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News

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"Making the right moves in selling and renting"

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Smoke Alarms



With recent amendments to the Residential Tenancies Act 1997 effective 24 August 2017 Lessors are required to install smoke alarms in their rental properties. Tenants are responsible for changing batteries as necessary. Please talk to our property managers for details and installation costs.

Buying an investment property?

Don't forget to claim depreciation. We can provide you with a flyer and discount voucher from a property depreciation specialist. A depreciation schedule is especially useful for all newly purchased investment properties. It is important that you have an accurate depreciation schedule for your investment property as this may save you many dollars in tax.

Should you have any queries feel free to call Peter Andrighetto on 6257 2700 or email sales@wrightdunn.com.au

Property Management News

Market

Similar market conditions as last month, steadily increasing in preparation for better weather and an influx of people towards the end of the year and the beginning of 2018.

New Legislation – Tenants breaking their lease

There is a new option when signing a tenant to a lease with regard to a break lease situation (a tenant that wishes to vacate the property during a fixed term lease). The option is available if a lessor and tenant agree to the clause, it is an opt in clause.

Termination before end of fixed term—fee for breaking Lease

- (1) If the tenant ends a fixed term agreement before the end of the fixed term (other than for a reason provided for by the Residential Tenancies Act or the agreement), the tenant must pay a fee (a *break fee*) of the following amount:
- (a) if the fixed term is 3 years or less—(i) if less than half of the fixed term has expired—
- 6 weeks rent; or
- (ii) in any other case—4 weeks rent;
- (b) if the fixed term is more than 3 years—the amount agreed between the lessor and tenant.

(2) The lessor agrees that the compensation payable by the tenant for ending a fixed term agreement before the end of the fixed term is limited to the amount of the break fee specified in subclause (1).

Break lease situations can be sometimes difficult to negotiate a resolution as tenants often don't take the lease contract as seriously as they should. If the tenant doesn't opt in to the above clause, the original break lease applies. The lessor can seek from the tenant up to one weeks rent as compensation for letting costs and advertising and compensation for loss of rent due to the break lease (up to 26 weeks max).

It is a little complicated and each situation can be handled a little differently depending on circumstances of tenant or landlord and also perhaps the length of the tenancy can be taken into account.

Feel free to discuss options with your property manager if the situation arises.

As always, feedback is encouraged. Please contact me at sam@wrightdunn.com.au

Kind regards, Sam Andrighetto



Properties recently rented

AINSLIE 3 bed home \$630pw
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BRADDON 1 bed apart \$500pw
BRADDON 2 bed apart \$560pw
CAMPBELL 1 bed apart \$370pw
DOWNER 1 bed apart \$430pw
DOWNER 4 bed house 585pw
KALEEN 3 bed house \$490pw
PALMERSTON 4 bed t/house \$510pw
WATSON 2 bed apart \$415pw

Properties currently for rent

AINSLIE 3 bed home \$490pw BRADDON 4 bed home \$800pw DICKSON 2 bed home \$500pw KAMBAH 2 bed t/house \$370pw PEARCE 1 bed duplex \$305pw QUEANBEYAN 2 bed unit \$330pw WATSON 3 bed dual occ \$450pw

Sales News

October 2017 has been active. The warmer weather and day light savings has also helped with more enquiries and availability of buyers to inspect properties.

The Canberra market is still in surge mode. Recent media reports have Canberra listed as the city to invest in, which certainly will help and encourage interstate investors to look at Canberra as a stable market.

Interest rates continue to be low with rates of 3.8% becoming a 'norm'. Home buyers and investors are benefiting from the last few years of low interest rates.

