



Property Market

Rented:

3801/35 Marquet St Rhodes
3/21-23 Gladstone St Burwood
2 Swan Ave Strathfield
8/119-121 Midson Rd Epping

For rent:

21A Pitt St Mortdale
106/89-93 Railway Pde Mortdale

For sale:

105/83 Lawrence St Peakhurst
22/37-43 Forest Rd Hurstville
604/7 Garrigarrang Ave Kogarah
B63/105 Church St Ryde

Featured Property



2 bed / 2 bath / 2 car

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105/83 Lawrence St, Peakhurst

Price Guide 800,000 – 850,000

- Modern jumbo full brick unit with 156m² total area.
- Large combined living/dining area with air conditioner
- 2 double-sized bedrooms with BIRs, access to spacious balconies and en-suite in main
- Modern kitchen with natural gas cooktop, dishwasher, window
- 2 modern bathrooms with tiles to ceiling
- Corner position with only one common wall
- Dual car spaces for parking convenience plus storage cage
- Convenience with bus stop and local shops nearby
- Within Peakhurst Public School catchment
- Quarterly strata \$1,153, council \$429 and separate water meter

Buying a home? Outsmart the interest rate rollercoaster

With interest rates likely to rise again, now's the time to bulletproof your finances, stress-test your budget and maximise your borrowing power.

If you're hoping to get the keys to your own place later this year, the work starts now, months before you put an offer in. Borrowing power is under pressure, with the Reserve Bank hiking the cash rate this week for a second month in a row. Interest rates are tipped to rise again as soon as May, while national home prices up also 9.1% on a year ago, meaning homes have around \$90,000 more value than they did just 12 months ago.

1. Study the market

The first step in buying a home is understanding what your money can buy - setting expectations early is crucial.



2. Work out how much money you need

Start by using a mortgage calculator or speaking with a broker to find out how much you can borrow and how that stacks up against property prices in your chosen area. The government's [First Home Guarantee](#), which allows eligible buyers to purchase with just a 5% deposit, has been massively popular since opening six months ago. However, saving a larger deposit reduces the amount of interest you will pay over time. Furthermore, property ownership comes with both upfront and ongoing additional expenses that those who've been renting may not be aware of.

3. Cut expenses and boost savings

Before applying for a loan, make sure your finances are in good shape — no overdrawn accounts, debts cleared, and a [solid credit score](#). Lenders generally prefer credit scores of 650–700+, which can help you secure lower interest rates and faster approval. Lower scores may be acceptable but may mean a higher deposit, extra fees or a specialist loan.

Australia's clean energy tipping point

With energy prices rising and generous rebates now on offer, home batteries are fast becoming a mainstream upgrade for Australian households. Here's how they work – and why more homeowners are future-proofing their homes. For years, rooftop solar has been the poster child of Australia's clean energy shift. But in 2025, the conversation evolved, and home batteries are taking centre stage as the next step in energy independence.

With generous rebates on offer and more than 250,000 batteries installed since the launch of the federal [Cheaper Home Batteries program](#), home energy storage has moved from early adopters to mainstream consideration.

For homeowners focused on lowering bills, increasing energy security and future-proofing their property, a home battery is becoming less of a "nice to have" and more of a strategic investment. Not only that, [a new report shows](#) energy efficient upgrades can add a significant price premium to your property, up to 6.9% in value, depending on where in Australia the property is. A home battery

system captures excess solar energy generated during the day and stores it for use later. Instead of sending surplus electricity back to the grid for a declining feed-in tariff, that stored energy can power your home at night, during peak pricing periods or during grid outages. In simple terms, it allows you to use more of the solar energy your panels are already producing – reducing reliance on the grid, cutting high electricity bills and lowering the cost of living.

