



Hamilton & Waikato *Landlord Investor Guide*

If you're wondering about your property investment options, read our investor guide to see why Hamilton and the wider Waikato is the best place to do that.



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Why Hamilton & Waikato?



Fastest Growing City

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If you have been following the property market, you know that Hamilton and nearby regions are gaining attention. They are becoming important for economic and population growth.

Hamilton is currently NZ's fastest growing city.

Ruakura Superhub

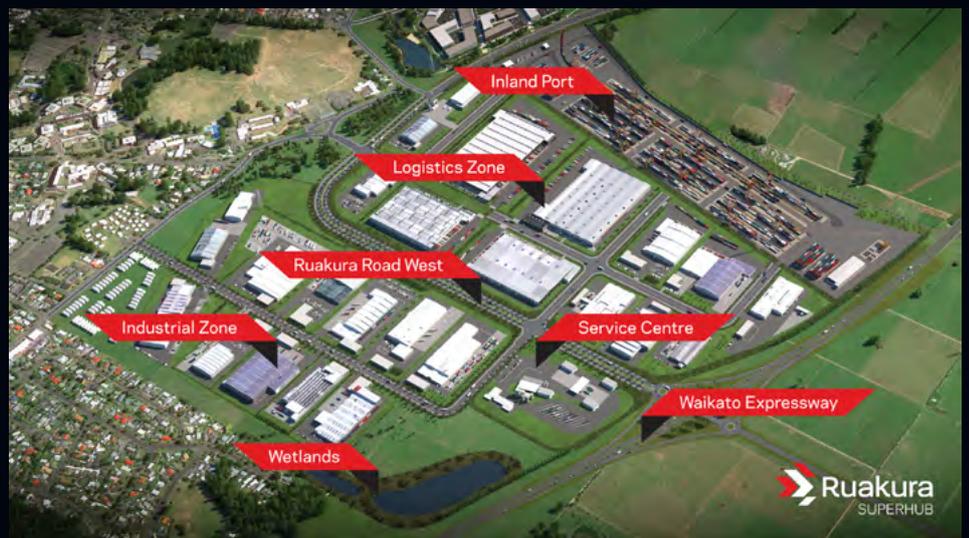
Major projects are changing the shape of the city. The Ruakura Superhub is creating a major inland port and logistics hub, connecting freight between Auckland and Tauranga. At 610 hectares, it is one of New Zealand's largest multi-use developments. It plans to have homes for about 4,500 families, along with logistics and commercial centres.

610 ha

One of NZ's largest developments

4,500 

Homes for families in the development



Waikato Hospital

Another foundation is healthcare. Waikato Hospital is one of the country's largest, with 759 beds and specialist services for the wider region. The University of Waikato has approved a new medical school, and the first intake of 120 students will begin in 2028.

759 

Hospital beds with specialist services

120 

First medical school students in 2028

The Golden Triangle Effect



Regional Growth On The Rise

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And then there's the Golden Triangle effect. Hamilton sits between Auckland and Tauranga, two of New Zealand's fastest-growing cities. This corridor handles 56% of the nation's freight and generates about half of GDP. The strong agricultural base in Waikato keeps the local economy steady.

Developers are building new communities like Te Awa Lakes. This riverside development will have up to 2,500 homes by 2035. In short, Hamilton is growing, and housing demand is growing with it.

56%

Of New Zealand's national freight

2,500

Homes planned by 2035

Demand Will Outstrip Supply

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All this growth is leading to one key outcome – a housing shortage. The Waikato Housing Initiative says the region needs about 8,000 more homes now. This number could rise to 62,000 by 2043 if trends continue.



For long term investment goals, that means strong rental demand for years to come. Even as new developments roll out, population growth is running ahead of supply. In simple terms: more people are looking for homes than homes are available.

What This Means For *Property Investors*



Hamilton's rental market is steady. Median rents sit around \$560–\$580 per week, and gross yields hover near 4%, which is competitive compared to bigger centres.

Different suburbs offer different profiles:

- **Near the hospital:** Melville and Hamilton Lake attract healthcare workers – steady demand, good occupancy.
- **North-east:** Rototuna, Flagstaff, Huntington are family-friendly, lower yields but strong tenant profiles.
- **Value suburbs:** Bader, Nawton, Frankton often deliver higher yields, but need more hands-on management.
- Generally, your rental income will improve over time. Hamilton's median rent has risen about \$80 per week over the past four years.

\$80 ↗

Increase in median weekly rent over the past four years

~ \$570 ▲

Median rent in Hamilton

4%

Gross yields



New Builds vs *Older Homes*



Should you buy a new build, or an older home? The type of property you choose to invest in is a personal one. Many factors can come into play including your long term goals and overall investment strategies. Both options have pros and cons.

