

# From trash to treasure: decluttering before sale

Never truer is the saying “one man’s trash is another man’s treasure” than when decluttering a home in preparation for sale.

**A**s we move through life, we accumulate many items. There are some pieces we will always cherish, but most belongings are eventually outgrown, outlived or become simply unwanted.

While these once-valued items may have little future appeal, the reality is they commonly end up in the dark corners of homes around the country. At Handled With Care, our mantra is use it, love it or leave it. Aside from adding to your rubbish pile, how else can you bid your unwanted items farewell? We always encourage our clients to begin by donating or selling, and then to dispose of what’s left. There are many ways to find a new home for items that you no longer need.

## DONATE TO YOUR FAVOURITE CHARITY

Nothing beats the feeling of supporting a charity, and there are many non-profit organisations that specialise in the sale of used items as a means of fundraising.

These organisations are grateful to receive your unwanted items; many even collect them from your doorstep. It is important to note that each charity will have a list of what they can and cannot take, and items must be clean or



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in working order. Remember, a gift to charity, no matter how small, will support services or research and help your community.

## EBAY IS THE WORD

EBAY, Gumtree and other online auction and shopping websites are wonderful for

buying and selling. They provide an excellent way to retire items you no longer need. To identify how much your belonging may be worth, search for similar items and take note of their sale price. You can also list furniture or other household items that may need some restoration, as they are often attractive to the right person. Too time consuming? Consider

engaging a company to help navigate this process.

## ANTIQUES, ART AND AUCTION HOUSES

Auction houses provide a service to value and sell antiques, art, jewellery and other valuables. Similarly, second-hand dealers can be ideal in helping reveal hidden treasures. Such items may be valuable if they are rare, unusual, in high demand or just aesthetically pleasing. Ultimately, market demand will determine your piece’s true value.

## GARAGE SALES AND GIFTING

If all else fails, consider a weekend garage sale for the remaining items you’ve culled. If you don’t want to organise the garage sale on your own, you may choose to call on family and friends to help. You may even encourage them to add some of their own items to boost the product offering.

It really is simple to convert a pile of preloved items into money you can spend on decorating your new home, or to gift your unwanted treasures to those more in need.

With spring here there is no better time to start afresh – so get decluttering!

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## 2/183 Kambrook Road, Caulfield

**Auction Sunday 5 October at 12:30pm**

LOCATION – JUST GOOGLE IT!

Caulfield Station – 4min

Carnegie Station – 6min

Malvern Station – 4min

Balaclava Station – 9min

Chadstone Shopping Centre – 8min

CONVENIENCE – UNIT LIKE A HOUSE!

No common land. No body corporate

2 courtyards on title + garden with pergola

Double garage + 3 car space

3 large bedrooms + 2 bathrooms

Kitchen/meals and large living room

Parquet flooring

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**View** Saturday & Wednesday 1.00-1.30pm

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**Auction** Sat 18 October - 12.30pm

**Price** \$830,000 - \$890,000

**Inspect** Sat 3-3.30 & Wed 1.15-1.45

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