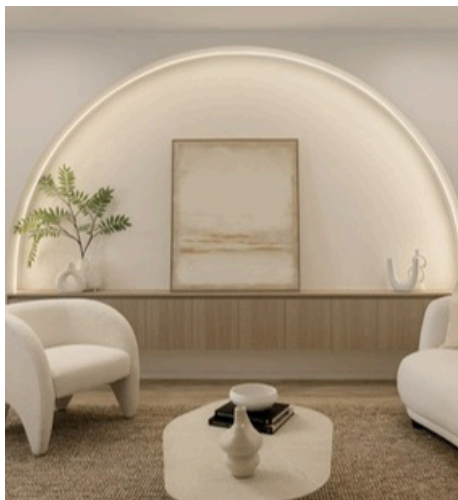


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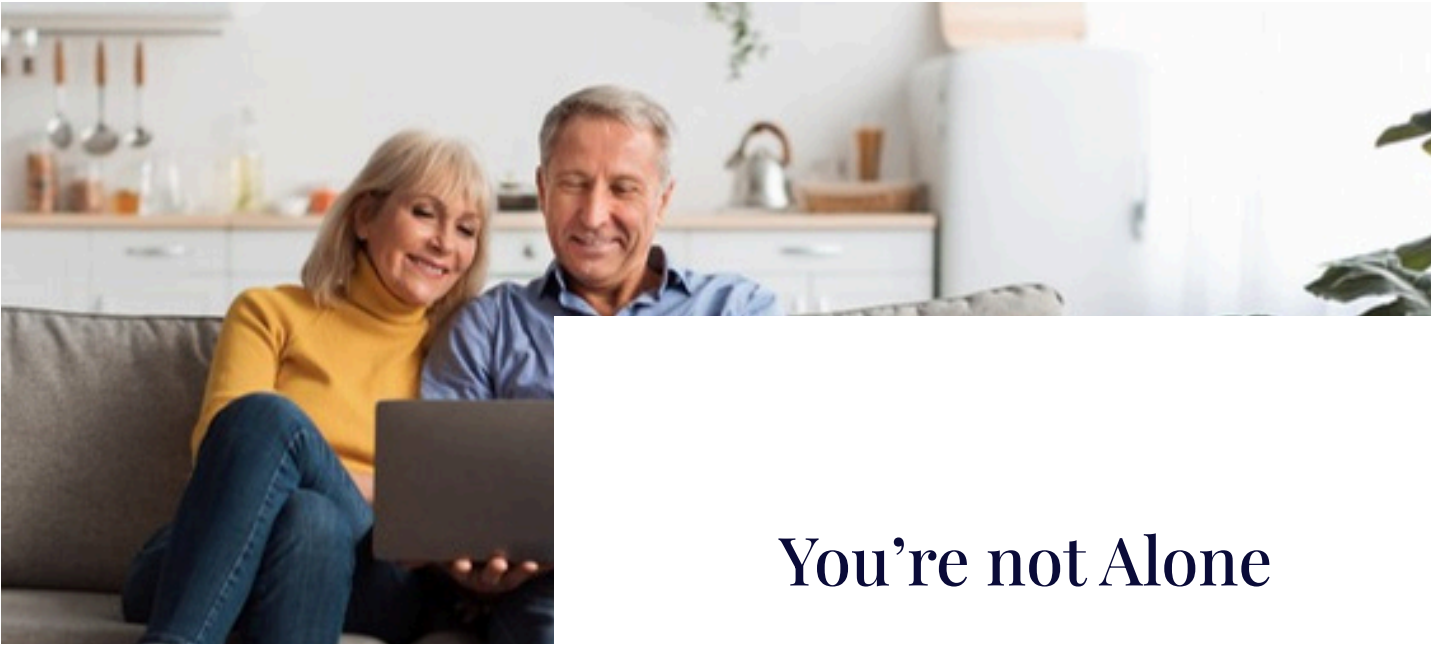
A Simple Guide for Redcliffe Peninsula Homeowners



