

# Investing in property

The tax, cashflow and structure considerations for property investment and development.



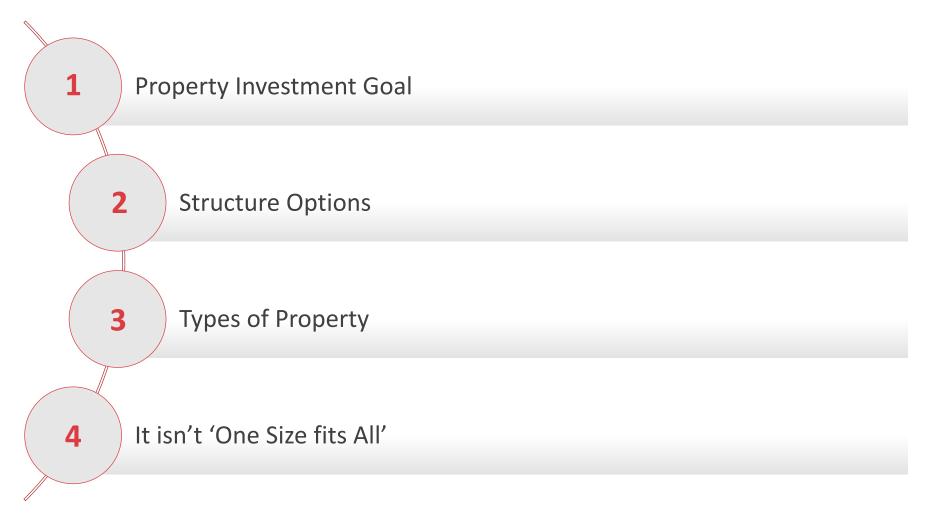
#### **Today's Presenters**



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## What We'll Cover





# Property Investment Goal

## Do Your Research – Be Prepared

#### PROS

- Less volatility Property can be less volatile than shares or other investments.
- **Income** You earn rental income if the property is tenanted.
- Capital growth If your property increases in value, you will benefit from a capital gain when you sell.
- Tax deductions You can offset most property expenses against rental income, including interest on any loan used to buy the property.
- Physical asset You are investing in something you can see and touch.
- No specialised knowledge required Unlike some complex investments, you don't need any particular specialised knowledge to invest in property.

#### CONS

- **Cost** Rental income may not cover your mortgage payments and other expenses.
- Interest rates A rise in interest rates will mean higher repayments and lower disposable income.
- Vacancy There may be times when you will have to cover the costs yourself if you don't have a tenant.
- Inflexible You can't sell off a bedroom if you need to access some cash in a hurry.
- Loss of value If the property value goes down you could end up owing more than the property is worth.
- High entry and exit costs Expenses such as stamp duty, legal fees and real estate agent's fees.



## Be Clear On Your Goal

The most common investment strategies are:

- Buy and Hold
- Renovate
- Capital Growth
- Negative Gearing

"Negative gearing without capital growth is just social housing."

Shannon Smit



## What is Negative Gearing?

When a property is negatively geared, it means **for tax purposes** the cost of owning it is more than the income it generates. Because this strategy returns a tax loss, it can seem risky – but there are benefits:

- You can deduct the loss from your taxable income.
- While you're making a loss, your
  property's capital value is (hopefully)
  growing. Negatively geared investors
  are banking on their overall loss being
  offset by their property's potential
  capital appreciation.



#### **Depreciation Deductions**

Restrictions potentially apply from the 2018 income year onwards for assets. Acquired after 9 May 2017, or;

Acquired in the 2017 year or earlier year and no depreciation deductions could be claimed in 2017 year



## Know Your Budget!

#### DEPOSIT

At least 10% - 20% (20% to avoid mortgage insurance).

#### CASH

You'll also need enough upfront cash for things such as stamp duty, legal and conveyancing fees, insurances, maintenance, and interest on borrowings.

Also consider how the cost of your borrowings could impact your investment (fixed vs variable)



## Structure Options

## Deciding On The Right Legal Ownership





# Types of Property

## Finding the Right Property

#### **PROPERTY TYPE**

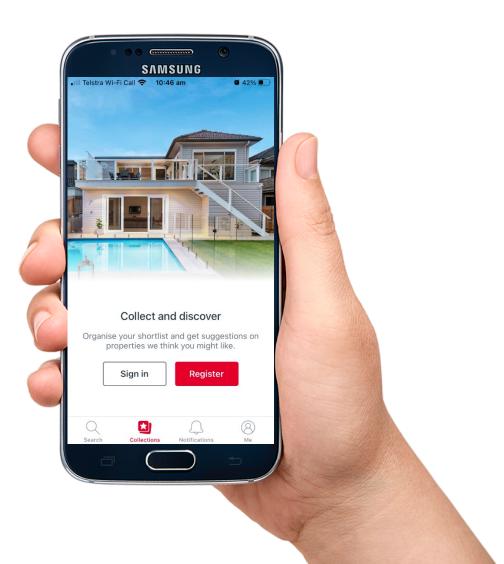
Commercial or Residential? A factory, retail store, medical? A unit, a freestanding house or a townhouse?

