

## **Sales Market**

## Families trying to break into the housing market in the 4101 postcode are becoming increasingly frustrated

#### **Sales Overview**

It was a slightly busier quarter for house sales in West End with an additional 21 sales settled. Turnover is still down though, with owners continuing to hold tight. With the ever constant lure of Brisbane State High, families trying to break into the housing market in the 4101 postcode are becoming increasingly frustrated trying to find a family home, and this is spilling over to a more noticeable demand for townhouses or 3 bedroom apartments as an alternative home. However unfortunately these can be just as rare as houses for sale to find!

The number of transactions with apartments is also subdued, though still tracking along at reasonable volumes. The median price has also now pulled back under \$550,000 for the first time in a couple of years. With just under 1000 newly constructed apartments completed in West End for all of 2016, the true volume of settled sales will become more apparent in the first quarters of 2017 once the delayed data filters through. With this volume of new property, it will look like increase of turnover, even though it is actually just new residences added to the area.

Note: our graphs track the sales stats 3 months in arrears only as it takes this long for fully accurate records to finalise.

# West End House Sales 100 90 80 70 60 40 30 20 70 2007 2008 2009 2010 2011 2012 2013 2014 2015 2016 550000







"Many thanks go especially to you Rebecca for your honesty, your unwavering determination and your cheerful optimism. Our thanks too go to the Bees Nees team involved for all your hard work in achieving this sale. We are very happy with the result."

Dennis and Melinda

#### Rebecca Herbst

West End Sales Specialist at Bees Nees City Realty

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David Sandison

#### **Nathaniel Smith**

New Business Manager at Bees Nees City Realty

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Above: Nathaniel Smith at Wilson's Lookout

## **Rental Market**

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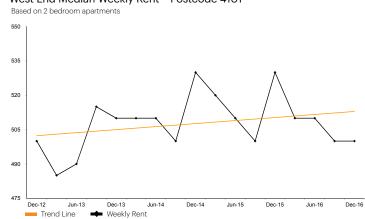
#### **Rental Overview**

The full year's data is now in for 2016 and no-one's surprised to see it's been a record for new supply, with the local rental pool growing by a very substantial 10%! We now have almost 7,000 rental homes in the 4101 postcode. The reported median rents have stayed flat and, while there's some comfort for landlords that demand may be keeping up with supply, these new apartments usually have high rents. So there's some 'upwards distortion' in the stats and our on the ground experience tells us local rents are clearly lower.

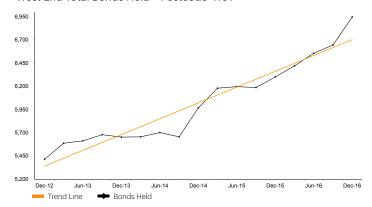
Our office had a record January with 41 new leases signed, and our property managers are witnessing first-hand the considerable interest from middle and outer ring Brisbane tenants moving in to be a part of this neighbourhood. Demand is growing at a rapid pace. Our latest count of new projects under construction in 4101 shows another 4,230 apartments to be completed by the end 2018. So we'll need that high demand to grow a little further yet!

Note: RTA stats quoted here cover all of postcode 4101 including Highgate Hill and South Brisbane.

#### West End Median Weekly Rent - Postcode 4101



#### West End Total Bonds Held - Postcode 4101



## **West End Buzz**

#### **Recent Sales**



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#### **Cordeaux Street**

Apartment in small complex Great location

Sold Sep 2016 for \$440,000 By Other Agent



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#### **Cambridge Street**

2 Levels of Living Space Beautifully Renovated

Sold Nov 2016 for \$1,155,000

By Bees Nees City Realty

#### **Recent Rentals**









#### Who are Bees Nees?

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We know Brisbane city property inside out!

