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## Mosman prestige market defies downturn

# Mosman's prestige market has defied the current downturn, with strong interest in homes over \$8 million

2022 may have generally been a year of falling prices for Sydney real estate, but here in Mosman, the prestige property market remained strong. Despite a small correction over winter, we saw consistently high levels of demand throughout the year, resulting in several record sales.

We analyse the past 12 months in the local market for properties over \$8 million and explore what's likely to happen into 2023.

### Prices rising after a mid-year correction

Price falls took longer to impact Mosman prestige property than most other segments of Sydney's real estate market. While Sydney's median dwelling value began slipping in February this year, it wasn't until June that we saw a correction in our local area.

Realestate.com.au data shows that over winter and early Spring, the median price on a Mosman home slipped around 11%. However, our experience has been that the prestige market was more robust, and that falls of closer to 5% were more typical - and that either side of this recalibration prices continued to grow.

This is in line with Domain's data, which found that the price of the median five-bedroom Mosman home rose 12.5% over the past 12 months, while the price of two-and three-bedroom homes stayed relatively unchanged.

## Local buyers trading up into prestige market

One of the key trends we've seen over 2022 has been local residents trading up into larger homes. These buyers have been joined by an influx of eastern suburbs residents, who are crossing the bridge in search of the leafiness, space and harbourside lifestyle that the lower north shore provides.

Just a year or two ago, many of these buyers may have been prepared to stay put and undertake a major renovation. However, over 2022, the timelines on renovations have been blowing out while the labour and materials have risen exponentially. In fact, the ABS reports that input costs into the building sector rose 16% in the 12 months to September 2022. For those looking for more spacious quarters, this has made moving into a new home an attractive proposition, especially if it has been recently renovated so that no large-scale work is needed.

#### Expats and overseas buyers

Another group we're seeing in large numbers is overseas buyers. Many of these are expats working in the financial and creative industries in the United States, UK and Asia.

These Australians often intend to buy into the Sydney market with a view to returning home down the track. Many are choosing to do this now, given that a low Australian Dollar makes Australian property more affordable.



Despite being easily the most expensive market in Australia, Sydney's prestige property also represents relatively good value compared to many other global cities.

#### What to expect in 2023

We expect to see a more positive property market in 2023 across the board, especially once the RBA stops lifting interest rates.

While interest rate rises may have only limited direct impact on the prestige market, we still believe that they are hampering prices indirectly because entry-level and mid-market buyers are feeling the squeeze. When the RBA starts lifting rates, they should gain greater budget certainty and return to the market, putting upwards pressure on prestige real estate prices. At the same time, we expect supply at the top-end to remain constrained, with tight stock levels.

#### Our advice for buyers and sellers

While we may not see the same runaway growth we experienced over 2020 and 2021, it pays to remember that when the Sydney property market turns, it often turns fast. So buyers holding off waiting for a bargain may find themselves sorely disappointed.

For sellers of prestige property, it's possible to achieve a great price. However, marketing your property effectively means engaging a real estate agent with local knowledge as well as networks extending around Sydney and overseas.

With more than 15 years' experience in the local market, we can help you attract the right buyer and maximise your property's value.

#### Want more?

If you'd like to know more about the current market or receive a free appraisal of your home please feel free to get in touch.

Kind regards,



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# Top 5 house sales on the Lower North Shore 2022.



31 Stanley Avenue, Mosman

5 bed 6 bath 2 car 1,188sqm Sold March \$33,000,000



16 Iluka Road, Mosman

5 bed 6 bath 3 car 1,720sqm Sold October \$30,500,000



65 Coolawin Road, Northbridge

5 bed 5 bath 2 car 1,853sqm Sold February \$25,000,000



8 Burran Avenue, Mosman

5 bed 6 bath 2 car 1,113sqm Sold June \$25,000,000



#### 367 Edinburgh Road, Castlecrag

4 bed 4 bath 3 car 1,048sqm Sold July \$23,500,000

# Top 5 Apartment sales on the Lower North Shore 2022.



3/2e Mosman Street, Mosman

4 bed 4 bath 3 car Sold May \$14,100,000



6a/63 Kirribilli Avenue, Kirribilli

3 bed 3 bath 2 car Sold March \$13,500,000



3/1 Musgrave Street, Mosman

3 bed 2 bath 2 car Sold December \$9,600,000



1/67a Muston Street, Mosman

3 bed 2 bath 2 car Sold May \$8,750,000



201/3 East Crescent Street, McMahons Point

4 bed 3 bath 3 car Sold May \$8,300,000



#### MOSMAN HOUSE SALES 2022 OVER \$8M



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200a Raglan Street, Mosman 14a Lennox Street, Mosman