#### NEW OR ESTABLISHED

Some investors prefer buying brand new buildings while others see more value in established dwellings.

#### **SUBURB**

Suburb and location has a big impact on your investment. Check out suburb level data and hit the streets to see for yourself.





## **Differences of Commercial and Residential**

#### COMMERCIAL

- Lease Lease agreements are generally for longer periods compared to residential leases.
- Vacant Longer period between tenants
- **GST** Applies to the purchase, income and expenses associated with commercial property
- Maintenance Typically covered by the leasee of a commercial property

#### RESIDENTIAL

- Lease Lease agreements are generally for shorter periods compared to commercial leases
- Vacant Generally shorter period between tenants
- Maintenance The responsibility of the property owner not the tenant

Current net yields of >7%, with interest rates <3% = 4% gap. (Historically we expect to see a gap of 2%). This means, right now, there's the opportunity of a lifetime to get the best cash-flow returns you'll ever see out commercial property.



## Differences of New and Established

#### NEW

- Depreciation benefits
- Tenant appeal
- Protection
- Low maintenance
- Security
- Government incentives
- Less affordable
- Limited value-adding potential
- Greater market risk

#### **ESTABLISHED**

- Renovation potential
- Affordability
- Property history
- Negotiating power
- Capital growth
- Maintenance considerations
- Lower rental return
- Less appeal
- Lower depreciation deductions



# One Size Does Not Fit All

### **New Residential Property**

Purchase price	\$ 870,000
Purchase costs	\$ 49,570
	\$ 919,570
Investment (your money!)	\$ 223,570
Loan @80%	\$ 696,000
	\$ 919,570

870,000	Rental Yield	4.5%
49,570		
919,570	Interest Rate - 5yr fixed	2.94%

Tax Purposes	Α	nnual \$
Rent Received	\$	39,150
Interest	\$	20,462
Depreciation	\$	15,817
Water Rates	\$	830
Shire Rates	\$	1,700
Body Corporate	\$	3,200
Insurance	\$	350
Repairs & Maintenance	\$	1,000
Letting fees	\$	1,380
Agent fees 7%	\$	3,015
Total Tax Deduction	\$	47,754
Tax Loss (Negative Gearing)	-\$	8,604
Tax Benefit @47%	\$	4,044

Cashflow - P&I	A	nnual \$
Rent Received	\$	39,150
Interest	\$	20,462
Principal on Loan	\$	14,482
Depreciation	\$	-
Water Rates	\$	830
Shire Rates	\$	1,700
Body Corporate	\$	3,200
Insurance	\$	350
Repairs & Maintenance	\$	1,000
Letting fees	\$	1,380
Agent fees 7%	\$	3,015
Total Cash Outlay	\$	46,419
Net Cash Outflow	-\$	7,269
Tax Benefit	\$	4,044
Net Cashflow Perspective	-\$	3,225
Net cashflow per week	-\$	62

Cashflow - Interest ONLY	Α	nnual \$
Rent Received	\$	39,150
Interest	\$	20,462
Depreciation	\$	-
Water Rates	\$	830
Shire Rates	\$	1,700
Body Corporate	\$	3,200
Insurance	\$	350
Repairs & Maintenance	\$	1,000
Letting fees	\$	1,380
Agent fees 7%	\$	3,015
Total Cash Outlay	\$	31,937
Net Cash Outflow	\$	7,213
Tax Benefit	\$	4,044
Net Cashflow Perspective	\$	11,257
Net cashflow per week	\$	216



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### **Existing Residential Property**

Purchase price	\$ 870,000
Purchase costs	\$ 49,570
	\$ 919,570
Investment (your money!)	\$ 223,570
Loan @80%	\$ 696,000
	\$ 919,570

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Rental Yield

2.5% 2.94%

Tax Purposes	А	nnual \$
Rent Received	\$	21,750
Interest	\$	20,462
Depreciation	\$	8,319
Water Rates	\$	830
Shire Rates	\$	1,700
Body Corporate	\$	3,200
Insurance	\$	350
Repairs & Maintenance	\$	1,000
Letting fees	\$	1,380
Agent fees	\$	1,675
Total Tax Deduction	\$	38,916
Tax Loss (Negative Gearing)	-\$	17,166
Tax Benefit @47%	\$	8,068

