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# Wodonga Market Update 1<sup>st</sup> Half 2023



## OVERVIEW

In Q4 2022, Wodonga\* recorded a median house price of \$528,000, and a median land price of \$342,500. This represents annual (Q4 2021 – Q4 2022) median price growth of 7.8% for houses and 59.3% for land. That said median house price softened by -8.2% on a quarter by quarter basis (Q3 2022 – Q4 2022). This is a reflection of interest rate hikes, consumer uncertainty, and economic conditions. House sales decreased by -42.3% (to146 sales) in Q4 2021 – Q4 2022, confirming a change in market dynamics. There is still an undersupply, but new opportunities exist for buyers ready to enter the market.



## MARKET CONDITIONS



## FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS

Wodonga\* is set to see approximately **\$21.2M worth of new projects commencing in the 1**<sup>st</sup> half of 2023. Residential



These projects will stimulate economic growth and create large employment opportunities in Wodonga\*, which should have a positive spillover impact on the real estate market.

A main residential project over the 1<sup>st</sup> half of 2023 is the Boyes Road Dwellings (\$1.5M). The project is will add 5 Dwellings to Wodonga\*.

This is the only planned supply. With an already reduced supply of readyto-sell land and dwellings, pressure on housing prices will continue. The current higher interest rate condition can create a temporary buffer, but it is not a sustainable strategy.

A main commercial project over the 1<sup>st</sup> half of 2023 is the Barnawartha Solar Farm (\$6.9M). This project is a part of a significant renewable energy push, which will create local jobs in the construction phase and after it is established. It can also act as a catalyst for more investment and property demand into the area.

The addition of two new service stations, 196 Melbourne Rd (\$3.9M) and 10-12 High St (\$2.5M) will assist further in the mobility of people. This improves liveability for residents.



## 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 Q4 2021 and Q4 2022 have swung to a discount for both property types, of -1.7% for houses and -10.3% for land. Q4 2022 recorded the highest discount for both property types since 2021, confirming a change in market dynamics. The market condition in Wodonga\* have now shifted to favour buyers, where sellers are willing to negotiate below the initial listing price.

The suburb of Wodonga has historically provided a more affordable market compared to Wodonga Local Government Area (LGA) in both house and land median prices. This said, 2022<sup>#</sup> has seen a return to parity to the wider Wodonga LGA, for both property types.

The dominant proportion of homes sold in Wodonga\* in 2022<sup>#</sup> were in the most affordable price point of less than \$499,999 (51.4%). Land recorded a dominance in the lower-middle price range, of \$150,000 - \$249,999 (52.5%). A premium market in both property types exist, but affordable options are plentiful for first home buyers.



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

PRICE BREAKDOWN 2022#



## RENTAL GROWTH 2022€

House rental yields in Wodonga<sup>¥</sup> was 4.4% in December 2022, significantly higher than Melbourne Metro (2.7%). This was paired with a 9.3% increase in median house rental price in the 12 months to Q4 2022 and a -11.6% decline in the number of houses rented. Further, average days on market to let declined by -5.3%. This suggests an undersupplied rental market, creating opportunities for investors looking for a more affordable option than Melbourne Metro.

4+ bedroom houses have provided investors with +8.7% rental growth annually, achieving a median rent of \$500 per week.

Wodonga<sup>¥</sup> recorded a vacancy rate of 0.5% in December 2022, which is below Melbourne Metro's 1.7% average. Vacancy rates in Wodonga<sup>¥</sup> have slightly increased in the past 3 months, potentially due to increasing interest rates and the financial viability of certain properties. That said vacancy rates have remained within the 0.5% for the past 24 months. This suggests a conducive and sustainable environment for investors, especially with the recent softening of median house prices.



## **RENTAL VACANCY RATES 2022**



#### **RENTAL YIELD 2022§**



Wodonga<sup>¥</sup>



Wodonga LGA



Melbourne Metro



Wodonga<sup>¥</sup>





Wodonga LGA

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## TOP DEVELOPMENTS MAP 1<sup>st</sup> HALF 2023<sup>#</sup>



Location	Project <sup>£</sup>	Туре	Estimated Value <sup>µ</sup>	Commence Date <sup>ψ</sup>
1	Barnawartha North Solar Farm & Battery Energy Storage System	Commercial	\$6,500,000	22/05/2023
2	196 Melbourne Road Commercial Development	Commercial	\$3,900,000	09/04/2023
3	Otr Wodonga Service Station - 10-12 High Street	Commercial	\$2,500,000	06/03/2023
4	Federation Clinic	Commercial	\$1,200,000	14/02/2023
5	207 Mckoy Street Warehouses	Industrial	\$730,000	26/05/2023
6	Huon Street Warehouse	Industrial	\$600,000	25/06/2023
7	Baranduda Cfa Fire Station Upgrade	Infrastructure	\$1,300,000	09/01/2023
8	Racecourse Exhibition Centre Redevelopment Electrical Works	Infrastructure	\$800,000	08/03/2023
9	Bellbridge Retaining Wall	Infrastructure	\$650,000	16/05/2023
10	Georges Creek Road Roadworks Stage 3	Infrastructure	\$450,000	30/06/2023
11	Gundowring Road Roadworks	Infrastructure	\$400,000	03/05/2023
12	Kergunyah Hall Upgrades	Infrastructure	\$386,000	20/02/2023
13	Wises Creek Road Roadwork Upgrade Stage 1	Infrastructure	\$300,000	16/01/2023
14	Boyes Road Dwellings (5 Dwellings)	Residential	\$1,500,000	24/02/2023

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\* Wodonga market data and key indicators encapsulates aggregate property market conditions within the Wodonga Local Government Area.

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

# 2022 encapsulates sales transactions for 2022 (01/01/2022 - 31/12/2022) only.

€ Annual rental growth is a comparison between 2021 (01/01/2021 – 31/12/2022) and 2022 (01/01/2022 – 31/12/2022) house median rent figures.

¥ Wodonga market data encapsulates aggregate property conditions within the postcode of 3690.

§ Rental yields shown are as reported as of December 2022.

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 postcodes of 3690 and 3691.

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

 $\psi$  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.

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