



## A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL WHAT'S HAPPENING IN YOUR MARKET

Welcome to our latest Quarterly Newsletter Update for the Whitsunday Region. This report is designed to keep you up to date with the local real estate market. Many property owners that we keep in touch with may not be selling this year, or next year, but like to "keep their finger on the pulse" so that perhaps when the time comes to sell, they will be reasonably educated about local market trends and values. If you would like to hear about anything for next quarter's newsletter, please feel free to email me mark.beale@raywhite.com or call 0404498790.

As you will see in the recent sales statistics further through this report, the number of sales has dropped significantly from 12 months ago but is in trend with the previous quarter. 149 sales in the 4802 postcodes in January – March quarter, followed by 145 in the April – June quarter shows consistent buyer patterns although a drop from 233 sales in the same quarter for 2022 shows a significant drop. We feel that these numbers are not necessarily an indicator of a lack of buyers but a lack of available stock for sale and that most property owners that have wanted to sell over the last few years have taken advantage of a strong marketplace and have sold.

The median sale price for a house in the 4802 postcode is now \$815,000, with the cost of building new homes still pushing the second-hand home market sales along nicely. Along with the cost of building new is the length of time needed to build a brand-new home and it seems that most buyers don't want to wait 12 – 18 months for their new home.

The 4800 postcodes have increased in popularity mainly because of two reasons; 1. The median house price is only \$607,000 and 2; the lifestyle that many of these 4800 postcode homes offer which is larger blocks, quieter streets and still a very close location to shops, schools and the like.

The number of sales has dropped only slightly and the available stock at the time of writing this newsletter was constant at around 110 properties for sale.

We watch the property market with anticipation as we move into the second half of 2023.

Thanks for reading, till next time.

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#### Our Top Residential Sale This Quarter