Cashflow - P&I	Annual \$	
Rent Received	\$	21,750
Interest	\$	20,462
Principal on Loan	\$	14,482
Depreciation	\$	-
Water Rates	\$	830
Shire Rates	\$	1,700
Body Corporate	\$	3,200
Insurance	\$	350
Repairs & Maintenance	\$	1,000
Letting fees	\$	1,380
Agent fees	\$	1,675
Total Cash Outlay	\$	45,079
Net Cash Outflow	-\$	23,329
Tax Benefit	\$	8,068
Net Cashflow Perspective	-\$	15,261
Net cashflow per week	-\$	293

Cashflow - Interest ONLY	А	nnual \$
Rent Received	\$	21,750
Interest	\$	20,462
Depreciation	\$	-
Water Rates	\$	830
Shire Rates	\$	1,700
Body Corporate	\$	3,200
Insurance	\$	350
Repairs & Maintenance	\$	1,000
Letting fees	\$	1,380
Agent fees 7%	\$	1,675
Total Cash Outlay	\$	30,597
Net Cash Outflow	-\$	8,847
Tax Benefit	\$	8,068
Net Cashflow Perspective	-\$	779
Net cashflow per week	-\$	15



### **New Residential Property - SMSF**

Purchase price	\$ 870,000
Purchase costs	\$ 49,570
	\$ 919,570
Investment (your money!)	\$ 223,570
Loan @80%	\$ 696,000
	\$ 919,570

Rental Yield			
Interest Rate			



3.85%

Tax Purposes	А	nnual \$	Cashflow - P&I
Rent Received	\$	39,150	Rent Received
Interest	\$	26,796	Interest Principal on Loai
Depreciation	\$	15,817	Depreciation
Water Rates	\$	830	Water Rates
Shire Rates	\$	1,700	Shire Rates
Body Corporate	\$	3,200	Body Corporate
Insurance	\$	350	Insurance
Repairs & Maintenance	\$	1,000	Repairs & Mainte
Letting fees	\$	1,380	Letting fees
Agent fees	\$	3,015	Agent fees
Total Tax Deduction	\$	54,088	Total Cash Outla
Tax Loss (Negative Gearing)	-\$	14,938	Net Cash Outflo
Tax Benefit @15%	\$	2,241	Tax Benefit

Cashflow - P&I	Annual \$		
Rent Received	\$	39,150	
Interest	\$	26,796	
Principal on Loan	\$	8,148	
Depreciation	\$	-	
Water Rates	\$	830	
Shire Rates	\$	1,700	
Body Corporate	\$	3,200	
Insurance	\$	350	
Repairs & Maintenance	\$	1,000	
Letting fees	\$	1,380	
Agent fees	\$	3,015	
Total Cash Outlay	\$	46,419	
Net Cash Outflow	-\$	7,269	
Tax Benefit	\$	2,241	
Net Cashflow Perspective	-\$	5,028	
Net cashflow per week	-\$	97	

Cashflow - Interest ONLY	А	nnual \$
Rent Received	\$	39,150
Interest	\$	26,796
Depreciation	\$	-
Water Rates	\$	830
Shire Rates	\$	1,700
Body Corporate	\$	3,200
Insurance	\$	350
Repairs & Maintenance	\$	1,000
Letting fees	\$	1,380
Agent fees	\$	3,015
Total Cash Outlay	\$	38,271
Net Cash Outflow	\$	879
Tax Benefit	\$	2,241
Net Cashflow Perspective	\$	3,120
Net cashflow per week	\$	60



## **Commercial Property**

Purchase price	\$	870,000	Rental Yield
Purchase costs	\$	49,570	
	\$	919,570	Interest Rate
Investment (your money!)	\$	223,570	
Loan @80%	\$	696,000	
	\$	919,570	
Tax Purposes	A	Annual \$	Cashflow - P&I
Rent Received	\$	39,150	Rent Received
Interest	\$	20,880	Interest Principal on Loa
Depreciation	\$	7,500	Depreciation
Water Rates	\$	-	Water Rates
Shire Rates	\$	-	Shire Rates
Body Corporate	\$	100	Body Corporate
Insurance	\$		Insurance
Repairs & Maintenance	\$	-	Repairs & Maint
Letting fees	\$	1,380	Letting fees
Agent fees	\$	3,015	Agent fees
Total Tax Deduction	\$	32,775	Total Cash Outla
Tax Loss (Negative Gearing)	\$	6,375	Net Cash Outflo
Tax Benefit @49%	-\$	3,124	Tax Benefit
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fees	\$	1,380
ees	\$	3,015
ash Outlay	\$	39,339
h Outflow	-\$	189
nefit	-\$	3,124
hflow Perspective	-\$	3,313
hflow per week	-\$	64