As always, please feel free to contact me any time on 0418 623 352 to discuss the value of your property and best marketing strategies. Cheers, Peter Andrighetto



On the market

CITY—86/2 Edinburgh Avenue—"Metropolitan" - 1 bed apartment with monumental views over New Acton. Access to gym, pool & common BBQ. EER 5.5—\$400,000+

MAWSON—13 & 14/22-72 Mawson Place—Total first floor premises of 982m² in the heart of Southlands shopping precinct. Leased at \$180,000pa excl. GST—\$1.5m+

TURNER—1A/52 Forbes Street—Established ground floor 2 bedroom apartment in enviable location. 81m² living space, single garage + store. EER 4—**\$410,000**

TURNER—10/33 Moore Street—Top level 2 bedroom ensuite apartment. 85m² approx. living space + full length balcony. 1 basement car space. EER 6—\$538,000

WATSON—72 Tay Street— 2 bedroom home in The Fair. Open plan living, single garage. Community facilities include BBQ, parkland, and hall. EER 6—\$450,000+

Commercial properties for lease

BELCONNEN—4 Weedon Close—Unit 1 & 2—250m² approx. shop front premises + arcade frontage.

BRADDON—42 Mort Street—Unit 5—211.5m² approx. open plan, contemporary styled 1st floor office premises.

FYSHWICK—194 Gladstone Street—308m² approx. + 98m² approx. yard. Fitted out for office and workshop.

TURNER—1B/9 McKay Street—93m² approx. office, full length balcony, 2 car spaces

On the market soon

CITY—5th level 2 bed apartment in 'Manhattan' GRIFFITH—Spacious 2 bed + study + ensuite apartment

Featured property



WATSON—72 Tay Street—\$450,000+2 bedroom home in The Fair.

Looking for you first home or an addition to your property investment portfolio in sought-after inner-north?

This home is 5 years young and located in 'The Fair' development in Watson.

Features include: 2 bedrooms—both with mirror-door built-in-robes; open plan living, dining, kitchen area; electric cooktop and dishwasher; electric wall heaters; laundry sink and tap fittings in the large single garage with internal access; north facing living area with access to rear courtyard.

Community facilities include barbeques, parkland and a hall. Close to schools, nature reserves with walking trails, and just a short drive to the Dickson Shopping Centre and City Centre, EER 6.

Sold/Under offer

AINSLIE—6 Officer Crescent—Completely renovated pristine 4 bedroom ensuite residence. 933m² block within walking distance to Ainslie Shops. EER 4—\$1,075,000

BRADDON—13/37 Ipima Street—Ground floor 2 bedroom ens courtyard apartment in fantastic location. EER 6—\$510,000

BRUCE—35/31 Thynne Street—"Belle" - Residential or commercial use—3 bed ens courtyard apartment. 104m² in living space with street frontage. EER 4.5—**Under Offer**

BYWONG—1514 Bungendore Road—Large 4 or 5 bedroom residence set on 8.019ha approx. elevated site—3 dams and fenced paddocks—**\$760,000**

NARRABUNDAH—18 Iluka Street—2 storey commercial building in the bustling Narrabundah shops—\$880,000 O'CONNOR—11/27 Berrigan Crescent—2 bedroom ens

apartment, central inner north location. Easy access to Lyneham, O'Connor, ANU & City. EER 6—\$540,000

O'CONNOR—3/4 Hay Street—Modern 2 storey 2 bedroom ensuite townhouse set in a boutique development of only 7. Short walk to O'Connor shops. EER 6—\$540,000

REID—43/14 Boolee Street—'Monterey' - 1 bedroom City edge apartment. 1st floor location, full length balcony overlooking Glebe Park. EER 6—\$310,000

REID—34 Elimatta Street—Charm and character of days gone by. 3 bedroom residence set on a glorious 1,208m² parcel of land. EER 2—\$1,360,000

WATSON—7 McCawley Street—Great location, short walk to parkland and play area. 3 bedroom residence. Opportunity to renovate. 696m² level block. EER 1—\$730,000

WRIGHT—168/61 John Gorton Drive—North facing 1 bedroom in the Ambiente complex. Complex has pool and BBQ entertaining area. EER 4—\$315,000



Thinking of buying or selling?

If you are looking to buy a property, or interested in the current market value of your property with a view to selling please contact

Peter or Jane to arrange an appraisal. Ph: 02 6257 2700.

