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Welcome to our winter newsletter where we raise the housing issue surrounding school zones, share some insight into the market, discuss Pitch in for a Kitchen, our community involvement and provide other interesting real estate information.

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 ranked agent in
**Fremantle,
 Beaconsfield
 & Hilton***
 *Source: REIWA Summary Report,
 Market Share
 1/1/2015 - 30/6/2015

Speculation vs. Fact
 dG are Fremantle's # 1 Agent 2014*
 dG are Fremantle's # 1 Agent 2013*
 dG are Fremantle's # 1 Agent 2012*
 dG are Fremantle's # 1 Agent 2011*

*Source: REIWA Summary Report, Market Share 2011 -2014

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School Zones: Do they REALLY make a difference?

A recent Domain report analysed the growth rate of property prices within government school catchment zones nationwide to determine if particular school zones disproportionately impact property prices in those zones.

Domain Executive Editor Stephen Nicholls said the ability to easily discover whether homes fall in the catchment zones for leading schools was a "game-changer" for both buyers and sellers. "Agents say the difference between one side of the street and the other can be up to 10 per cent, based purely on schooling," said Mr Nicholls. "And much more than 10 per cent if buyers are fighting over specific properties at auction."

Perth's current hot spots are: Zones for Rossmoyne, Churchlands, Mt Lawley and Willetton Senior High Schools, Shenton College and Como Secondary College. Based on our sales experience other highly sought after government schools within the Greater Fremantle region include;

- East Fremantle Primary School
- White Gum Valley Primary School
- Beaconsfield Primary School
- Richmond Primary School
- John Curtin College of Arts

*Please note the above mentioned schools should in no way be considered as a recommendation. The information has been provided based on previous sales experience of dethridgeGROVES Real Estate.

Market Update by Hayden Groves

Since WA's population growth peaked in September 2012 and with the mining boom's peak long since passed, Perth's property values have stalled and rents have adjusted down. Values have not significantly fallen, in fact Perth's median house price over the twelve months to March 2015 shows a slight rise of 1.1 per cent.

Closer to home, the sub-region of Fremantle's median house price performed well, up 8.2 per cent on last year sitting at \$822,000. There is, however, more choice for buyers with local property listings up 18 per cent compared to last year.

Listing numbers are above normal levels and with average

selling days lengthening and a higher proportion (58%) of sellers discounting to meet the market, buyers are gaining the upper hand in a flattening market.

The rental market has adjusted down surprisingly rapidly with a sharp lift in supply (nearly 8500 rental listings currently advertised metro-wide) and vacancy rates touching 5 per cent. This has translated into median rents shrinking by 10.9 per cent throughout the Fremantle region as rental listings increased by 36 per cent in the March quarter alone.

On the bright side, interest rates remain encouragingly low removing some of the financial strain from property investors. Property values are holding too and it is somewhat refreshing to have a moderately stable property market after the relatively rapid peaks and troughs of the last decade.

Recently SOLD by Margo Pinkerton



11C McCleery Street,
Beaconsfield



15 Wood Street,
Beaconsfield



3/3 Ellen Street,
Fremantle



13 Breaksea Drive,
North Coogee



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For SALE by Margo Pinkerton



16 Montreal Street,
Fremantle
\$730,000 - \$750,000



1/22A Russell Street,
Fremantle
\$605,000



LIKE dG and SHARE our Facebook post to go into the draw to WIN a double pass to see **Tim Minchin** perform @ The Fremantle Arts Centre, Thursday 6th August 2015.

Competition closes 12.00pm Wednesday 5th August 2015. For T&C's, please see our post on FB.

Wishing you all the best of luck!

What is a Property Suburb Report?



The Real Estate industry has provided sellers and buyers with access to more information than they have ever had before. Although the information is highly beneficial it is often difficult to know where to start.

dG provide the **Property Suburb Report** as a way to gain a better understanding of your suburb market, insight into relevant facts (eg: highest sales price, median sales price), overall growth of your suburb and even a few recent sales within your area. The report is not a **Market Appraisal** and is not intended to be a valuation of your home. If you are at the point where you are interested in or ready to sell ask your preferred dG agent for a fully researched, up to the minute **Market Appraisal**.

Properties recently LEASED by dG

Keeping you up to date on the local rental market.

- 6/142 Watkins Street, White Gum Valley \$295 p/w
- 48 Quince Way, Coolbellup \$425 p/w
- 79 Hines Street, Hilton \$550 p/w
- 24/59 Breaksea Drive, North Coogee \$375 p/w
- 23/75 Phoenix Rd, Spearwood \$320 p/w

Looking to lease your Investment Property?

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FORM: Pitch in for a Kitchen, 100 Hampton Road

The folks at FORM are launching a crowdfunding campaign on August 3, 2015 to fund equipment for their 100 Hampton Road Kitchen, which helps disadvantaged social housing residents in Fremantle. Over the last year they've been running a weekly shared lunch program at 100 Hampton Road, WA's largest lodging house, with Perth Chef Sophie Budd. It's aimed at strengthening community and creating opportunities. But it's growing into something much bigger. Residents have been piloting the sale of jams, chutneys and preserves made using little more than a barbecue and an old stove. They've just given the kitchen a renovation after

winning a \$100,000 grant from Impact100 Fremantle. FORM wants the 100 Hampton Road kitchen to be a space for skill development, where disadvantaged and vulnerable people can gain the expertise necessary for employment in the food industry. FORM need your help to make this a reality. Please Pitch In For A Kitchen and share their campaign with your friends and networks.

To find out more, go to <http://bit.ly/1Mh611X> or call FORM on 08 9226 2799



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