

Welcome to our monthly newsletter. Keeping you in the loop in Sydney's real estate market.

## Property values soaring above 2017 peaks

Property values are continuing to soar with CoreLogic reporting that values have recovered beyond their early 2017 peak.

In fact, in the first ten days of March, house prices in Sydney rose by 1%. Based on the city's median house price of \$1.06m recorded by CoreLogic in February, that's a rise of over \$10,000 in under two weeks.

Besides the fact that the world is still in the grips of a pandemic, and that our international borders remain closed, buyer demand is rampant and being spurred on by not only the lowest interest rates in history, but also unprecedented levels of government spending and a little sprinkling of FOMO.

#### But is this pace of growth sustainable?

Economists from CBA are estimating that property values will rise by 9% in 2021, and 7% in 2022, while Westpac has predicted a 20% increase between now and the end of 2023.

It's got us all wondering the same thing.... How is this possible and sustainable???

While price growth is great news for homeowners, it creates significant challenges for nonhomeowners who want to get a foot in the door.

With rates not expected to rise until around 2024, if the property market continues to hot up as expected, a tightening in lending standards could be on the cards in the not too distant future, which possibly could start to slow things down.

### Record February stamp duty haul for NSW government

The property boom is driving record stamp duty revenue for the NSW government just as it is looking to reform its property tax regime.

February stamp duty revenue for NSW reached a record for the month of \$816 million, according to state government figures. That smashed the previous high of \$636 million in 2017.

Let's hope our state government puts these rivers of gold to practical use.

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