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Capital Gain

Land banker buys huge chunk of rural township

local land banker has paid more than \$15 million, sources say, for a 240-hectare piece of Anakie - a semi-rural area nestled 70 kilometres west of Melbourne's outskirts, and just beyond Greater Geelong's northern edge.

Not yet zoned for mass scale residential redevelopment - but surrounded by suburbs that are (Little River, Lovely Banks and Lara, among them), Anakie befits from having the Bacchus-Marsh-Geelong Road run through it, connecting Geelong to Melton.

Barwon Prison and the Marngoneet Correctional Centre are within the little-known suburb -which also encapsulates the





Western Plantation portion of the You Yangs Regional Park.

Biggin & Scott Land directors Andrew Egan and Frank Nagle negotiated the off-market Anakie sale but declined to comment about any part of it when contacted.

Measured by area, the property is one of the largest to sell around outer Melbourne this year.

In February, the Ouson Group paid \$74 million for a 140-hectare site in Beveridge, about 55 kilo-

> An industrial pocket of Frankston is undergoing gentrification.

metres north of Melbourne, with a permit for a 1600-lot subdivision capable of being increased to 2000 blocks.

Much closer to town, in Tarneit, two sites respectively measuring 105 hectares and 123 hectares have recently sold while another offering, covering 132 hectares has been listed with price expectations of \$70 million.

The values achieved for local "development ready" sites prove the profits that stand to be made for patient investors.

Last March, a 100-hectare block in Lovely Banks sold to a developer for \$20 million or nearly \$200,000 per hectare. Lovely Banks was included in the Urban Growth Boundary a month before the Napthine government was voted out in November 2014.

In Armstrong Creek, south of Geelong, retired Essendon Football Club coach and player Mark Thompson is part of a consortium trying to sell a 16-hectare former sheep station, now earmarked to become an activity centre.

The land the consortium purchased for \$3.8 million in 2006 is speculated to be worth more than \$25 million today.



AVI lists block

Australian Volunteers International is the latest not-for-profit group to offer its substantial innercity holding.

The group, which receives financial support from the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, can expect more than \$6 million for 71-75 Argyle Street, on the northeast corner of Fitzroy Street, about 50 metres from the Brunswick Street retail strip.

The property has the potential to make way for an 11-level structure. In the immediate area, an 11-storey apartment building has been permitted for 239 Johnston Street while a nine-level development has been approved for 250Gore Street. An eight-floor proposal is also awaiting approval to replace 57-61 Johnston Street.

AVI's 1049-square-metre block, which includes a historic doublestorey building and an open-air car park, is being marketed by Savills'

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