



The Smart Guide to...

owning your home faster

The best loan is the one you pay off the fastest and with the least amount of interest. As an additional benefit you are likely to get some capital appreciation in your security property over time. This means you may be able to borrow against this asset to finance future business or investment opportunities.

Set a budget and stick to it

Calculate your living costs and budget for the things you want to buy.

Carefully manage short term debt

The interest you pay on credit cards and store cards is much higher than the interest you pay on your home loan. If you have to use a credit card, look for one that gives you an interest free period and make sure you pay it in full every month.

Get rid of your expensive debt

If you do have debt accumulated in credit cards or personal loans you should talk to us about how you can use the equity in your home to drastically reduce your interest costs.

Make your payments more regularly

Although your lender will only require a payment at least monthly, by paying weekly or fortnightly you can save years off your mortgage. This is because interest is calculated daily so any reduction in balance will reduce the interest charged, and this saving then has a compounding effect.

Paying a bit extra

By contributing more than your required minimum repayments this will save you money over the long term (Refer to Extra Repayments Calculator under Calculators Tab on our website www.blueribbon.net.au).

Make lump sum payments

Additional lump sum payments lower the loan term and overall cost of the loan. This may include money from tax returns, cash gifts, inheritances etc (Refer to Lump Sum Payments Calculator under Calculators Tab on our website www.blueribbon.net.au).

Regularly review your loan with us

As your circumstances change you should check to ensure your loan still meets your needs and is on the lowest rate possible. Call us to make an appointment for a loan review.

Please use this information as a guide only - it is not advice. You should seek professional advice when buying a property or taking out a loan and always refer to your loan contract for full terms and conditions.