New builds:

- Lower maintenance early on, usually Healthy Homes compliant, and often better financing terms.
- Usually lower initial yield.

Older homes:

- Often higher yield and room for value-add improvements
- More upkeep and compliance upgrades.

Financing Snapshot



Borrowing for investment property is looking better than it has in years. Interest rates have eased after recent OCR cuts, making repayments more manageable and freeing up cash flow.

Banks are competing strongly by offering flexible lending options, which include interest-only periods and split-rate deals. Meanwhile, LVR (Loan To Value Ratio) and DTI (Debt To Income Ratio) settings stay stable. Add back full interest deductibility starting in April 2025 and this makes the numbers look much better for investors.

In short, the lending environment is competitive, confidence is rising, and it's a prime time to explore how smart financing can help you grow your investment portfolio.

How We Can Help



Marketing Your Property

Hamilton's residential property market is full of opportunity, but managing your rental property well is what turns potential into profit. That's where Glasshouse Property Management come in. We'll start by taking high quality photos, then marketing your property on Trademe, realestate.co.nz, Onerooft and our own redeveloped website, with social media options too.



Free Rental Appraisals

Curious about what a proposed investment might earn for you? Or maybe you want someone to provide a second opinion on a rental appraisal you received? We'll conduct a full review of comparable rentals, and give you an accurate rent appraisal, for free with no obligation.

Quarterly Reports

If you aren't ready to buy a property, but want to stay in the loop on market trends, get in touch with our team. We can provide you with quarterly reports on the market, including the suburbs and types of houses that are most in demand.

Connection With Local Developers

If you're interested in buying a new build, we have a strong relationships with several trusted local developers.

We can put you in touch with the teams there to make sure you're getting the best deal on the right home, or even help you buy something special before it comes to market.



How We Can Help



Connections With Local Agents

If you don't want a new build but need help finding the right property, we can assist you. We can connect you with our trusted buyer's agents. They can guide you through the process.

Advice On Renovations / Supplier Introductions

Another area we can help is guidance on renovations you may need. Our team can suggest cost effective improvements that can help improve your rent. Our in-house maintenance manager has strong supplier relationships, helping ensure you're getting the best deal.



Financing

Not sure where to start on financing or needing financial advice? A lot of options are available for investors these days, both around borrowing structure and type of provider. Having a chat with a mortgage adviser about finance options that suit you is worth it. Let us know, and we can get one of our mortgage broker partners to give you the best options for your situation.

Building Reports / Healthy Homes

We often see investors rushing into a purchase without getting building reports or certifying that the property is Healthy Homes compliant. Sometimes even new builds aren't fully compliant, and can have an issue or two lurking under the surface!

We can set you up with one of our trusted partners to make sure your investment is Healthy Homes compliant from the get go, and the build is high quality.



Why work with Glasshouse?



What Sets Us Apart

We manage over 1,200 properties across Hamilton and Cambridge, and we know what works here.

24/7 ✨

In-house maintenance manager for hassle-free projects.

4.6 ★★★★★

Top-rated independent property management company in Waikato on Google.

1,250+ 🏠

Properties under management - the largest independent property management company in Waikato.

99%

Of our rent payments are received on time.

99%

Occupancy rate, keeping your cashflow reliable.

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Servicing Waikato from offices in Hamilton & Cambridge.

Local Experts

We are REINZ accredited, and our Property Managers are all Level 4 Property Management Certified. We adhere to the REINZ code of conduct, ensuring we operate well above the industry standard.



Awards

Proud winners at Tenancy Master Class Conference 2025



Proactive Management

Driven by a passion for a better rental experience, our property managers are committed to delivering a personal, high-quality service that makes your life easier. Our team knows the local market and what landlords need, making renting seamless, straightforward and rewarding for both landlords and tenants.



Next step?



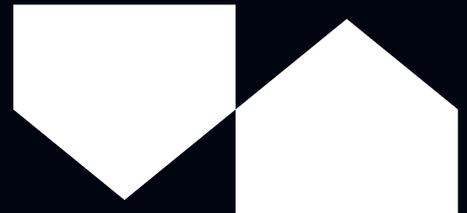
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Appendix (quick data references):

Waikato housing need	8,000 shortfall today, +62,000 homes by 2043.	Visit the link	
Ruakura Superhub	National scale inland port and 490–610 ha mixed use.	Visit the link	Visit the link
New medical school	120 students per year from 2028 approved by Cabinet.	Visit the link	
Golden Triangle	About half of GDP and population, 42–56% of freight.	Visit the link	Visit the link