

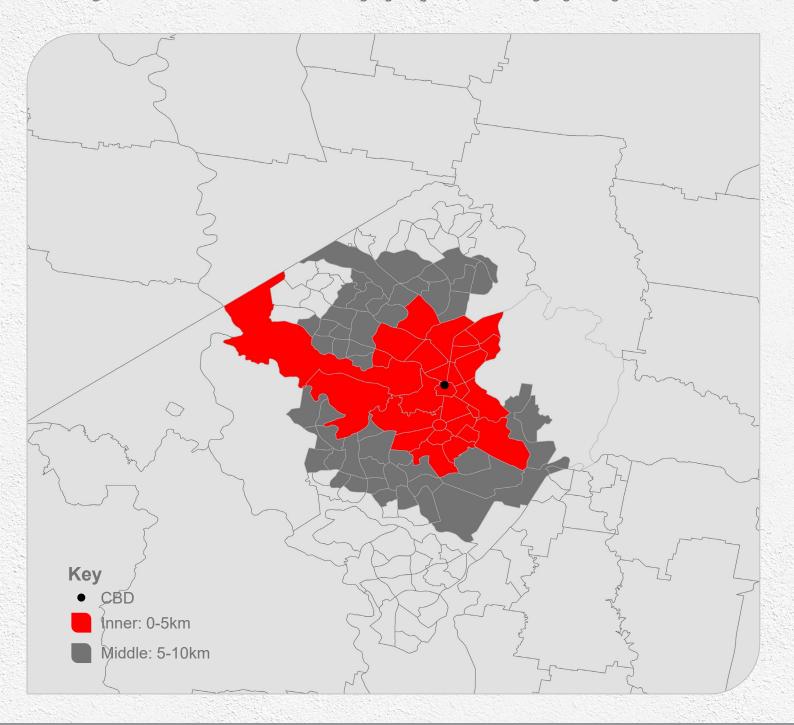
Canberra | Major City Market Update 1st Half 2021



# INTRODUCTION

A first of its kind, the *PRD Canberra Major City Market Update 1st Half 2021* is part of a series of reports which divides major cities into inner, middle, and outer-rings, allowing for an in-depth analysis of each specified market, whilst painting a holistic picture of property conditions in each area.

The Canberra market has reported continued strong price growth for houses and units in both rings over the past five years, with inner-ring houses proving to be a standout. Properties are now selling more quickly than pre-COVID-19, indicating strong buyer confidence which has translated into a swing towards average vendor premiums across most property types. Very low vacancy rates and steadily increasing rent continue to be a feature also, highlighting Canberra's ongoing strength to investors.







# **CANBERRA HOUSE SALES 2016-20**



#### 2020 Median Sale Price

Inner: \$1,060,500Middle: \$799,250

### 2016-20 Price Growth

• Inner: +17.8% (+\$160,500)

• Middle: +35.9% (+\$127,700)

### **Key Comments**

- Both Canberra's rings performed well in the past five years, showing solid growth in median house prices.
- The inner ring has again surpassed a \$1,000,000 median house price.

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# **CANBERRA UNIT SALES 2016-20**



#### 2020 Median Sale Price

Inner: \$523,150 Middle: \$467,000

### 2016-20 Price Growth

Inner: 3.6% (+\$18,150)

Middle: +11.2% (+\$47,000)

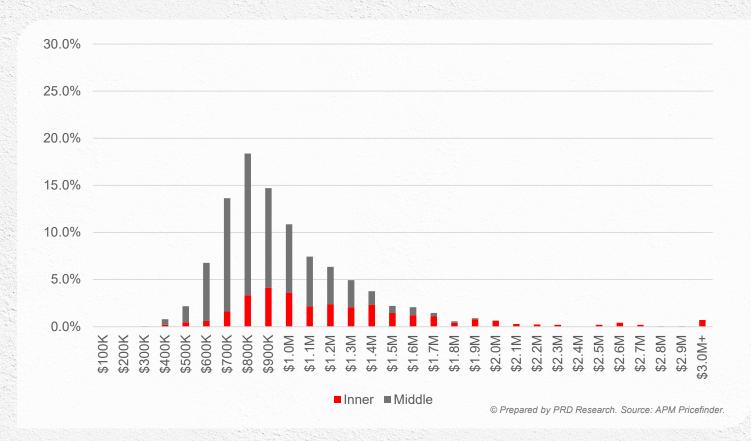
### **Key Comments**

- Canberra's middle ring shows a less volatile growth pattern, while the inner ring has fluctuated since 2016.
- This is the case despite the inner ring accounting for a larger sales volume.

