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## FORM 6-K

### REPORT OF FOREIGN ISSUER

Pursuant to Rule 13a-16 or 15d-16 of  
the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

For the month of August 2005

## National Australia Bank Limited

ACN 004 044 937

(Registrant's Name)

Level 24

500 Bourke Street

MELBOURNE VICTORIA 3000

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Yes

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**Group Corporate Affairs**

National Australia  
Bank Limited  
ABN 12004044937

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Melbourne  
Victoria 3000  
Australia

**ASX Announcement**

*Melbourne, Wednesday 10 August 2005*

**Patricia Cross appointed to National Australia Bank Board**

The Chairman of the National Australia Bank Graham Kraehe today announced the appointment of Patricia Cross as a non-executive director.

Mrs Cross will join the National s Board in early December 2005. She is also a director of Qantas and Wesfarmers.

Mrs Cross brings 25 years of experience in banking and finance to the National s Board. Prior to taking up a range of non-executive directorships in 1996, Mrs Cross worked in senior management roles with Chase Manhattan Bank, Banque Nationale de Paris and National Australia Bank. In 2003 she received a Centenary medal for service to Australian society through the finance industry.

Patricia has a strong background in banking and financial services, Mr Kraehe said.

With her roles as a non-executive director and experience in corporate governance, I am sure Patricia will provide a great contribution to the National, he said.

Mrs Cross said: It is an exciting time to be joining the National. It is a company of great significance to a large number of Australians as shareholders, customers and employees.

Mrs Cross holds a Bachelor of Science degree (Hons-Econ) from Georgetown University in the United States.

Further background on Patricia Cross is available at [www.nabgroup.com](http://www.nabgroup.com).

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Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorised.

**NATIONAL AUSTRALIA BANK LIMITED**



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Date: 10 August 2005

Title: *Company Secretary*