

A young man and woman are laughing joyfully outdoors. The woman is in the foreground, her head tilted back and mouth wide open in a hearty laugh. She has long, wavy blonde hair and is wearing a white top. The man is behind her, also laughing, with his mouth open and eyes squinted. He has short brown hair and a beard, and is wearing a patterned shirt. The background is a soft-focus green, suggesting a park or garden setting. The overall mood is happy and carefree.

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Who says you can't do both?

**You don't need to be loaded to have an awesome property portfolio.
You just need to get smart.**

Your property investment checklist.

- 1.** Use your home to buy another
- 2.** Nail your budget
- 3.** Get a loan that works for you
- 4.** Cashflow aka show me the money!
- 5.** Choose the ultimate investment property

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Owning and investing how's that for a side-hustle?





1. Use your home to buy another.

Ok let's tackle the big one, deposit

So, you've already got a home - win. That means you might be able to use the equity in your current home to top up your deposit.

Accessing your equity

You'll need to work out your Loan-to-Value Ratio (LVR). You just need to have a valuation done on your property (tip, your broker can help with this for FREE). From there, a lender will use your LVR to figure out how much useable equity you have and how much you'll be able to borrow.

Deposit sizes and the requirements you have to meet vary from lender to lender, but the rule of thumb is a 10-20% deposit. We have access to a panel of over 60 lenders so you're in with a pretty good chance of finding a loan that will work for you.

Don't forget, equity is not free money. When you access your equity your loan balance will increase and so will your repayments.

What is equity?

Equity is the difference between the money you owe on your property and what a lender thinks your property could sell for.

If you had a loan balance of \$500,000 and you had your property valued at \$800,000 then you would have \$300,000 of equity and a loan-to-value ratio (LVR) of 62.5%





2. Nail your budget.

You don't need to be mega-rich to have a side hustle investing in property. Once you've nailed your budget, you're halfway there.

It's all about knowing what costs you're up for and making sure you're prepared. An investment property has a lot of the same initial costs as a property you live in, but there are a few ongoing costs you need to have on your radar.

Some things to consider:

- ▶ **Insurance:** You never know what's going to happen, so it's good to have landlord insurance. No one wants to be out of pocket for a flood stained apartment or tenants who won't pay rent.
- ▶ **Land tax:** This one is paid annually by the owner of the land.
- ▶ **Council rates & strata fees:** Council rates change depending on where your property is located so make sure to do your research.
- ▶ **Rental management:** You're going to want a good property manager - they're worth their weight in gold.
- ▶ **Maintenance:** Being an owner means you'll want to keep your investment looking its best.

Don't stress though,

your broker can help you sort through the numbers and set a budget that works for you.

Borrowing power vs buying power

Straight talk; your borrowing capacity [aka the amount of money the bank or lender will lend you] is not the same as what you can spend on your new property. Your broker can help you work out the fees and costs that apply to you so you'll know in advance what your repayments will be and how much you can really spend on your new property.

3. Get the right loan.

You're going to want a broker on your side when it comes to getting a loan that's right for you. We have access to over 60 lenders from the biggest Australian banks right through to specialist lenders.



Negotiate and save

There are a lot of options and product features that come with different loans; offset accounts, redraw facilities, fixed and variable rates. We've got your back. A broker can access investment loan offers for you and negotiate a competitive deal. We look to save you in interest payments and fees by finding the right loan and repayment structure for you.





4. Cashflow aka show me the money!

To really be an investing guru you'll need to absolutely **nail** your property investment strategy.

Negative gearing

Negative gearing is a way of minimising your taxable income. A property investment with negative cash flow means the expenses you're paying on the property are greater than the income you get from the property.

Don't get too excited though, if you're making a loss on your investment property you're losing money, so you'll need to make sure you have other income to fund your expenses. If you sell your property for a profit, the tax man collects on the capital gain.

Rental yield

Rental yield is the money you earn from rental income minus any expenses you have to pay.

Rental yield can be calculated as a gross percentage (before expenses are deducted) or as a net percentage (with expenses included).

Gross rental yield

Gross rental yield = (annual rental income / total property cost) x 100

Net rental yield

Net rental yield = (annual rental income - annual expenses) / (Total property cost) x 100





Reduce your taxable income. Let's do the sums.



You rent out your investment property for:
\$1,950 per month



Your monthly loan repayments are:
\$2,000 per month



You pay other property costs of:
\$325 per month



You've got a shortfall of:
\$375 per month



Which is a yearly shortfall of:
\$4,500



Your annual salary is:
\$100,000



**Your salary minus your shortfall
is your new taxable income:**
\$95,500

5. Choosing the ultimate investment property.

As a property investor the dream is a high yield property in a location with big capital gains, strong rental return and low maintenance costs - not asking for much.