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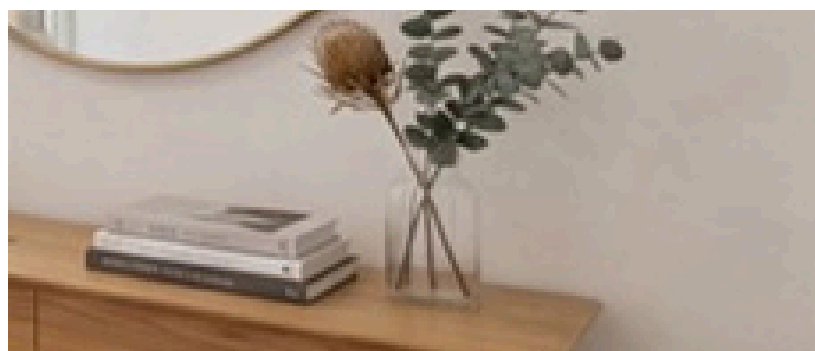
You're not Alone

Across the Redcliffe Peninsula, many homeowners are finding themselves in homes that no longer suit their lifestyle.

The maintenance feels overwhelming.
Unused rooms sit empty.
And day-to-day living becomes harder
than it should be.

Downsizing isn't about giving something up it's about creating a home that works better for you now. But knowing where to start can feel confusing.

This guide is designed to help you understand your options and take the next step with confidence.





Why Downsize?

Downsizing is not just about moving it's about improving your lifestyle.

Many homeowners are choosing to downsize to:

- Reduce maintenance and upkeep
- Free up equity and simplify finances
- Live closer to shops, cafes, and medical services
- Enjoy a more manageable, comfortable home
- Be part of a community or lifestyle environment

For many, it's about creating a home that feels easier, more practical, and better aligned with their next stage of life.





What Does Your Next Chapter Look Like?

Do you want less maintenance, but still full independence?

A villa, townhouse, or low-maintenance home may suit you.

Would you enjoy a social, community-focused environment?

Over-50s lifestyle communities offer connection, activities, and ease of living.

Do you want a lock-up-and-leave lifestyle?

Apartment living or lifestyle resorts provide flexibility and convenience.



Start by asking yourself

Would you like access to future care or support if needed?

Retirement communities can offer peace of mind with additional services.

Is location your top priority?

Downsizing closer to family, shops, and services can make everyday life simpler.

There is no one-size-fits-all solution, the right choice depends on your lifestyle, priorities, and future plans.

What Should You Consider Before Downsizing?

What matters most to you?

- Staying close to family
- Reducing maintenance
- Keeping independence
- Being part of a community
- Access to medical services
- Lifestyle and location
- Security and ease of living

Understanding Costs

Different options may include:

- Purchase price
- Ongoing fees
- Maintenance or body corporate costs
- Exit fees (in some communities)

Common Mistakes to Avoid

- Waiting too long to make a move
- Overcapitalising before selling
- Choosing based on price instead of lifestyle
- Not understanding ownership structures

The best decisions are made with a clear understanding of both lifestyle and financial considerations.

Planning the Sale of Your Current Home

For many homeowners, the biggest challenge isn't where to move, it's how to manage the transition.

When should you sell?

Some choose to sell first for certainty, while others secure their next home before listing. The right approach depends on your situation.

Should you renovate before selling?

Not all improvements add value. In many cases, presentation and positioning are more important than major upgrades.

How do you align timing?

Coordinating settlement dates, moving timelines, and your next home can feel complex but with the right plan, it can be managed smoothly.

What is your home worth today?

Understanding your current value is the starting point for making informed decisions.

Downsizing isn't just about moving, it's about creating a plan that works for your lifestyle, finances, and future.

Every situation is different and having the right advice early can make the process much easier.



Not sure where to start? Downsizing is a big decision, but you don't have to navigate it alone - we help local homeowners understand their property's value, explore suitable downsizing options, and plan a smooth, confident transition. Whether you're just exploring or ready to make a move, we're here to support you every step of the way.



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