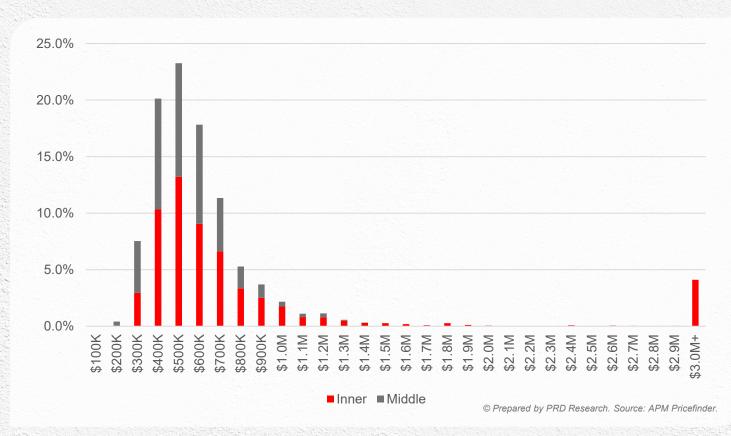




# CANBERRA HOUSE SALES PRICE DISTRIBUTION 2020



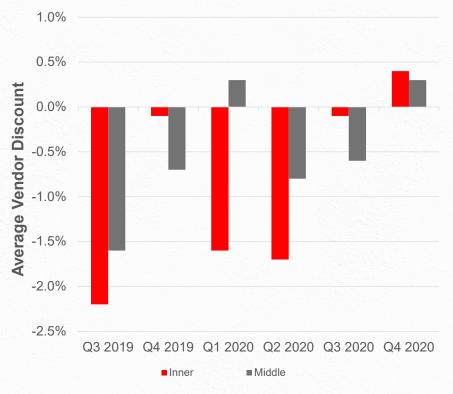
# CANBERRA UNIT SALES PRICE DISTRIBUTION 2020







# CANBERRA HOUSE AVERAGE VENDOR DISCOUNT



#### Q4 2020 Overview

Inner: +0.4%

Middle: +0.3%

# What is Average Vendor Discount?

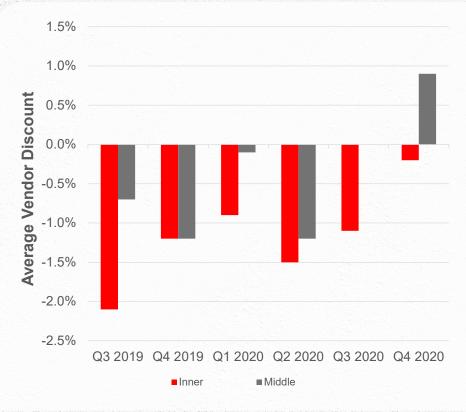
 The average percentage difference between the first list price and final sold price.

## **Key Comments**

- The inner and middle rings swung to house average vendor premiums (rather than discounts) for the first time together in Q4 2020.
- Both rings have showed an improving trend over the past 18 months.

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# CANBERRA UNIT AVERAGE VENDOR DISCOUNT



### Q4 2020 Overview

Inner: -0.2%

Middle: +0.9%

# What is Average Vendor Discount?

 A lower percentage difference (closer to 0.0%) suggests that buyers are willing to purchase closer to a property's initial asking price.

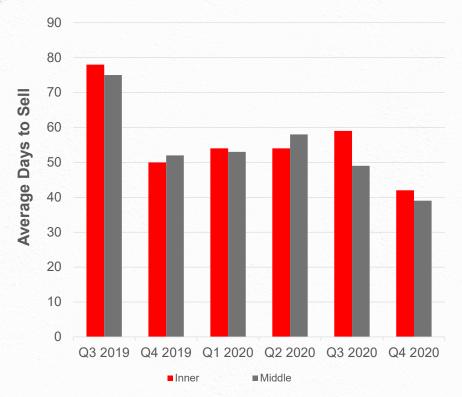
### **Key Comments**

- A vendor premium in the middle ring indicates buyers are, on average, offering above initial listing prices.
- Both rings have showed an improving trend over the past 18 months.





# CANBERRA HOUSE AVERAGE DAYS TO SELL



#### Q4 2020 Overview

Inner: 42 days

· Middle: 39 days

### Why Average Days to Sell?

 The change in average days to sell a property is indicative of buyer demand.

### **Key Comments**

- Both of Canberra's rings continue to perform similarly overall in the average days to sell a house.
- A declining trend since COVID-19 is also evident, despite an increase in overall sales activity across the rings.

