



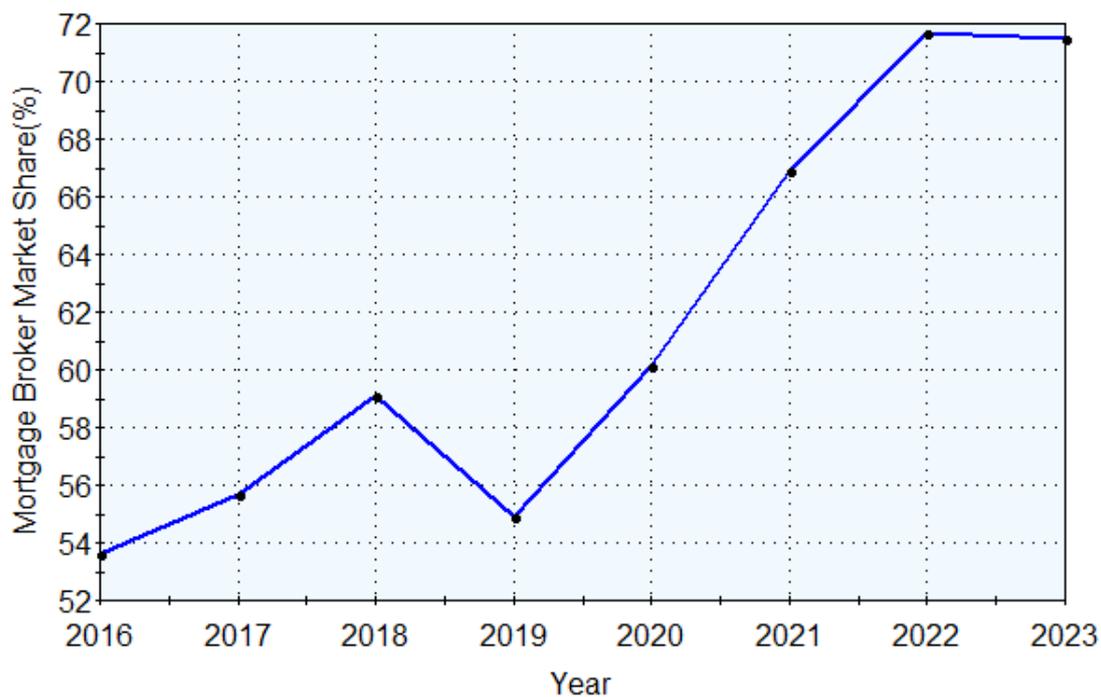
Mortgage Broker Vs Bank



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You're about to embark on the thrilling adventure of homeownership. You've saved your coins, you've dreamt of picket fences, and now it's time to face the final major hurdle – securing a mortgage. But before you jump into the fray, a critical decision awaits: Do you team up with a savvy mortgage broker or deal directly with the complexities of a traditional bank?

Broker Take Over: Residential Loan Market Share Shifts



(Source: The Mortgage & Finance Association of Australia. The data points used are percentages from the September quarter in each year.)

The line graph showing brokers steadily claiming more of the residential loan market tells a story of evolving preferences. In 2016, a little over half of Australian homebuyers opted for brokers. By 2023, that number had grown to more than 70%.

What's driving this surge in popularity? Brokers bring a potent combination of extensive access and customisation. They can access to a diverse range of lenders, including banks, credit unions and specialist lenders, allowing them to compare rates and terms to find the best deal for your unique needs. Brokers are champions of customisation, tailoring your loan to your specific financial goals, credit history, and evolving needs.

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But wait, don't underestimate the venerable banks. Although their market share has dipped, they still wield considerable power. Established relationships with banks, such as being a long-time account holder, often translate into discounted fees. The convenience of dealing directly with your bank also can't be ignored, especially for those who value familiarity and ease.

The battle lines are drawn. In this epic duel, we'll go through the strengths and weaknesses of each contender, uncovering the secrets to securing the best mortgage for your unique needs. Will the nimble broker outmanoeuvre the formidable banks, or will the bank's experience and resources prove too much to overcome?



Bank Vs Mortgage Broker: Weighing Your Options



Pros Of The Banks

Established reputation: Offers a sense of security and trust, with years of experience in the financial market.



Convenience and simplicity: Provides a well-oiled application process with familiar practices and easier access to statements and support if you're an existing customer.



