

Meet the *Economists* ...

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Why did you decide to become an economist?

I've wanted to become an economist ever since studying economics in Year 10. I loved learning about what drives personal and business decisions and how economics affects everyday life; for example, the pricing of airline tickets or snacks at the movies.

How did you become an economist?

I studied economics in Years 11 and 12 and then did an economics double degree at the University of Western Australia. I completed the RBA's internship, an honours year in economics and then joined the RBA's Graduate Program. I spent some time at Wesfarmers before starting work in the RBA's Perth office.

What do you do from day to day?

My main task is to meet with WA businesses and organisations to get a real-time sense of what's happening in the WA economy. The Bank also has offices in other states that perform this function and this helps the Reserve Bank Board understand how conditions vary across the country. I work closely with my colleagues in Head Office to help them forecast resource exports and investment.

What's the best thing about your job?

I love learning something new every day about a business or industry in WA. I also love working with extremely intelligent, dedicated and caring colleagues.

And when you're not at work?

Outside of work I play soccer and tennis, read science fiction and enjoy watching AFL. Summer weekends usually involve an early morning hit of tennis followed by a trip to the beach and a cheeky Nando's run.

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