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# CANBERRA UNIT AVERAGE DAYS TO SELL



#### Q4 2020 Overview

Inner: 61 days

· Middle: 54 days

### Why Average Days to Sell?

 A lower average number of days to sell a property reveals an increase in the willingness of buyers to purchase property more quickly.

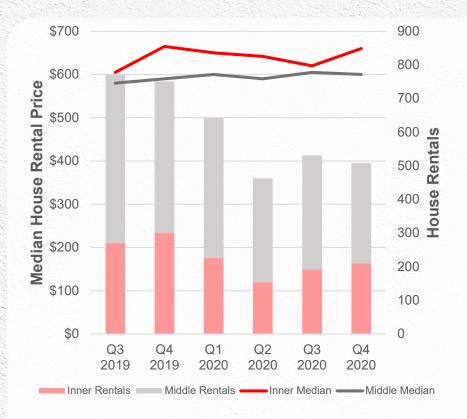
### **Key Comments**

- Units in middle Canberra continue to sell more quickly than inner ring stock since COVID-19's effect in Q2 2020.
- A steadily declining trend is apparent in both markets, suggesting increasing buyer appetite.





# CANBERRA HOUSE RENTALS



### Q4 2020 Median Rental Price

Inner: \$660 per week

Middle: \$600 per week

### Annual Price Growth\*

Inner: -0.8% (-\$5 per week)

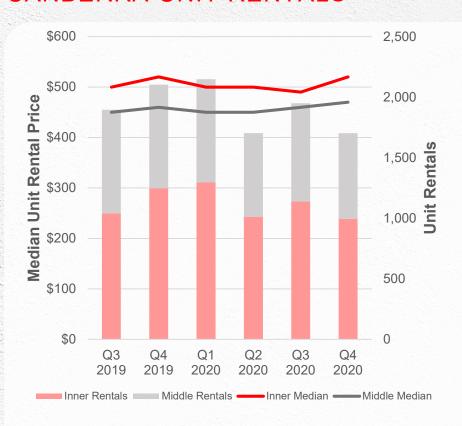
Middle: +1.7% (+\$10 per week)

### **Key Comments**

- Middle ring median rental prices have remained largely steady, overall increasingly slightly annually.
- Inner Canberra has seen an uptick since Q3 2020 in median house rental price.
   This has turned a trend of slow softening.

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# CANBERRA UNIT RENTALS



### Q4 2020 Median Rental Price

Inner: \$520 per week

· Middle: \$470 per week

### Annual Price Growth\*

Inner: +0.0% (+\$0 per week)

Middle: +2.2% (+\$10 per week)

### **Key Comments**

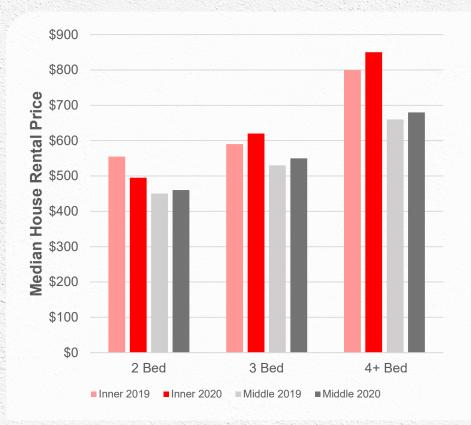
- Inner Canberra has seen an uptick from Q3 2020 in median unit rental price. This has reversed a trend of slow softening.
- A reduced supply of overall rentals may have helped cause this uptick.



<sup>\*</sup> Annual price growth is based on comparison between Q4 2019 and Q4 2020 figures.



# CANBERRA HOUSE RENTAL PERFORMANCE 2019-20



#### 2020 Median Rental Prices

#### 2 Bedroom

Inner: \$495 per weekMiddle: \$460 per week

#### 3 Bedroom

Inner: \$620 per weekMiddle: \$550 per week

#### 4+ Bedroom

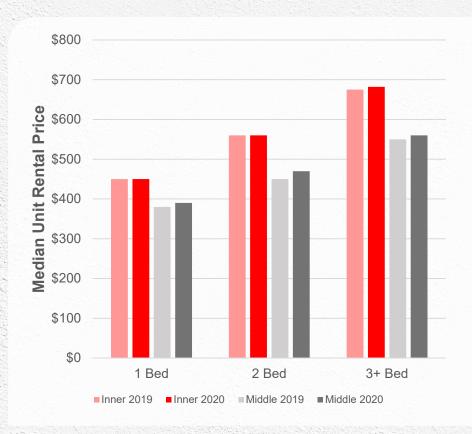
Inner: \$850 per weekMiddle: \$680 per week

### **Key Comments**

 Inner ring 4+ bedroom houses saw the largest increase annually, while also commanding the highest rental price.

