

## Surviving spring's housing market

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Spring has sprung - and it's by far the busiest season for Aussies trying to secure their dream home - whether they be renting or buying. And to combat the difficulties associated with hunting for property, Australia's leading direct mortgage lender MyRate.com.au has developed MyHouseHunt.com.au

MyHouseHunt is a free online tool which searches Australia's largest real estate websites from one site, then creates editable property short lists and day plans all of which can be accessed in one convenient location from any PC or iphone connected to the internet.

Kevin Sherman, Managing director of MyRate also has the following tips for hunters:

- Ensure you've done your homework. Have everything printed and ready to go. Make sure you've planned your route, as a couple of wrong turns may mean a missed open inspection.
- Most properties are open on Saturday mornings which may mean double-bookings for potential properties. To prioritise, do a drive-by the week before.
- Use the real estate agent's expertise before the open inspection. Call them the day before as at the property they may be busy and distracted.
- If renting, ensure you have multiple photocopies of the necessary 100 points of ID ready to go before you house hunt. It takes most people a couple of days to organise all this, so you'll be able to ensure your application is the first received.

Armed with these tips, users can now put MyHouseHunt to work as a super-efficient Personal Assistant providing you with a complete day plan of your shortlist's chosen inspection times as well as with maps and driving directions to help you get from one inspection to the other. "The feedback we've received from users is incredible - they love the simplicity of searching just one site together with the powerful scheduling and organising functions." says Kevin.

With MyHouseHunt you can:

- Create one property shortlist and inspection timetable from multiple real estate sites
- Receive a complete day plan of your chosen inspection times, with maps and directions automatically generated to help you get from one inspection to the next
- Keep track of your thoughts by recording comments, open times and offers against each listing; and
- Access your shortlist and comments from any computer or web enabled phone, any time.

Best of all, the sites is completely free to use.

"When it comes to the rental market, competition is even tougher and it's not uncommon to see up to eighty people turning up to view a property." says Kevin, "Using the MyHouseHunt tool can give you an organisational edge and help you to efficiently manage inspections and the inevitable property-filtering process"