

Hervey Bay Area
Property Factsheet
1st Half 2019









## **MARKET CONDITIONS\*\*\***

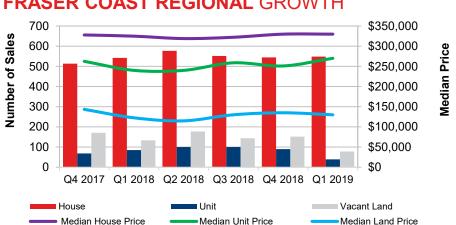
Hervey Bay\*, which for this research factsheet is represented by all suburbs in the postcode 4655, recorded a median house price of \$363,000 and \$270,000 for units in Q1 2019. These figures represented an annual (Q1 2018- Q1 2019) price growth of 3.7% (house) and 4.5% (units). Compared to the Hervey Bay\* 2nd half 2018 Research Factsheet, which reported an annual (Q3 2017- Q3 2018) median price change of 7.8% (house) and -0.4% (units), houses in Hervey Bay\* have become more affordable while units have strengthened in value.

In comparison, Fraser Coast Regional Local Government Area (LGA) recorded a lower median house price of \$330,000 in Q1 2019, signifying a relatively stable market. Median unit price in Fraser Coast Regional Local Government Area (LGA) were at \$270,000 in Q1 2019, with an annual price strengthening of 5.9%. This suggests that that the property market in Hervey Bay\* reflect premium median sale prices and further capital growth potentials when compared to the LGA.

Average vendor discounting remained relatively stable for houses over the past 12 months to Q1 2019, at -5.2%. This creates an ideal time for buyers to continue to benefit from discounts towards their property purchase. On the other hand, average vendor discounting for units has tightened, from -5.2% in Q1 2018 to -4.6% in Q1 2019, which suggests that buyers are willing to offer closer to the first list asking price. This indicates an ideal time for unit sellers, to capitalize on lower discounts and 4.5% capital growth on median price.

Over the past 12 months to Q1 2019 median house rental price recorded an annual strengthening of 1.4% to \$355 per week, whereas median unit rental price remained stable at \$300 per week. Investors are currently benefiting from low average days on the market, for both houses (19 days) and units (20 days). Vacancy rates in Hervey Bay\* have declined from 2.5% (June 2018) to 1.7% (December 2018). Further, investors are benefiting from high rental returns for house (5.0%) and units (5.8%).

#### FRASER COAST REGIONAL GROWTH



#### **OVERVIEW**

The City of Hervey Bay is located approx. 289km from the Brisbane CBD. There were no auction sales in Q1 2019, which indicates a preference for private treaty sales. That said previous auction sales over the past six quarters have indicated a sustainable level of auction clearance rates in the Hervey Bay\* area, averaging at 22.7%. This is higher than the Fraser Coast LGA average of 16.6%,

CHANGE FROM LAST	YEAR	HALF YEAR
House Sales	<b>↓</b>	<b>↓</b>
House Median Price	1	1
House Rental Price	1	lacksquare
Unit Sales	$\downarrow$	<b>1</b>
Unit Median Price	1	$\leftrightarrow$
Unit Rental Price	$\leftrightarrow$	$\leftrightarrow$

#### **FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS\*\***

Hervey Bay\* is set to invest approx. \$82.8M of future developments that are scheduled for construction in the 1st Half of 2019. Majority of the development value is being spent on commercial projects (\$57.7M or 69.6%), followed by residential (\$23.1M or 27.9%), and Infrastructure (\$2.0M or 2.5%).

A focus on commercial projects is key for Hervey Bay\* as it stimulates economic activity and create local jobs, resulting in spill-over benefits to the property market. Significant commercial project due to commence in Hervey Bay\* in the 1st Half of 2019 are the Urangan Commercial Centre (\$15.0M) and The Anchorage Urangan (\$15.0M).

Examples of key infrastructure projects include: Airport Avion Development Pavement (\$750K) and Boat Harbour Dr Pavement (\$400K), both of which located in Urangan. This will improve liveability aspects for current residents.

A total of 51 units and 244 Lots are planned for Hervey Bay\* in the 1st Half 2019. Examples of residential projects include: Madsen & Chapel Road Residential Subdivisions (\$6.6M,146 Lots), Boat Harbour Drive units (\$5.0M,28 Units) and Parklands at Bayridge Final Stage (\$3.3M, 27 Lots).