4.5%

3.00%

Cashflow - Interest ONLY	A	Annual \$		
Rent Received	\$	39,150		
Interest	\$	20,880		
Depreciation	\$	-		
Water Rates	\$	-		
Shire Rates	\$	-		
Body Corporate	\$	1.12		
Insurance	\$	-		
Repairs & Maintenance	\$	-		
Letting fees	\$	1,380		
Agent fees	\$	3,015		
Total Cash Outlay	\$	25,275		
Net Cash Outflow	\$	13,875		
Tax Benefit	-\$	3,124		
Net Cashflow Perspective	\$	10,751		
Net cashflow per week	\$	207		



## **Commercial Property - SMSF**

Purchase price	\$	870,000	Rental Yield		4.5%	
Purchase costs	\$	49,570				
	\$	919,570	Interest Rate		4.50%	
Investment (your money!)	\$	223,570				
Loan @80%	\$	696,000				
	\$	919,570				
Tax Purposes	P	Annual \$	Cashflow - P&I	A	nnual \$	Cashflow - Interest ON
Rent Received	\$	39,150	Rent Received	\$	39,150	Rent Received
Interest	\$	31,320	Interest	\$	31,320	Interest
			Principal on Loan	\$	3,624	
Depreciation	\$	7,500	Depreciation	\$		Depreciation
Water Rates	\$	_	Water Rates	\$	223	Water Rates
Shire Rates	\$	-	Shire Rates	\$		Shire Rates
Body Corporate	\$	-	Body Corporate	\$		Body Corporate
Insurance	\$	2	Insurance	\$	12	Insurance
Repairs & Maintenance	\$	-	Repairs & Maintenance	\$		Repairs & Maintenance
Letting fees	\$	1,380	Letting fees	\$	1,380	Letting fees
Agent fees	\$	3,015	Agent fees	\$	3,015	Agent fees
Total Tax Deduction	\$	43,215	Total Cash Outlay	\$	39,339	Total Cash Outlay
Tax Loss (Negative Gearing)	-\$	4,065	Net Cash Outflow	-\$	189	Net Cash Outflow
Tax Benefit @15%	\$	610	Tax Benefit	\$	610	Tax Benefit

Net Cashflow Perspective Net cashflow per week

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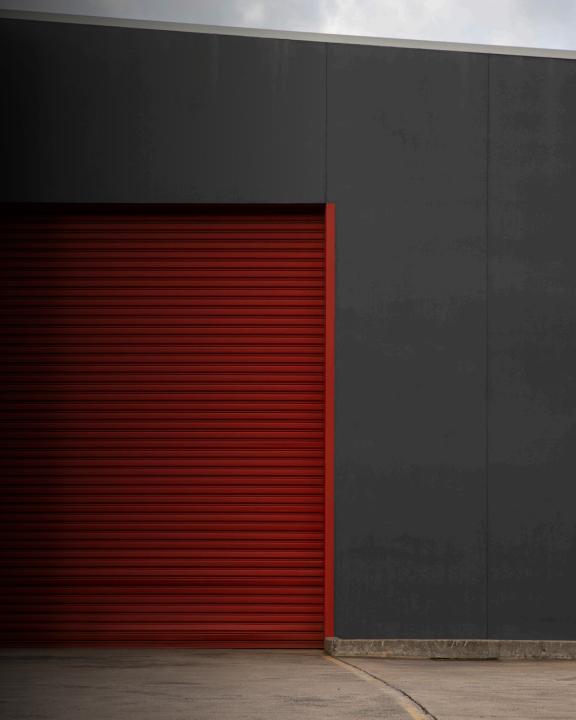
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Rent Received	\$	39,150
Interest	\$	31,320
Depreciation	\$	-
Water Rates	\$	-
Shire Rates	\$	-
Body Corporate	\$	-
Insurance	\$	
Repairs & Maintenance	\$	-
Letting fees	\$	1,380
Agent fees	\$	3,015
Total Cash Outlay	\$	35,715
Net Cash Outflow	\$	3,435
Tax Benefit	\$	610
Net Cashflow Perspective	\$	4,045
Net cashflow per week	\$	78



## Going back to your goal...

- Structure
  - Legal Owner
  - $\circ$  Tax Position
  - Expected ownership duration
- Туре
  - o Residential or Commercial
  - $\circ$   $\,$  New / Off the Plan or Existing
- Get advice!



### How we can help.







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