But, what if your state is seriously expensive? Have you thought about investing interstate? We think it's worth a look.

Do your research

Ok, so you don't know the market as well as you know your own state, but with bit of research you'll soon know what's worth your time.

Use average house prices for that state to know if what you're looking at is good value. Then, consider any extras the property has that might mean capital growth.

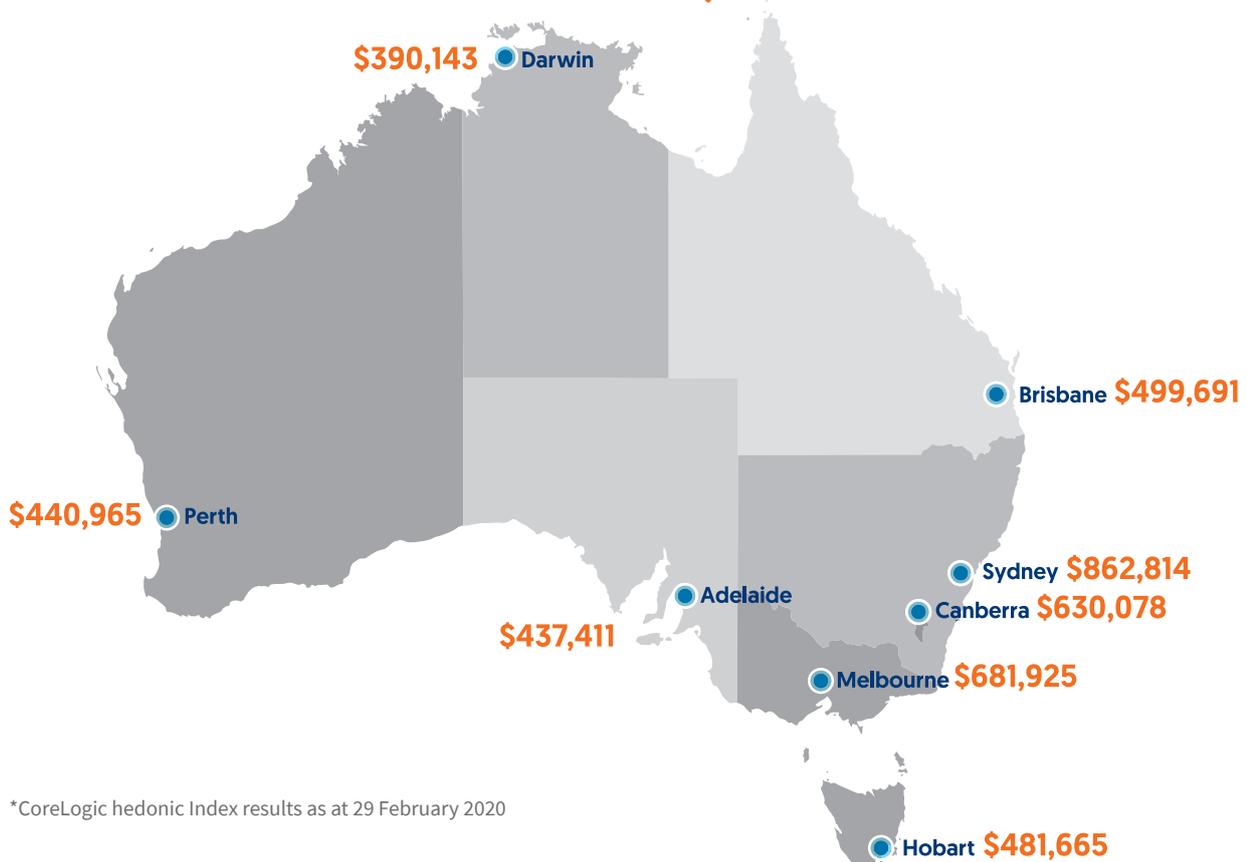
Gather your posse

It's not always possible to view properties. Read carefully, buyer's agents are your new best friend. Say you're living in Sydney and you've found a great property in Adelaide; you could take time off work, hop on a plane and go see it or you could use a buyer's agent. A buyer's agent will check out the property and suburb and let you know if it's a good fit for your strategy. You will need to pay your buyer's agent a commission fee.

*The best member of your investment gang?
Your broker.*

A broker can help you calculate the costs of investing interstate and find the right loan for you.

Australian median house prices*



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