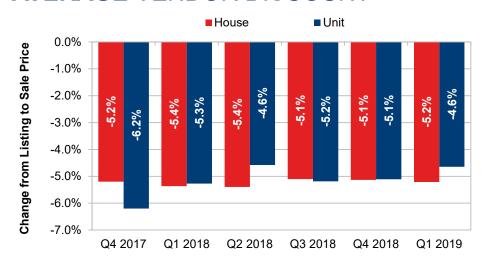
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## **AVERAGE VENDOR DISCOUNT\***



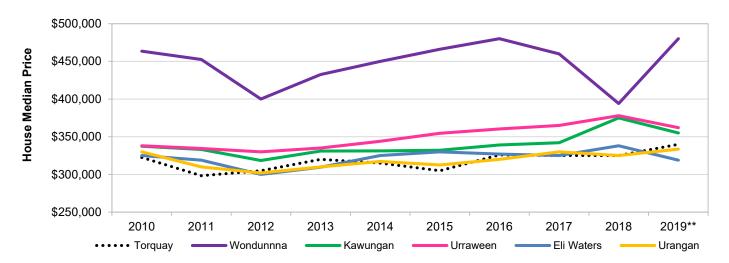
#### AVERAGE VENDOR DISCOUNT

Average vendor discount reflects the average percentage difference between first list price and final sold price. A lower percentage difference (closer to 0) suggests buyers are willing to purchase close to the first asking price of a property.

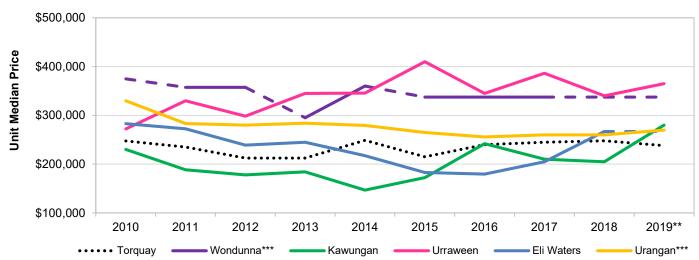
#### **MARKET COMPARISON GRAPH**

The market comparison graph provides comparative trend for median price of house and units over the past 10 years. Suburbs profiled are chosen based on proximity to the main suburb analysed in the factsheet, which is Torquay. The main suburb is highlighted through a dotted black line graph.

### **HOUSE MARKET COMPARISON**



## **UNIT MARKET COMPARISON**



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\*\*2019 data is representative of sales up to and inclusive of 31st March 2019, or end of Q1 2019.

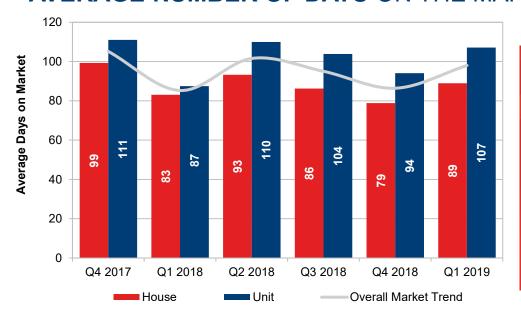
\*\*\*Dashed line in median price graph is due to limited or no sales for the particular period, and is indicative only based on previously known trends.

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## **AVERAGE NUMBER OF DAYS** ON THE MARKET\*



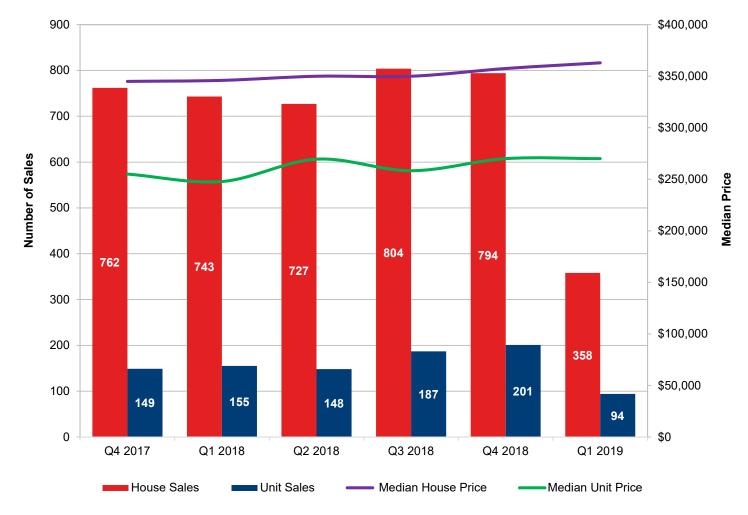
#### **HOUSE KEY FACTS Q1 2019**

Median Sale Price: \$363,000 Annual Growth: 3.7%\*\* Average Days on Market: 89 % Change between First Listed Price and Sold Price: -5.2%

