

This newsletter has been designed to keep you updated on what is happening within the industry and our real estate office

**FROM OUR PROPERTY MANAGEMENT TEAM**

**We are always on the lookout for properties**

Consolidating your investment properties to the one agency can make financial common sense. If you have another property in our area and would like our agency to assist you with the transfer process to take away the stress of changing agents, we would be more than happy to do so while ensuring that your tenants are not disrupted. We also offer incentives to landlords who refer business to our agency.

**Chill out with Sudoku**

Every row & column, and 3X3 box, must contain the numbers from 1-9. Good luck!

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**Inspirational Tip**

Anyone who has never made a mistake has never tried anything new. *Albert Einstein*

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# Is your property ready for winter?

Wintry winds, rain and frost can play havoc with poorly maintained investment properties.

Prevention is much better than cure, and it is therefore important to assess any potential or existing issues at the property before they escalate.

In determining if your property is ready for winter you should take into consideration the following:

**Gutters**

One of the most common winter household maintenance issues is clogged gutters, which can cause leaking and water damage. Landlords should ensure that gutters are free from leaves, twigs and other debris.

**Fences**

Fences should be well maintained and secure. Check that footings are stable and fence panels or brush fences are in order. Landlords should check with other property owners if shared or boundary fences are in need of repair as there may be a joint responsibility.

**Roofing and eaves**

Check for cracked or loose roof panels and tiles as these can cause leaking and water damage.

Look for rotting or water damaged eaves which can lead to salt damp and mould on interior and exterior walls.

**Tiles and pavers**

Cracked tiles and floor pavers should be replaced and repaired as they may pose a legal liability risk if a tenant trips and injures themselves.

**Trees and shrubs**

Prune loose or dead branches and check if there are any branches that have a dangerous overhang.

At routine inspections you can be assured that we will comment on any obvious signs of deterioration, however it is important to note that during these inspections, we cannot access all areas of the property (ie. roof), therefore it is recommended that you regularly employ the services of a building inspector to give you professional building advice as to any potential issues. P.T.O >

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## Property Improvements

### Before Making Improvements

It is important to consult a quantity surveyor before conducting any improvements to your investment property as the old structure may be able to be 'scrapped'.

Essentially if an item is scrapped the value of the item can be written off as a 100% tax deduction at the time of disposal,

It is a very complex procedure to prepare these reports.

The process involved in determining the amount of potential deductions available from a property often requires the engagement of a specialist surveyor.

Instead of repairing an old item it may be financially viable from a tax advantage to replace it.

Such as: fences, appliances, window coverings, carpets, etc.

### After Making Improvements

A specialist quantity surveyor is able to maximise the depreciation deductions from an investment property when works are deemed to be capital improvements.

Quantity surveyors are appropriately qualified to estimate construction costs for depreciation purposes.

When the total construction cost of an improvement is known, a surveyor will utilise methods that are ATO accepted to maximise depreciation deductions through the apportionment of items such as preliminaries, consultant fees and other associated costs. ■



## How would you like us to keep you informed?



With technology & communication methods progressively moving forward, our office has the ability to utilise many different options to keep you informed of the status of your property.

Whilst we look forward to speaking with you regularly on the 'good old' telephone, we also understand that this is not always convenient for all of our clients.

Please contact our office to advise if you prefer another form of communication, as we understand that your time is valuable and you may find it more convenient for us to send you an email or sms message when communicating with you or giving you general updates.

Regardless of whether you nominate another preferred method of communication (other than telephone), you can be assured that in the event that we require urgent information or time is of the essence we will still contact you via the telephone to seek your instructions. ■

## Tax time reminder...

With tax time nearly upon us, it is important that you take the time to carefully review your accounts and seek independent professional advice to assist you with getting the most from your investment. Seeking professional advice can sometimes mean the difference in saving \$100's to \$1000's in tax \$'s

## Properties Recently Rented!

Keeping you updated on the local rental market

### HOUSES

29 Braeside Road, Greystanes,  
93 Pendant Avenue, Blacktown,  
77 Grevillea Crescent, Greystanes  
3 Jason Street, Greystanes  
105 Dawn Street, Greystanes

## Properties Recently

### **SOLD**

Keeping you updated on the local sales market

4 Bambil Street, Greystanes

10 Bambil Street, Greystanes

22 Willow Street, Greystanes

463 Merrylands Road, Merrylands



With the first month of winter now here, it's an appropriate to remind you of the obligations you have to ensure that you have working smoke detectors in your home, they must be annually tested for their ability to detect smoke, produce a siren noise, be within their viability date and located in the correct position to be effective. Not only are you ensuring your safety of people's lives, you are complying with the Legislation and Tenancy Laws and ensuring your Insurance Company has no reason to decline a claim should the unfortunate event of a fire occur at your investment property.