# Property On The Move August 23 to September 23

# **Activity & Sales Are Up, Listings Still Lag**

# 1,400,000 1,200,000 1,000,000 900,000 800,000 700,000 Source: REINZ Akld Median Price Past 5 Years

## **July 2023 Report**

Compared to July 2022, July 2023 has shown a slight increase in the total number of properties sold across New Zealand, up 1.6% to 4,903, but down 15.6% month on month.

Across the regions, Auckland (10.8%), Waikato (9.4%), Bay of Plenty (13.7%), Nelson (3.9%), West Coast (31.0%) and Canterbury (10.1%) all saw increases in sales counts year-on-year.

At the end of July, the total number of properties for sale across New Zealand was 23,090, down 12.4% (3,268 properties) from 26,358 year-on-year, and down 6.4% month-on-month.

"With sales counts up this month, the national inventory level is falling. More competitive prices and a 'get in now' attitude is bringing more buyers out ahead of this year's election," says Baird.

Nationally, new listings decreased by 17.6% year-on-year, from 7,470 listings in July 2022 to 6,156 in July 2023, and a 1.0% decrease compared to June 2023 from 6,218.

"These listing decreases are similar to last month's so although our salespeople are reporting further increases in activity across the country the looming election and ongoing tighter economic conditions are seeing sellers holding back," comments Baird.

Nationally, the July 2023 median

sale price decreased 4.9% year on year to \$770,000 from \$810,000. There was significant regional variation in this month's median sale prices.

Auckland, the country's largest property market, saw its median sale price fall 8.8% from July 2022 to fall back under the one million dollar mark and decrease 1.0% compared to June 2023, down from \$1,000,000 to \$990,000.

The national median days to sell remained relatively stable at 48 days, however the median days to sell varied across regions. "The ongoing impact of government policies, economic conditions, and global factors will continue to shape the New Zealand housing market.

We also tend to see a slowing in activity in the lead-up to a general election, but with buyer activity rising and lower levels of supply coming to market, we may see stronger demand appear in the coming months," comments Baird. While there was a slight increase in the House Price Index (HPI) compared to the previous month, the market continues to face challenges with a decline in value over the past year.

The HPI for New Zealand stood at 3,551 in July 2023, showing a 0.7% increase compared to the previous month. However, when compared to the same period last year, the HPI reflects a 6.9% decline

# **Listings & Solds**



2/25 ASHDOWN PL, PAHUREHURE ASKING PRICE \$715,000

Brick & Tile Townhouse -Ideal Lock & Leave 2 x beds, 1 x baths, 2 x cars



65 EXMOOR ROAD, KARAKA PRICE BY NEGOTIATION

Bang For Your Buck in Karaka Lakes 4 x beds, 2 x baths,3 yo Fletcher - Build



**26 MANSE RD, PAHUREHURE** SOLD -MORE NEEDED

Park Your Family Dreams Here 4 x beds + Study + 2.5 x baths, 8+ x cars, 966m2



127 LONGFORD PARK DV, TAKANINI SOLD -MORE NEEDED

Brick & Tile -Ideal Family Home 4 x beds, 2 x baths, 4 x cars, 753m2



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#### **LOCAL REAL ESTATE SUBURB TRENDS** Month Median **Average** Sold Davs **Highest\$** Lowest\$ **KARAKA Incl Lakes & Harbourside** Jul 22 \$1,605,000 \$1,891,667 9 38 \$3,600,000 \$850,000 **Jul 23** \$1,100,000 \$1,224,654 13 74 \$2,600,000 \$740,000 **PAHUREHURE** Jul 22 35 \$950,000 \$1,000,000 3 \$1,100,000 \$950,000 Jul 23 4 106 \$945,000 \$950,125 \$1,100,000 \$810,501 **PAPAKURA SUBURB** Jul 22 \$929,000 67 \$2,000,000 \$600,000 \$943,766 38 Jul 23 \$780,000 \$829,913 45 59 \$1,420,000 \$469,565 **OPAHEKE** 7 Jul 22 \$1,030,000 \$1,199,580 41 \$2,300,000 \$900,000 **Jul 23** \$830,000 \$833.667 3 50 \$1,101,000 \$570,000 ROSEHILL Incl Parkhaven Estate Jul 22 \$772,500 \$772,500 2 40 \$890,000 \$655,000 **Jul 23** \$1,130,000 \$1,143,269 5 78 \$1,530,000 \$690,000 **TAKANINI Incl Longford Park & Conifer Grove** \$1,000,100 Jul 22 \$1,017,890 30 58 \$1,540,000 \$595,500 **Jul 23** \$949,000 \$971,071 36 \$625,000 14 \$1,220,000 PAPAKURA WIDER DISTRICT Jul 22 \$954,000 \$1,034,848 81 59 \$2,670,000 \$595,500 Jul 23 \$891,000 \$1,090,703 37 54 \$2,600,000 \$500,000



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## How The OCR Affects Interest Rates

The OCR sets the interest rates on the deposits & loans that registered banks have with the RBNZ.

This affects their earnings and costs, and influences how they set their deposit and loan interest rates for you, as their customer.

Bank products usually have terms of several months to several years
— eg -a 6 mth term deposit, or a 2-yr mortgage. The interest rates on the long-term products depend on what banks' think will happen to the OCR over the life of the deposit or loan.

The RBNZ can influence interest rates by:

- setting today's OCR
- influencing bank's expectation for the evolution of the OCR.

This means when the RBNZ increase expectations for the OCR, banks will usually increase their mortgage rates, business lending rates, and term deposit rates

The OCR influences many other rates in NZ including those you might have for a loan, mortgage or savings account.

Interest rates may rise because inflation is too high & raising interest rates is the main tool RBNZ uses to get inflation down.

Raising interest rates means many people will face higher borrowing costs and some businesses will face higher loan rates and higher costs for a wide range of goods and services and may mean some people may need to limit their spending.

While there are impacts from raising interest rates, inflation needs to come down for a healthy economy where people can plan for the future and where hard-earned money keeps its value.

# THINKING OF SELLING?

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### **CURRENT BANK LENDING RATES**

Bank	Floating	1 year	2 year	5 year
ANZ	8.64%	7.19%	6.79%	6.89%
ASB	8.64%	7.25%	6.79%	6.29%
BNZ	8.49%	7.19%	6.79%	6.49%
Kiwibank	8.50%	6.99%	6.79%	6.29%
TSB	8.64%	6.99%	6.79%	6.29%
Westpac	8.64%	6.79%	6.79%	5.99%
Best Rate	<b>7.50%</b>	6.59% Heartland	6.45% Heartland & ICBC	<b>5.99%</b> Westpac

Info from mortgagerates.co.nz as at 11 August 2023. Red equals increased rate, Black equals the same rate, Green equals reduced rate (compared to last month) In no way is this display to be taken as an endorsement of any of these Banks