#### **UNIT KEY FACTS Q1 2019**

Median Sale Price: \$270,000 Annual Growth: 4.5%\*\* Average Days on Market: 107 % Change between First Listed Price and Sold Price: -4.6%

## **SALES AND MEDIAN PRICES\***



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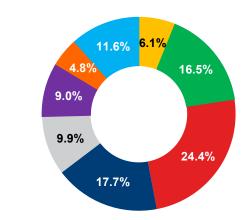


## **SALES PRICE POINT COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS\***

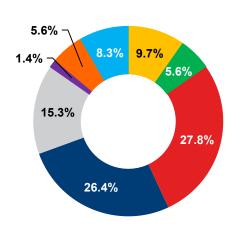
#### **HOUSE PRICE POINT 2017**

## 11.1% 6.1% 5.6% 15.9% 4.5% 9.7% 27.9%

## **HOUSE PRICE POINT** 2018



#### **UNIT PRICE POINT 2017**



- Less than \$149,999
- ■\$150,000 to \$199,999

Less than \$249.999

■\$250,000 to \$299,999

■\$300,000 to \$349,999

■\$350,000 to \$399,999 ■\$400,000 to \$449,999

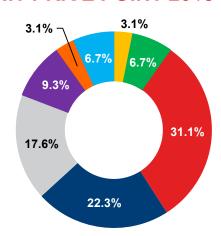
■\$450,000 to \$499,999

■\$500,000 to \$549,999

■\$550,000 and above

- ■\$200,000 to \$249,999
- ■\$250,000 to \$299,999
- ■\$300.000 to \$349.999
- ■\$350,000 to \$399,999
- **\$400,000 to \$449,999**
- ■\$450,000 and above

#### **UNIT PRICE POINT 2018**



#### **KEY IMPLICATIONS - HOUSE**

The Hervey Bay\* housing market has remained relatively stable in terms of sales price point pattern, with minor shifts within each price segment. In 2018, the highest proportion of sales activity was within the lower price segment of \$300K-\$349K price bracket. This price bracket has decreased in sales activity from 27.9% in 2017 to 24.4% in 2018

The most notable shift is seen in the \$450-\$500K price bracket, increasing from 4.5% in 2017 to 9.0% in 2018, which reflects the 3.7% growth in median price over the past 12 months to Q1 2019. The level of affordable options remained stable between 2017-2018, providing comfort to first home buyers wanting to enter the market.

#### **KEY IMPLICATIONS - UNIT**

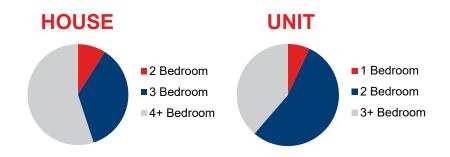
The highest proportion is unit sales activity recorded in 2018 was within the price segment of \$200K-\$249K. This price bracket has increased in sales activity from 27.8% in 2017 to 31.1% in 2018. This further confirms a high first home buyer activity within the lower price segments.

The upper price bracket of \$450K and above has decreased in sales activity, from 8.3% in 2017 to 6.7% in 2018. That said units priced between \$350-\$400K have seen a significant increase in activity, from 1.4% in 2017 to 9.3% in 2018. Those looking for affordable options need to act fast however, as the most affordable price bracket fo less that \$150K have shrunk significantly from 9.7% in 2017 to 3.1% in 2018.





## **INVESTMENT** ANALYSIS



#### **KEY COMMENTS**

Median house rents have strengthened over the past 12 months to Q1 2019 by 1.4% to \$355 p.w respectively, whilst median unit rents have remained stable at \$300 p.w. During this timeframe the number of properties rented declined by -30.9% (house) and -40.7% (units), which suggest median rental price increase may be due to an undersupply in the market. Investors are benefiting from low average days on market for both house (19 days) and units (20 days), which provides quicker returns. Thus now is an ideal time for investors to enter the market, particularly as houses have become more affordable.