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# CANBERRA UNIT RENTAL PERFORMANCE 2019-20



#### 2020 Median Rental Prices

#### 1 Bedroom

Inner: \$450 per weekMiddle: \$390 per week

#### 2 Bedroom

Inner: \$560 per weekMiddle: \$470 per week

#### 3+ Bedroom

Inner: \$682 per weekMiddle: \$560 per week

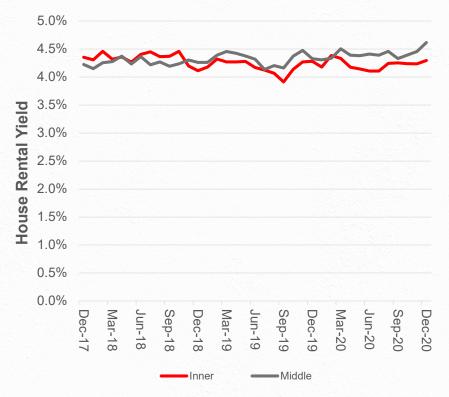
### **Key Comments**

 Price growth is more apparent annually in middle Canberra than in the inner ring, with only 3+ bedroom units showing positive growth there.





# CANBERRA HOUSE AVERAGE RENTAL YIELD



#### Dec-20 Overview

- Inner: 4.3%
- Middle: 4.6%

### **Annual Change**

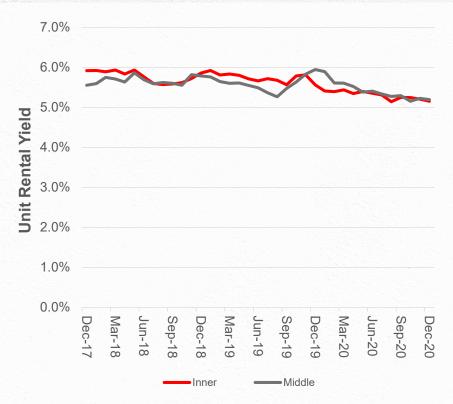
- Inner: +0.0%
- Middle: +0.3%

### **Key Comments**

- Canberra's middle ring recorded a superior average rental yield for houses.
- This is a reversal of trend that began to appear throughout 2018 and 2019, and is now more firmly established.

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# CANBERRA UNIT AVERAGE RENTAL YIELD



#### Dec-20 Overview

- Inner: 5.2%
- Middle: 5.2%

#### Annual Change

- Inner: -0.4%
- Middle: -0.8%

### **Key Comments**

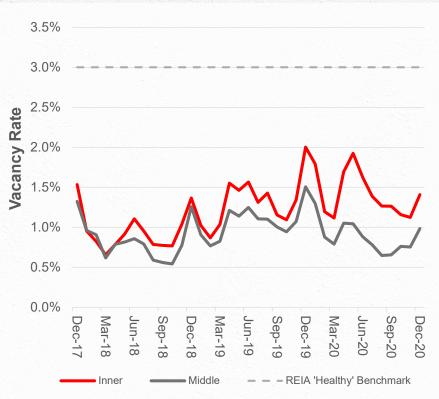
- Unit yields have continued to soften since early 2020, though their compression appears to be slowing.
- Units yields in Canberra's inner and middle rings continue to perform very closely to one another overall.

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# CANBERRA VACANCY RATES



### Dec-20 Overview

Inner: 4.1%

Middle: 1.0%

# **Annual Change**

Inner: -0.6%

• Middle: -0.5%

### **Key Comments**

- Both rings' vacancy rates have seen a decline since the peak of COVID-19 in May 2020
- Middle ring vacancy rates remain below the inner ring overall.

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# REFERENCES

Inner ring market data encapsulates aggregate property conditions within following suburbs:
Acton, Ainslie, Aranda, Barton, Braddon, Bruce, Campbell, Capital Hill, City, Deakin, Dickson, Downer, Forrest, Fyshwick, Griffith, Hackett, Kaleen, Kingston, Lyneham, O'Connor, Parkes, Red Hill, Reid, Russell, Turner, Watson, Yarralumla.

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Franklin, Garran, Giralang, Gungahlin, Harrison, Hawker, Higgins, Holder, Hughes, Isaacs, Lawson, Lyons, Macquarie,
Mawson, McKellar, Melba, Mitchell, Molonglo, Narrabundah, Nicholls, O'Malley, Page, Palmerston, Pearce, Phillip, Pialligo,
Scullin, Spence, Stirling, Symonston, Throsby, Waramanga, Weetangera, Weston, Wright.

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