5 bed 6 bath 3 car 2,090sqm Sold March \$23,000,000



6 bed 5 bath 2 car 2,936sqm Sold May \$19,500,000



13a Elfrida Street, Mosman

5 bed 3 bath 2 car 1,853sqm Sold February \$19,200,000



5 bed 4 bath 2 car 754sqm Sold March \$19,000,000



12 Musgrave Street, Mosman 13 Thompson Street, Mosman 33 Almora Street, Mosman

5 bed 4 bath 2 car 1,254sqm Sold May \$19,000,000



5 bed 5 bath 4 car 1,484sqm Sold March \$18,800,000



29 Redan Street, Mosman

4 bed 4 bath 2 car 739sqm Sold July \$17,000,000



30 Plunkett Road, Mosman

5 bed 3 bath 2 car 851sqm Sold December \$16,300,000



15 Morella Road, Mosman

5 bed 4 bath 2 car 885sqm Sold March \$15,500,000



3a Avenue Road, Mosman

6 bed 4 bath 3 car 639sqm Sold June \$14,250,000



7 St Elmo Street, Mosman

5 bed 3 bath 4 car 1,189sqm Sold September \$14,050,000



6 Little Street, Mosman

532sqm Sold July \$13,280,000



13 Mandolong Road, Mosman 52 Almora Street, Mosman

4 bed 4 bath 2 car 860sqm Sold April \$13,000,000



898sqm Sold July \$12,660,000



2 Sirius Avenue, Mosman

6 bed 4 bath 2 car 921sqm Sold November \$12,210,000



39 Pearl Bay Ave, Mosman

5 bed 3 bath 2 car 588sqm Sold September \$12,000,000



10 Ryan Avenue, Mosman

5 bed 4 bath 2 car 591sqm Sold December \$11,900,000



13 Mulbring Street, Mosman

6 bed 4 bath 3 car 1,170sqm Sold July \$11,550,000



8 Cyprian Street, Mosman

7 bed 4 bath 5 car 1,594sqm Sold July \$11,550,000



13 Rickard Avenue, Mosman

5 bed 4 bath 2 car 835sqm Sold February \$11,500,000



27a Mandolong Rd, Mosman

4 bed 3 bath 4 car 981sqm Sold September \$11,300,000

#### MOSMAN HOUSE SALES 2022 OVER \$8M



8a McLeod Street, Mosman

4 bed 4 bath 3 car 658sqm Sold May \$11,250,000



9 Coronation Ave. Mosman

5 bed 5 bath 4 car 1,258sqm Sold August \$11,100,000



2 Hunter Road, Mosman

4 bed 3 bath 4 car 523sqm Sold October \$11,000,000



19 Hopetoun Ave, Mosman

5 bed 4 bath 4 car 468sqm Sold November \$10,800,000



30A Morella Road, Mosman

5 bed 3 bath 2 car 783sqm Sold November \$10,075,000



11a Ruby Street, Mosman

5 bed 2 bath 0 car 835sqm Sold June \$10,070,000



10 Bradleys Head Rd, Mosman 17 Thompson Street, Mosman 2C Mistral Avenue, Mosman

4 bed 3 bath 2 car 696sqm Sold January \$10,000,000



5 bed 4 bath 2 car 502sgm Sold September \$10,000,000



5 bed 3 bath 4 car 556sqm Sold September \$9,900,000



16 Elfrida Street, Mosman

5 bed 3 bath 2 car 1,359sqm Sold November \$9,900,000



19 Kardinia Road, Mosman

5 bed 3 bath 2 car 764sqm Sold September \$9,700,000



2a Middle Head Rd, Mosman

5 bed 4 bath 2 car 790sqm Sold October \$9.500.000



61 Bradleys Head Rd, Mosman 7 Cross Street, Mosman

5 bed 3 bath 2 car 759sqm Sold April \$9,300,0000



6 bed 3 bath 2 car 697sqm Sold November \$9,139,000



33 Pearl Bay Avenue, Mosman

5 bed 3 bath 2 car 653sqm Sold July \$9,100,000



33 Raglan Street, Mosman

4 bed 5 bath 4 car 1,018sqm Sold March \$9.100.000



1A Clifton Street, Mosman

5 bed 3 bath 2 car 696sqm Sold Februray \$9,000,000



1 Redan Street, Mosman

4 bed 4 bath 2 car 569sqm Sold January \$8,800,000



9 Markham Close, Mosman

4 bed 3 bath 2 car 721sqm Sold February \$8,715,000



14 Bradleys Head Rd, Mosman 12 Mandolong Rd, Mosman

4 bed 3 bath 2 car 727sgm Sold March \$8,650,000



4 bed 3 bath 2 car 449sqm Sold February \$8,450,000



12 Redan Street, Mosman

4 bed 4 bath 1 car 665sqm Sold June \$8,400,000



24 Redan Street, Mosman

4 bed 3 bath 2 car 632sqm Sold November Price Undisclosed For further details on the Mosman maket please contact **Scott Thornton** 0401161696

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#### **Scott Thornton**

Director 0401 161 696

For over 20 years I've helped clients achieve the best possible prices for their Lower North Shore homes. Over that time I like to think I've acquired a reputation for hard work, insightfulness and level-headedness, as well as for producing record sales.