#### **HOUSE KEY FACTS Q1 2019**

Median Rent Price: \$355 per week

Rental Yield: 5.0%

Average Days on Market: 19

Bedroom Breakdown:

2 Bed: 9%, 3 Bed: 36%, 4+ Bed: 55%

#### **UNIT KEY FACTS Q1 2019**

Median Rent Price: \$300 per week

Rental Yield: 5.8%

Average Days on Market: 20

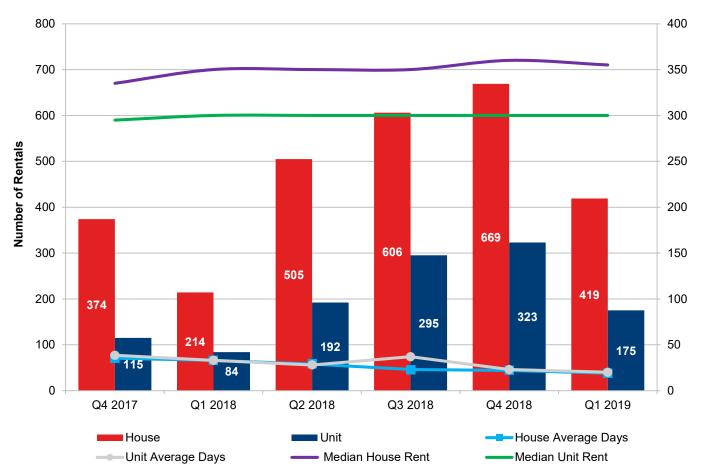
Bedroom Breakdown:

1 Bed: 7%, 2 Bed: 54%, 3+ Bed: 39%



Median Rent (\$) / Average Days on Market

## **MEDIAN RENT AND AVERAGE DAYS ON THE MARKET\***

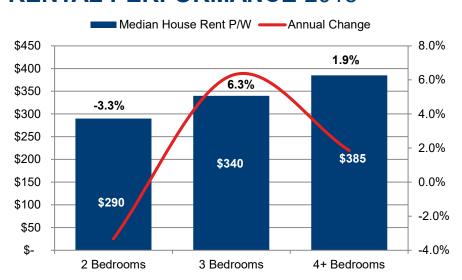


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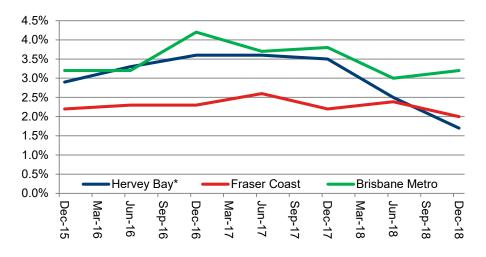




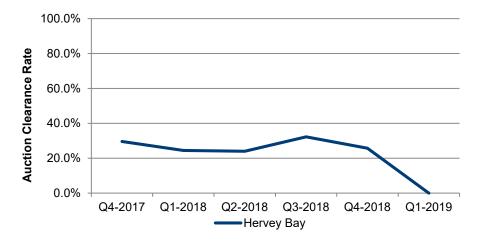
## **RENTAL PERFORMANCE** 2018\*



#### **VACANCY RATES** 2018



## **AUCTION CLEARANCE RATES 2018**



<sup>\*</sup>Rental performance graph represents aggregate house median rent prices in the following suburbs in postcode 4655. Annual change is a comparison between 2017 and 2018 median rent figures.

#### **KEY COMMENTS**

Rental returns in Hervey Bay\* is strong, currently at 5.0% (house) and 5.8% (units) as of December 2018. This is above Fraser Coast LGA (5.0% house; 5.6% Units) and Brisbane Metro (3.8% house; 5.2% units).

3 bedroom houses still provided the highest annual rental growth, at 6.3%.

Vacancy rates in Hervey Bay\* have decreased from 2.5% (June 2018) to 1.7% (December 2018). This is well below Fraser Coast LGA 2.0% and that of Brisbane Metro 3.2%. This suggests that rental demand in Hervey Bay\* is heading towards a healthier market, making it an ideal time for investors to enter the market.