Direct line of communication: Offers direct access to loan officers and decision-makers for quicker clarifications and problem-solving.



In-depth product knowledge: As the direct providers of home loans, banks possess a comprehensive understanding of their own products. This can translate into more detailed answers to your specific questions and concerns regarding their loans.



In-house expertise: Employ a dedicated team of professionals specialising in mortgages and financial products, offering valuable expertise.



Potential for bundled services: May offer additional financial services, like credit cards or insurance, at bundled discounts.





Pros Of The Banks

Physical support and accessibility: Banks offer wider branch access, with in-person loan officers and advisers for immediate help. This is ideal for those needing personalised face-to-face guidance or struggling with online platforms.



Cons Of The Banks

Limited choice: Focus on their own products, potentially offering fewer options.



Standardised process: The application process may be less flexible and less personalised than when consulting brokers, with less room for individual tailoring.



Less focus on individual needs: May prioritise internal policies over tailor-made solutions for every borrower.



Limited ongoing support: Assistance after settlement may be less comprehensive than with some brokers, requiring more independent initiative.



Less adaptability to complex scenarios: For intricate loan scenarios requiring creative solutions or exceptions, banks may be less adaptable than brokers, who can leverage their wider network and relationships.





Pros Of The Mortgage Broker

Tailored solutions: Crafts personalised loan plans from various lenders, catering to your unique needs and prioritising your wellbeing by recommending lenders aligned with your long-term goals.



Clear guidance: Provides a thorough assessment with transparent communication throughout the process. Additionally, acts as a jargon translator, deciphering the complex language of mortgages to ensure you fully understand the risks and benefits of your loan journey.



Deals with documents: Streamlines applications, ensuring efficient processing by focusing on relevant information and avoiding unnecessary delays. They'll even handle paperwork for government grants like FHOG, saving you time and hassle.



Financial first aid: Offers strategies to address past financial hiccups, boosts your application's appeal, and works with lenders to find creative solutions and secure exceptions for complex cases.



Compares options: Presents an overview of various loan options from different lenders for informed comparison and decision-making.



Post-settlement support: Offers ongoing support and expertise for future financial needs [beyond settlement](#), and provides additional services like yearly pricing reports, property updates, and assistance with loan variations.



Credit score protection: Strategically guides your enquiries to minimise their impact on your [credit score](#), allowing you to explore options freely.





Pros Of The Mortgage Broker

Future-ready: Equips you with valuable tips and insights, even if you're not ready to buy yet, ensuring you're prepared when the time comes.



Emergency expert: Offers swift and personalised assistance in times of urgent financial need.



Wide range of options: Brokers have access to a [variety of loans from different lenders](#), including niche non-bank lenders, offering solutions for most borrowers' circumstances.



Network navigator: Connects you with a supportive network of real-estate agents, solicitors and conveyancers for a seamless journey.



Cons Of The Mortgage Broker

Potential fees: While some brokers offer free services, others may charge fees. Brokers may also charge fees if loans are less than a certain set amount.



Less-established reputation: Can feel less secure compared with banks that have long histories.





Cons Of The Mortgage Broker

Limited direct communication: Since they are the go-between for the banks and you, brokers may not have as much direct access to loan officers as banks.



Limited lender panels: Not all mortgage brokers can access a large lender panel. This means that you may miss out on better loan products.



Reliance on third-party platforms: Some applications and processes may be handled through third-party platforms.



Varied levels of expertise: The mortgage broker industry has a diverse range of individuals with varying levels of experience and knowledge. Some may be newer to the field or specialise in niche areas. It can be challenging to determine the experience level of brokers.



Limited control over outcome: Although brokers can present compelling cases and negotiate on your behalf, they cannot guarantee loan approval. The final decision comes from the lender, based on their own criteria and risk assessment.



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So, who emerges victorious in this epic mortgage battle? The answer, as always, depends on your individual priorities. Do you value speed, customisation and competitive rates? Then, the broker might be your champion. Prioritise convenience, stability and a sense of familiarity and security? Banks may be your best bet.

Ultimately, the true victor is you, the informed borrower. Armed with the knowledge above, you can confidently choose the option that best paves the way to your dream home. Let the mortgage games begin.