My passion for great architecture and background in design has given me an appreciation of the unique properties of the Lower North Shore. I love the properties of our area and find it a privilege to help my clients get the sales results they deserve when they sell their homes.



#### Jade Thornton

Director

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A trustworthy, loyal and highly organised individual, Jade Thornton comes with 10 years' experience in the real estate industry. Jade works alongside her husband Scott Thornton and together they are a force to be reckoned with in the Mosman, Cremorne and Neutral Bay areas with multiple record sales to their name.

As the Thornton Team Manager, Jade is responsible for making sure that no rock goes unturned in the complete sales process, leaving her clients feeling at ease knowing she is there to see the process through thoroughly.



#### Oscar Lewis

Property Partner 0477 877 299

With a fast-growing reputation as an agent who delivers results, Oscar Lewis is a friendly face who brings with him passion, focus and unwavering determination. A North Shore local, he understands the area and its immense lifestyle appeal.

Oscar comes from a background in the luxury market and has adapted his expertise to real estate where he draws on his experience to help clients achieve the best outcome throughout the entire sales process.



# Finance with John Kolenda MA Financial Group

A run of seven straight rises has taken the official cash rate from its historical low rate of 0.10% to 2.85% - the highest it has been since 2013. This, in turn, has caused the median variable interest rate on a new owner-occupier home loan rise from 2.86% in April 2022 to around 5.0% today. That said, there is still strong competition in the lending market, even as the lending environment tightens.

Those looking for a home loan may find they can secure a deal for well below the average rate. Banks are competing particularly hard to win existing mortgage holders looking to refinance. In fact, refinancers now account for around 55% of all new loans. These borrowers tend to be more attractive to lenders because they provide greater certainty in repayments. They also often come with significant existing equity.

We believe the effects of rate rises haven't yet been properly felt. During the pandemic many Australians took advantage of competitive rates on fixed rate home loans – so much so that over July and August 2021, roughly half of home loans were fixed. Many of these are scheduled to end over the next 12 months, at which time borrowers are likely to find their rates rise dramatically. Even before then, over the next few months, increased repayments should start to impact many Australian households. In the lead-up to the end of the year, we're likely to see further rate rises. The US Federal Reserve has continued raising its interest rates aggressively to combat inflation, resulting in the US Cash Rate increasing from 0.25% to 3.25% over the past year.

To some extent this ties the hands of the RBA who must either raise the local rate or face the prospect of further indirect inflation in the form of a weaker currency. However, the fact that the RBA chose to raise rates by only 0.25% in October – rather than the 0.50% it had selected for each of the five previous months – provides some hope that the pace of rate rises in Australia may be stabilising.

Finally, it's worth mentioning that even in today's changed environment, our advice remains the same — make sure to speak to your mortgage broker to get a better deal on your home loan. This applies whether you're looking to save money on an existing mortgage or taking advantage of lower house prices to break into the market or the first time. After all, the lending market is incredibly sensitive right now an lenders are frequently changing and updating their special offers. With this in mind, it's important you have someone by your side who can help navigate through that complex web to identify which loan is in your best interest.

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