#### **RENTAL YIELD** 2018

Suburb/ Postcode/ LGA	House Rental Yield	Unit Rental Yield
Hervey Bay*	5.0%	5.8%
Fraser Coast Regional LGA	5.0%	5.6%
Brisbane Metro	3.8%	5.2%

#### **Q1 19 COMPARISON**

Suburb/ Postcode/ LGA	Auction Clearance Rate
Hervey Bay*	N/A (i.e no auctions recorded)
Fraser Coast Regional LGA	16.6%
Brisbane Metro^	33.6%

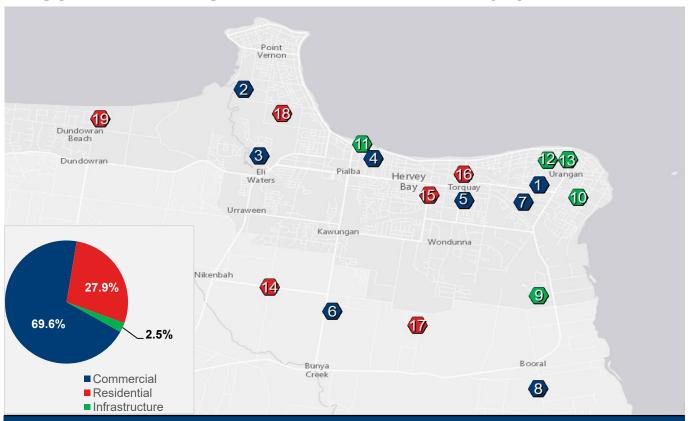
<sup>\*\*</sup>Auction Clearance rates for Hervey Bay are for all residential auctions held in the suburbs in the postcode 4655 ^Capital city data obtained by accumulating Domain's weekly auction clearance results.

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## PROJECT DEVELOPMENT MAP 1st HALF 2019\*



Location	Project**	Type	Estimated Value***	Commence Date****
1	Urangan Commercial Centre	Commercial	\$15,000,000	08/04/2019
2	The Anchorage Urangan	Commercial	\$15,000,000	10/06/2019
3	Maryborough Hervey Bay Road Medical Centre	Commercial	\$10,000,000	18/06/2019
4	The Avenue Corporate Complex	Commercial	\$10,000,000	27/05/2019
5	Torquay Commercial Development	Commercial	\$6,000,000	15/04/2019
6	Freedom Fuel Service Station Pialba	Commercial	\$1,200,000	30/06/2019
7	Urangan Medical Centre	Commercial	\$250,000	26/05/2019
8	Booral Road Outdoor Sales Yard	Commercial	\$250,000	05/06/2019
9	Avion Development Project	Infrastructure	\$750,000	30/05/2019
10	Boat Harbour Drive Pavement	Infrastructure	\$400,000	21/01/2019
11	Pialba Precinct Lighting	Infrastructure	\$300,000	18/03/2019
12	Hervey Bay Botanical Gardens Orchid House	Infrastructure	\$300,000	01/05/2019
13	Esplanade Corridor Pathway	Infrastructure	\$300,000	28/06/2019
14	Madsen & Chapel Roads Residential Subdivision Stages 1a- (146 Lots)	Residential	\$6,600,000	07/06/2019
15	Boat Harbour Drive Units- (28 Units)	Residential	\$5,000,000	28/05/2019
16	Torquay Terrace & Bideford Street Units -(23 Units)	Residential	\$5,000,000	17/06/2019
17	Parklands at Bayridge- Final Stage (27 Lots)	Residential	\$3,300,000	Nov-2018
18	Martin Street Residential Subdivision Stages 1-2-(37 Lots)	Residential	\$1,700,000	31/01/2019
19	Sempfs Road Residential Subdivision-(34 Lots)	Residential	\$1,500,000	26/05/2019

<sup>\*</sup>Disclaimer: Project development map showcases a sample of upcoming projects only, due to accuracy of addresses provided by the data provider for geocoding purposes.

<sup>\*\*</sup>Projects refers to the top developments within the suburbs of Torquay, Urangan, Pialba, Dundowran, Hervey Bay, Nikenbah, Point Vernon, Urraween, Wondunna, Scarness.

\*\*Estimated value is the value of construction costs provided by relevant data authority, it does not reflect the project's sale/commercial value.

\*\*\*Commencement date quoted for each project is an approximate only, as provided by the relevant data authority, PRDnationwide does not hold any liability to the exact date.

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