Mortgage Mania: Real Client Stories Of Overcoming Challenges

Now, let's hear from the real heroes of this story – the borrowers themselves. Below are some of our clients who have faced difficulties. Our brokers were there to lend them a helping hand.





The Home Stretch Is Closer Than You Think



Imagine your excitement upon discovering a roadmap to your dream home, even if it's two years away. That's what Home Loan Experts Senior Mortgage Broker *Jonathan Preston's* client experienced. *Sam* was self-employed, looking for a permanent job. As a contractor, *Sam's* income fluctuated, making it difficult to qualify for a loan. However, he was eager to map out a path forward.

After an in-depth discussion of *Sam's* current finances and future plans, *Jonathan* used his expertise to create a customised roadmap for *Sam's* situation. Factoring in estimated income, living expenses, an ideal purchase price, projected savings, and all current lending requirements, he laid out a 24-month plan that would put *Sam* in a strong position to buy in the future.

Throughout the process, *Jonathan* was careful to include disclaimers about the variability of rates, policies and markets over time. This plan was intended as merely an informative estimate. However, *Jonathan's* vision of the future and helpful advice were invaluable to *Sam* in planning his next steps.

For *Jonathan*, taking the time to understand *Sam's* situation and craft this custom homebuyer roadmap strengthened a trusted connection. *Sam* was so pleased that he enthusiastically referred friends and family to *Jonathan* for their lending needs, and when the day comes for *Sam* to secure his mortgage, he knows exactly whom he will turn to.

Sam

New South Wales





When All Seems Lost, Her Broker Braves The Storm



When long-time client Maya began building her home with Porter Davis, she was thrilled to see her dream taking shape finally. But when Porter Davis declared bankruptcy just months after breaking ground, Maya's plans came crashing down.

With construction halted halfway and her finances thrown into disarray, Maya's hopes for the future hung in the balance. After months of anxiety and uncertainty, she found a way forward with a new builder ready to complete the project. However, after a year of dormancy, her lender now required her file to be resubmitted and reassessed – potentially causing major further delays and financial strain.

Home Loan Experts Mortgage Broker *Sheng Ye* stepped into action. Recognising the potential complications and delays that a resubmission could entail, *Sheng* engaged in a series of discussions with the lender. It wasn't just a routine back-and-forth; the stakes were high, and Maya's dreams were on the line.

Realising the urgency and complexity of the situation, the dedicated *Sheng* went the extra mile by involving the State Manager. Together, they presented a compelling case, emphasising the unique circumstances surrounding *Porter Davis'* bankruptcy and the subsequent enlistment of a new builder.

Ultimately, *Sheng* successfully secured approval for Maya's original loan to be reactivated without resubmission. Maya was elated to receive the news – not only did she avoid potential servicing issues, but she could now seamlessly continue claiming progress payments for her dream home.

Maya

Queensland





Conquering Difficult Loans: From 8.7% To 6.99%



When *Selena* first approached a major bank about financing a \$1.25 million property, the initial pre-approval came back at a staggering 8.7% interest rate, plus a 1.8% risk fee due to her 309 visa status – not an ideal scenario for her budget.

Unsure whether she could swing such high payments but eager to realise her real-estate dreams, *Selena* was ready to walk away when Home Loan Experts Specialised Mortgage Broker *Prakash Rai* stepped in. He negotiated with a Business Development Manager (BDM) at one of our lender panels and secured *Selena* a vastly improved offer – 6.99% interest and only a 0.75% risk fee.

By reworking the deal, *Prakash* unlocked about \$500,000 in savings on *Selena's* payments over the life of her loan and about \$13,000 in risk fees. For a 309 visa holder already facing limitations, this financial breathing room makes all the difference in turning property ownership into reality.

Selena was thrilled and felt enormous relief. Because *Prakash* took the time to understand her unique needs, explore every option and fight for the best terms, *Selena's* Australian dream is now within reach, rather than slipping away over restrictive policies. Her trust in brokers is now cemented, knowing the value their expertise brings, even in complex cases.

Selena

New South Wales





Saving The Dream Against The Clock



When self-employed couple *Amina* and *Noah's* credit union rejected them for the loan to buy their dream home, they were distraught. With so few lenders willing to work with self-employed applicants and their cooling-off period expiring in just five days, it seemed their hopes were dashed.

