



And the winner is... Brenda Johnstone of Cooks Hill!



Brenda's name was drawn out by Leah as our lucky winner of the \$5000 Click to Bliss competition (at our Hamilton office), with staff and business associates present to witness the draw.

The prize includes 3 nights of eco bliss at the world class Emirates Wolgan Valley Spa & Resort in the Blue Mountains, with a nine course degustation dinner, spa treatments and daily activities for Brenda and her husband to enjoy.

Having recently relocated to NSW from Perth, Brenda is looking forward to not only a luxurious getaway, but to also see a part of Australia she has never ventured to before.

Not a current client of Leah Jay, but a property investor in WA, Brenda found our new website informative in the time she spent exploring it before entering the competition, using the new 'Search by Map' function to locate the mystery property. This new function is a first in the industry and is providing greater ease for tenants to locate their new homes.

We look forward to hearing about Brenda's stay upon her return and will be sure to keep you updated as well. Photos of the draw can be viewed on our Facebook page.

Thank you to everyone who took the time to enter the competition and look around our new website; as always we welcome your feedback.

For our owners

We are also looking forward to providing you with even more information with the release of our 'Owners Information' section on our website in the coming months. We are providing this secure section to keep you updated with what is happening in your property's suburb, a depreciation calculator, market updates and much more. More details will be provided in our September newsletter.

Interest Rates...

Are the hot topic again along with the impact of the recent global economic downturn on Australia. Both of which were discussed at the seminar we attended last week held by Macquarie Bank. Speakers Rod Cornish, Real Estate Strategist and Richard Gibbs, Macquarie Group Global Head of Economics, agreed that in the main Australia's economy will remain strong given our relations with China and greater Asia.

However it is these relations that have brought about a change in the housing market cycles, with shorter time periods being recorded between market highs and lows. Rod predicts that these cycles will become even shorter in the coming years, something for our investors to take note of when looking to buy or sell.

And as for interest rates...Richards predicts a 0.5% decrease in November, with a full percentage decrease over the next 12 months.

Reminder

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