**Sold By** Adam Webster

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#### **Fast Facts**



**\$725**Average
House Rent



Average Unit Rent





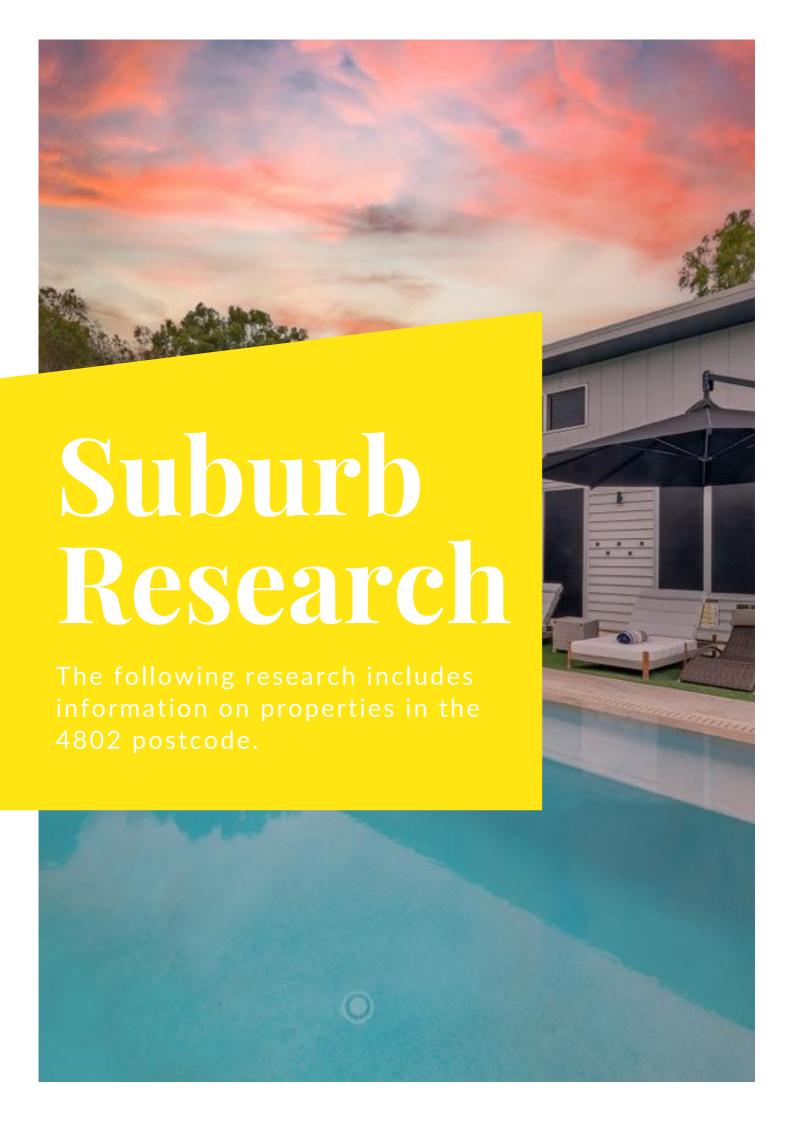
338
Applications
Recieved



**196**Property
Viewings



**73**Properties
Leased





Provided by Ray White Whitsunday Total Sales by Quarter

	2023	2022	2021
Jan - Mar	149	238	210
Apr - Jun	145	233	222
Jul - Sep	-	183	298
Oct - Dec	-	93	259



Median Unit Sale Price

\$400,000

#### Click on your suburb to view recently sold properties



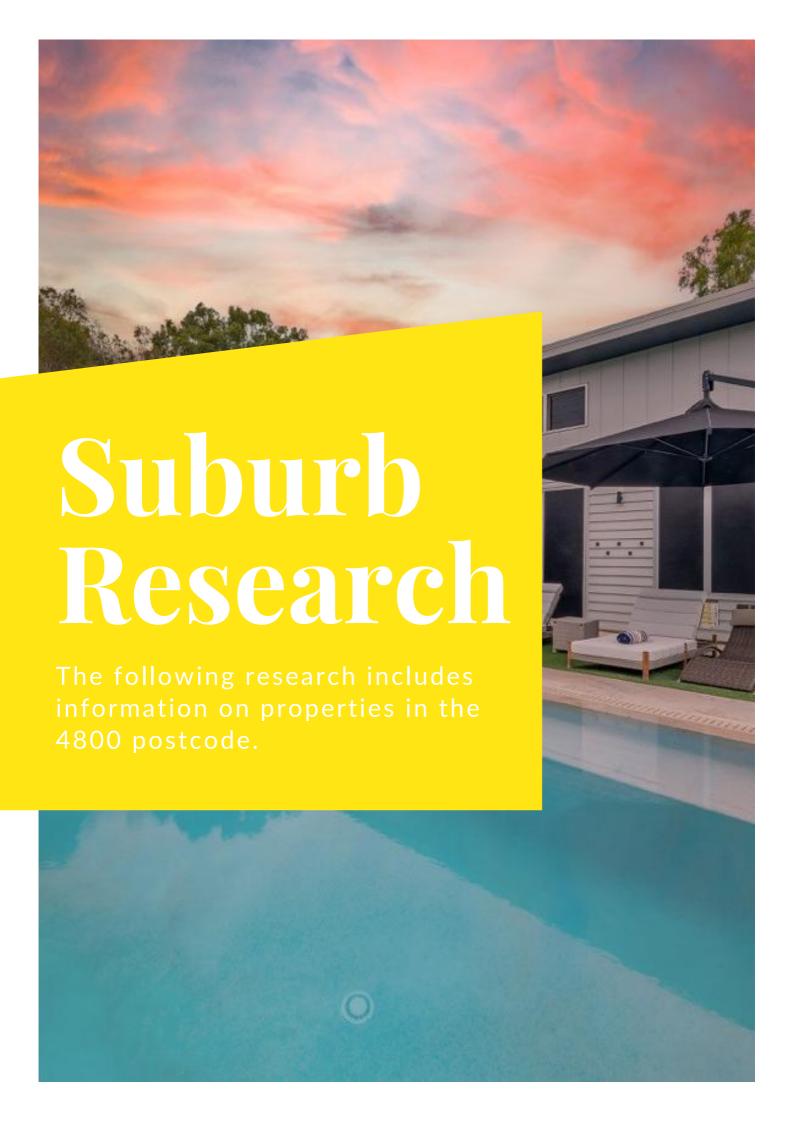














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Total Sales by Quarter

	2023	2022	2021
Jan - Mar	81	103	70
Apr - Jun	71	78	83
Jul - Sep	-	53	87
Oct - Dec	-	50	100