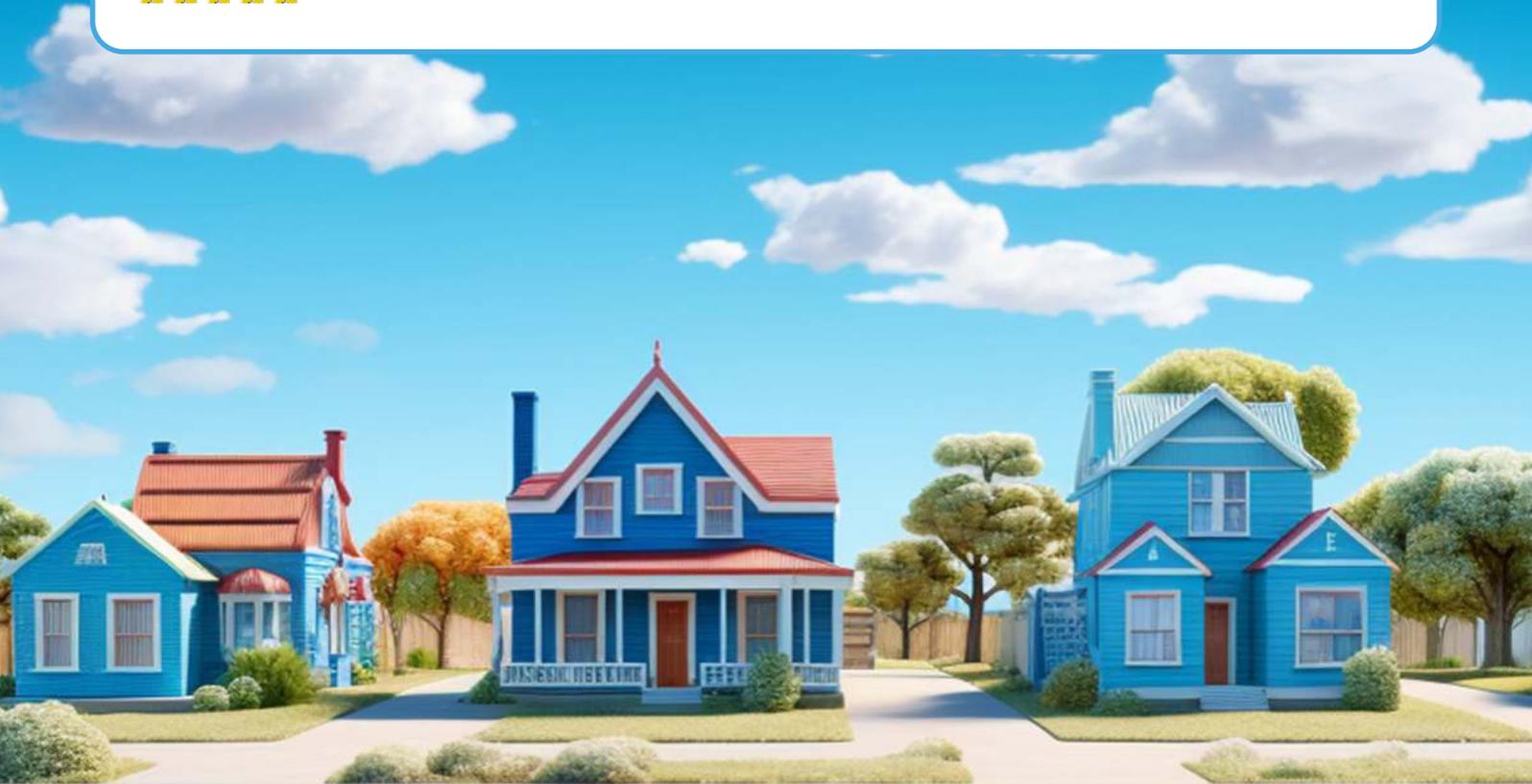
Desperate, they reached out to Home Loan Experts Mortgage Broker *Sheng Ye* for emergency help. He understood the urgency and complexity of the situation and swiftly took charge. Unlike the bank, with its one-size-fits-all approach, *Sheng* understood the roller-coaster ride of self-employment income. He knew traditional methods wouldn't cut it, so he outlined an alternative approach: a self-employed fast-track policy – a specialised program requiring only two years of financials that could provide an approval within days.

