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PROPERTY NEWSLETTER AUG-INVESTOR NEWSLETTER SEPT 2014

This newsletter has been designed to keep you updated on what is happening within the industry and our real estate office

FROM OUR PROPERTY MANAGEMENT TEAM

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

We wish every father, grandfather, guardian & carer a very special Father's Day!



TERMITE INSPECTION REMINDER – WHITE ANTS

They are small little critters but can cause thousands in repair costs for a property if not detected.

Our agency recommends termite inspections once a year. When was the last time you had your investment checked for white ants?

For such a small tax deductible fee you will ultimately be protecting your investment.

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TO REPAIR OR NOT TO REPAIR IS THE BIG QUESTION

There is no disputing that if repairs are required at the property then action must be taken. However, we are finding that some landlords are making the decision of undertaking repairs (to save money) that are 'almost' as costly as the replacement.

If a repair is required you need to ask yourself three questions:

- 1) How old is the appliance or item?
- 2) What is the approx. cost to repair?
- 3) What is the approx. cost to replace?

While these may appear to be simple and straight-forward questions, we find that some landlords can have a mindset of 'just repair' thinking that it is going to save money.

Example: A dishwasher that is eight years old stops working and has no depreciation or tax saving benefits. The cost to repair has been quoted at approx. \$210 and the replacement cost is \$500.

Once an appliance or item starts to break down it is likely to do so again in the future.

LOSS OF APPLIANCE AND COMPENSATION

We also encounter landlords who state that they do not want to replace the appliance or item, such as an airconditioner or dishwasher that has ceased working.

While this is a consideration, you need to mindful that if the appliance or item was present and working at the start of the tenancy it must be maintained or an agreement reached with the tenant to compensate them for the loss of the item.

Owning a property is no different to a car... it must be maintained. Have you set up a savings account for the unexpected repairs?

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HOW MUCH DOES A TAP WASHER

COST?

Just a thought!



The cost of a tap washer is very little. At the large retail outlets you can purchase a pack of 12 washers for under \$5. The cost of the repair is actually in the labour or call out fee to replace them.

If a tenant submits a maintenance request for a leaking tap washer, it may be a consideration to replace all the tap washers at the one time.

We have over the years encountered situations where one tap washer has been replaced and then several weeks later another tap starts leaking.

In the average home there are approximately 10-12 taps. The plumber is already at the property, so think about being proactive to avoid another expensive call out fee in comparison to the cost of a tap washer.

All maintenance and repairs are a tax deduction.

DO YOU HAVE ANOTHER RENTAL PROPERTY LOCALLY

Call our agency to find out how we can save you money and streamline the management process by centralising your investment portfolio to one agency. We can manage the change with no interruption to the tenant.

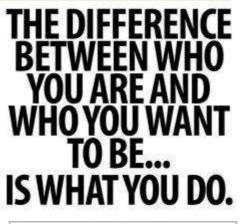
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STATEMENT CHECKS

Do you regularly check our rental statements, bank, credit card, utility accounts, super, shares and other important documents that are relevant to your money. We often hear many stories of incorrect deductions, readings and fraudulent transactions. Spot check them today.





Properties Recently Rented!

Keeping you updated on the local rental market

TOWNHOUSES/DUPLEXES 9-11 Doomben Cl, Casula - \$380 p/w 18 Boldrewood Ave, Casula - \$430 p/w 6-8 Mint Cl, Casula - \$440 p/w

Properties Recently SOLD!

Keeping you updated on the local sales market Fitzpatrick Crescent, Casula

\$472, 500
Hume Highway, Casula
\$552,000
Doomben Close, Casula

- \$557,000





Jennifer Newell has recently joined our team as our Client Relationship Manager. Jennifer is the point of contact for purchasers once a property has been sold right through to the settlement and beyond. If an investment property, she will be the liaison between the sales and property management departments. She will also be working with both sales and property management teams to ensure that all of our vendors, purchasers and landlords are provided with exceptional service. Contact Jennifer on 9731 6205

WE ARE FOCUSED ON MAXIMISING YOUR RENTAL INCOME