Median House Sale Price \$607,000



Median Unit Sale Price

\$188,000



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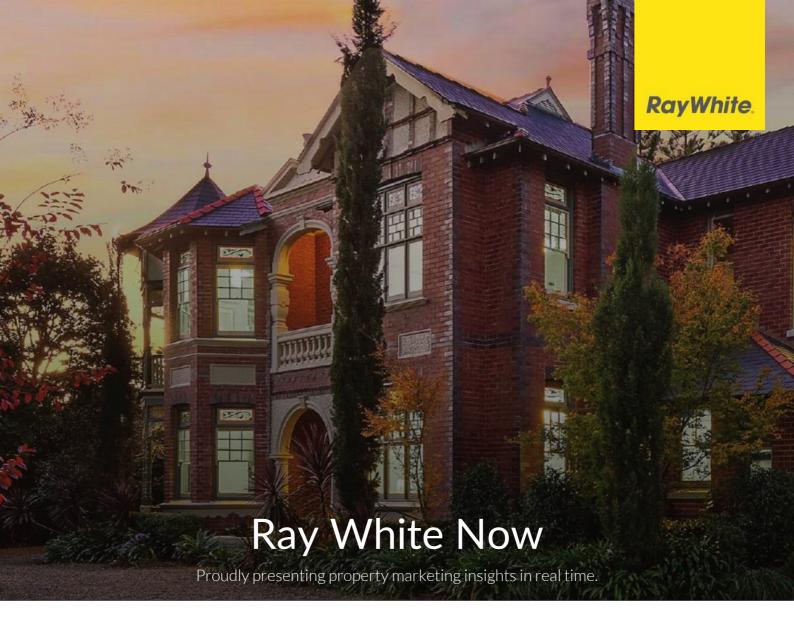


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Welcome to Ray White Now, a monthly insight to provide clarity to all our customers on what is happening in the market now. This month in Ray White Now, Prices are now firmly on the move everywhere in Australia, having increased by 3.5 per cent since the start of the year. To read the report, please <u>click here</u>.



#### All of regional Australia is now recording price growth again

This population growth, combined with travel restrictions leading to strong demand for holiday homes, as well as outstanding mining and agriculture conditions led to very strong house price growth. But like the rest of Australia, this price growth stalled once interest rate increases started up again. However, this growth has returned.

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Auction bidding now at its strongest level since February 2022

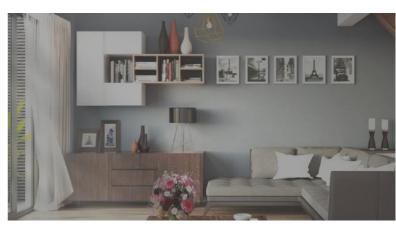
That is, there were some predicting that there would be a short uptick in prices before they came crashing down. Based on our auction data, particularly bidding activity, we could see that conditions really started to turn at the end of last year and the momentum in price growth was not a "dead cat bounce" but an earlier than expected return to growth.

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#### No end in sight for shortage of new listings

A look at listing authorities is showing that the end in the decline does not look close. Listing authorities are the step prior to the listing being placed on a real estate portal. It is when the vendor signs with the agent but the property has not yet been advertised. While our tracking of new listings is across all agencies, it is only possible for us to track listing authorities across Ray White businesses.



First home buyers make a tentative step back into the market

Prices have come back a lot since last year making property more affordable. Meanwhile, it has become a lot more difficult to find a rental property and if you can find one, it is now a lot more expensive to be a renter. Unemployment remains at a 50 year low and we are seeing wages growth across many sectors.

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Fixed loans no longer popular

The proportion of new loans being fixed in entirety or as a proportion of the total loan has now fallen to record lows. In April, just 15.6 per cent of loans had a fixed interest rate component. This compares to August 2021 when it peaked at 59.2 per cent. The peak in August 2021 is interesting in that it was still some time before interest rates started to rise but there was growing talk of an end to ultra-low interest rates.

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### Thinking about selling?

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