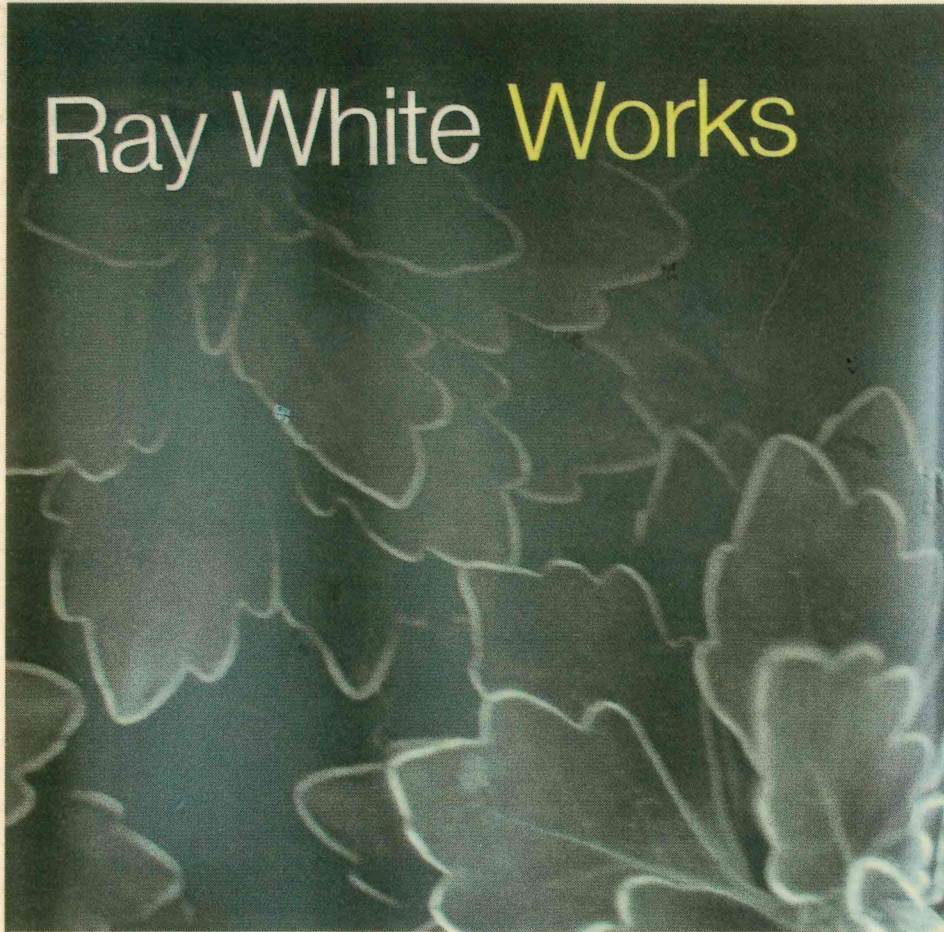


Ray White Works



Renters, do your homework

Struggling to find a rental property in Mackay? Well, chances are you're not the only one.

According to Jamie-Lee Angove, assistant property manager at Ray White Mackay City, the rental market in Mackay is more competitive than ever thanks to the abundance of job opportunities within the region.

"We've been very busy lately. We've had lots of people turning up to open houses and we usually get between 15 to 25 applications,

people are so intimidated by the number of people at the inspections that they don't even bother applying," she said.

Ms Angove said that newcomers were often quite shocked at how hard it can be to find a rental property in town.

"People are assuming that the hard part is complete when they get their new job, however the hardest part is getting a place to rent. We strongly encourage people, especially families, to do their homework before arriving and ex-

we are still seeing tenants vacating for various reasons there just aren't enough houses available".

Ms Angove said that the most popular areas for renters in Mackay were usually the suburbs closest to industrial centres.

"West Mackay is extremely popular because it's close to Paget and that's where so many people in Mackay work now. Glenella is also pretty popular, as well as the whole Mount Pleasant area and with all the development

quite a bit of interest in renting out there."

For those struggling to crack the rental market and secure themselves a property, Ms Angove had some useful tips.

"Apply for a home well within your budget as affordability is one of the main factors in being successful in obtaining a rental property. It is also important to ensure you provide as much information regarding your rental history and have good references."

For any more information contact Ray White