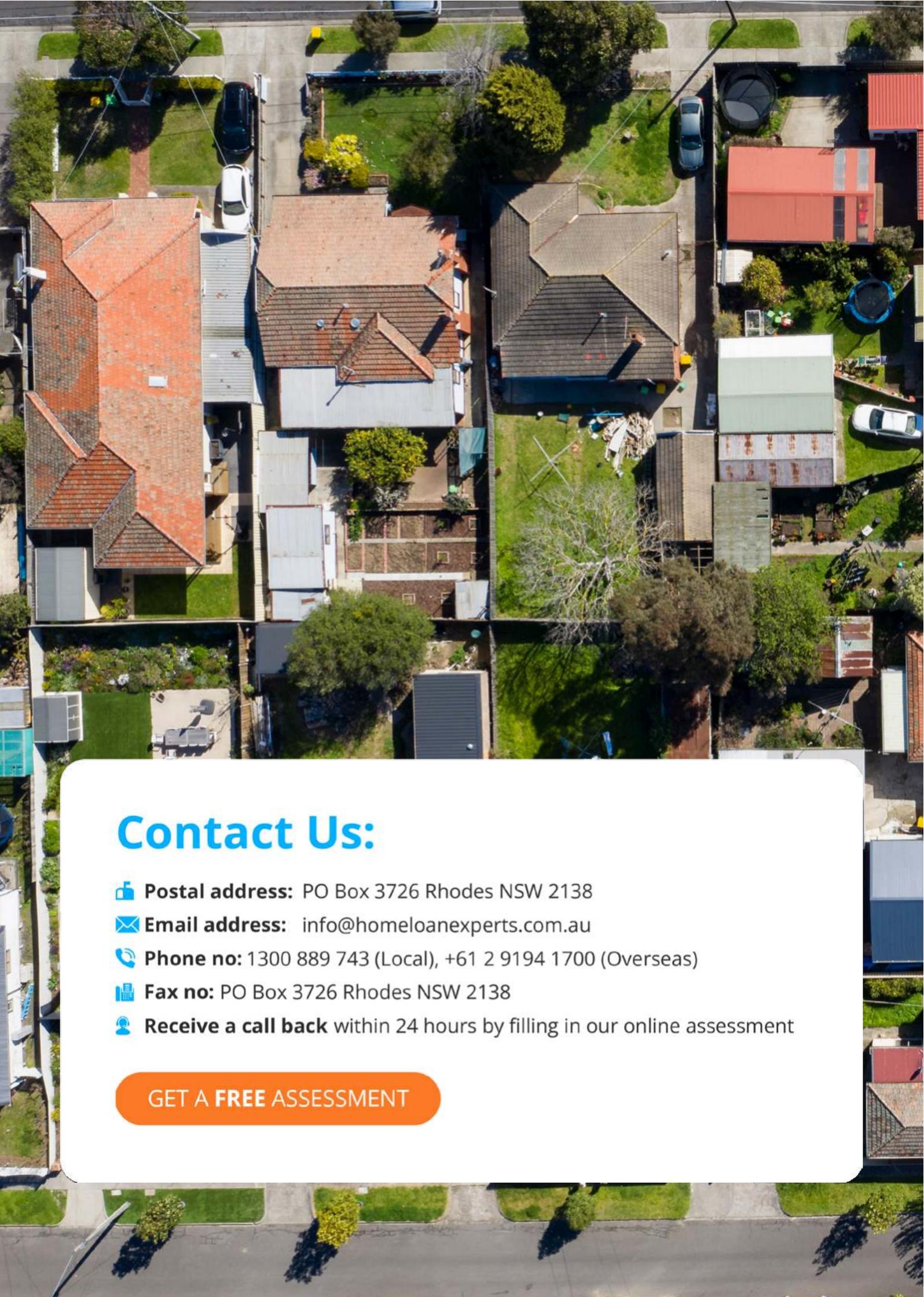
Sheng quickly prepared and submitted the application. His experience and knowledge shone through, presenting his client's case in the best light. The result? A resounding one-touch approval from a major bank. Our clients were overjoyed; their dream was back.

While lenders see barriers when self-employed applicants come knocking, *Sheng* sees possibilities. Guiding clients from rejection to approval with his expert speed and know-how, he turns heartbreak into joy and keeps Australian dreams alive.

Amina and Noah

Victoria





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