the top level within the Australian Honours System – for ‘eminent achievement and merit of the highest degree in service to Australia or humanity at large’ (*for further information go to http://www.itsanhonour.gov.au/honours/awards/medals/companion_order_australia.cfm#recipients*).
- Chaired the Howard Government’s Taxation Taskforce 1997 – 98
- Chaired the Review of Australia’s Future Tax System (The Henry Review) 2010
- Member of the Board of the Reserve Bank of Australia 2001 – 2011
- Member of the Board of Infrastructure Australia 2008 – 2011
- Member of the Board of Taxation 2001 – 2011

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Interesting Experiences

- Leading the team that designed the GST
- Leading a review of Australia's tax and transfer systems
- Leading Australia's participation in international meetings to deal with the Asian Financial Crisis
- Advising the Australian Government on how to avoid an economic recession during the Global Financial Crisis

Other comments /Memories from Chatham High Days

Chatham High School is where it starts. Let your imagination work for you.

Tips for our students

- **Whilst completing HSC (eg how to gain the desired UAI) –** Take it seriously. Opportunity starts with a good score.
- **Going to University (eg living away from home tips, university life) –** Have fun; study something that interests you.
- **Getting a job (during and after university) –** If you do well you will never have to have a boring job.
- **Other Tips –** Keep studying in areas that interest you until you see the right job opportunity.