

# Whitsundays Market Update 2nd Half 2021



### **OVERVIEW**

In Q2 2021, Whitsundays\* recorded a median house price of \$515,000, and a median unit price of \$290,000. This represents annual (Q2 2020 - Q2 2021) median price growth of 7.6% for houses and 18.4% for units. Between Q2 2020 - Q2 2021 total sales in both markets have increased, by 121.4% for houses (to 62 sales) and by 244.4% for units (to 124 sales). This is a clear indication of increased consumer confidence, with real returns on capital investment as price growth is accompanied by higher transaction volumes. This is an ideal time for home owners to achieve extraordinary results in their property transactions.



### MARKET CONDITIONS

### SALES MEDIAN PRICE Q2 2021



### **RENTAL MEDIAN PRICE** Q2 2021



#### SALES AVERAGE DAYS ON **MARKET Q2 2021**



#### **RENTAL AVERAGE DAYS ON MARKET Q2 2021**



HOUSE

### **FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS**

The Whitsundays\* area is set to see approximately \$115.3M worth of new projects commencing in the 2nd half of 2021.



The combination of these projects will stimulate economic growth and create large employment opportunities in Whitsundays\*. This will continue to have a positive spill-over impact on the real estate market.

A major mixed-use project in the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of 2021 is Whitsunday Green -Overall (\$60.0m). This project will construct 210 dwellings, in a lifestyle village residential setting - Fairway Villa and Greenside Villa. There will also be a golf course, outdoor gym, children's playground, a pool area, BBQ facilities, and a commercial space. A total of \$3.9M of residential projects is planned, adding 210 dwellings, 6 units/apartments, and 72 lots. A key residential project in the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of 2021 is Parker Road Residential Subdivision (\$2.1M, 46 lots) and Mount Whitsunday Drive Units (\$1.8M, 6 units).



### AVERAGE VENDOR DISCOUNT\* KEY COMMENTS

Average vendor discount reflects the average percentage difference between the first list price and final sold price. A lower percentage difference (closer to 0.0%) suggests that buyers are willing to purchase close to the first asking price of a property.



### MARKET COMPARISON

Average vendor discounts between Q2 2020 and Q2 2021 have tightened for both property types, to -2.3% for houses and -1.9% for units. The Whitsundays\* market is now shifting to favour vendors, where buyers are offering closer to the initial listing price. However buyers are still encouraged to enter the market, to take advantage of limited discounts available.

The suburb of Whitsundays has historically outperformed Whitsundays Local Government Area (LGA) in regards to house median prices. This trend has continued in 2021# with house. Units on the other hand have recorded on par results to the LGA.

The dominant proportion of homes sold across 2021<sup>^</sup> were priced in the middle price segment of \$450,000 to \$549,999 (34.1%). Units recorded a dominant price point within the lower-mid price segment of \$250,000 to \$349,999 (32.1%). First home buyers are encouraged to take advantage of current affordable opportunities.



The market comparison graph provides a comparative trend for the median price of houses and units over the past 5 years. The main LGA profiled was chosen based on their proximity to the main suburb analysed, which is Whitsundays.

UNITS SOLD

### PRICE BREAKDOWN 2021^

#### HOUSES SOLD





# RENTAL GROWTH 2021€

In June 2021, house rental yields in Whitsundays<sup>¥</sup> were recorded at 5.7%. In the 12 months to Q2 2021, the median house rental price increased by 31.8% to reach \$580 per week, while average days on the market declined by -25.9% (to 20 days). PRD Whitsunday recorded a significantly low average days on the market of 10 days, outperforming the general market.

3 bedroom houses have provided investors with +19.0% rental growth annually€, with a median rent of \$500 per week.

Also in June 2021, Whitsundays<sup>¥</sup> recorded a vacancy rate of 0.5%, below that of Whitsundays LGA (1.3%) and North Coast QLD (0.8%). Vacancy rates in Whitsundays<sup>¥</sup> have continue to decline, recording historical lows in the past 6 months, while remaining well below the Real Estate Institute of Australia's healthy benchmark of 3.0% as the economy recovers. There is healthy rental demand and investors can be confident of a conducive investment environment in Whitsundays<sup>¥</sup>.



### **RENTAL VACANCY RATES 2021**



### RENTAL YIELD 2021§



Whitsundays<sup>\*</sup> (4802)



Whitsundays Shire LGA



North Coast QLD



Whitsundays<sup>¥</sup> (4802)



Whitsundays Shire LGA



North Coast QLD



### TOP DEVELOPMENTS MAP 2ND HALF 2021\*



| Location | n Project <sup>e</sup>                            | Туре           | Estimated<br>Value⊭ | Commence<br>Date <sup>y</sup> |
|----------|---|----------------|---------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1        | Reefos Tourist Park                               | Commercial     | \$12,000,000        | 16/09/2021                    |
| 2        | Reefos Resort                                     | Commercial     | \$6,700,000         | 08/11/2021                    |
| 3        | Altmann Avenue Commercial & Community Development | Commercial     | \$300,000           | 19/08/2021                    |
| 4        | The Pub   | Commercial     | \$250,000           | 26/07/2021                    |
| 5        | Proserpine Shute Harbour Road Duplication         | Infrastructure | \$30,000,000        | 18/08/2021                    |
| 6        | Whitsunday Green – Overall- (210 Dwellings)       | Mixed-use      | \$60,000,000        | 01/10/2021                    |
| 7        | Parker Road Residential Subdivision- (46 Lots)    | Residential    | \$2,100,000         | 15/09/2021                    |
| 8        | 6B of Whitsunday Lakes- (26 Lots)                 | Residential    | \$2,100,000         | 01/07/2021                    |
| 9        | Mount Whitsunday Drive Units- (6 Units)           | Residential    | \$1,800,000         | 23/08/2021                    |





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### REFERENCES

\* Whitsundays market data and key indicators encapsulates aggregate property conditions within the postcode 4802.

\*\* Estimated values are based on construction value provided by the relevant data authority and does not reflect commercial and/or re-sale value.

# 2021 encapsulates sales transactions for 1H 2021 (01/01/2021 - 30/06/2021).

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€ Annual rental growth is a comparison between 1H 2020 (01/01/2020 – 30/06/2020) and 1H 2021 (01/01/2021 – 30/06/2021) house median rent figures.

¥ Whitsundays market data encapsulates aggregate property conditions within the postcode of 4802.

§ Rental yields shown are as reported as of June 2021.

A Project development map showcases a sample of upcoming projects only, due to accuracy of addresses provided by the data provider for geocoding purposes.

£ Projects refers to the top developments within the postcode of 4802.

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

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

Source: APM Pricefinder, Cordell Connect database, SQM Research, Esri ArcGIS.

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