# **Home Equity Release**

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New Zealand's Specialist Bank

# Heartland at a glance

Heritage Heartland Bank's roots stretch back to 1875

Listed Heartland Bank's parent company Heartland New Zealand Limited

(HNZ) is listed on the NZX Main Board with approximately 8,000

shareholders

**Diversified** Diversified asset portfolio, widespread depositor base and

a balanced geographic footprint

**Principal activities** Specialist banking products for Household,

business and Rural sectors

Credit rating Standard & Poor's: BBB / Fitch: BBB

Home Equity Release HNZ acquired the Australian and New Zealand

home equity release mortgage businesses

of Seniors Money International in April 2014

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# What is a Home Equity Loan?

### Simple product

A Home Equity Loan is simply a home loan, designed specifically for seniors, with no regular payments, that is only repayable when they move permanently from their home.

- Often referred to as a Reverse Mortgage
- Enables seniors to remain in their home and enjoy their retirement
- A variety of uses (e.g. home improvements, travel, upgrade motor vehicle, support next generation etc.)

#### Thorough and robust completion process:

- Mandatory independent legal advice
- Encourage independent financial advice
- Strongly encourage discussions with family first

#### Conservative LVR based on age of youngest borrower:

Age	65	70	75	80	85
Maximum %	20%	25%	30%	35%	40%



# Marketplace

#### Potential NZ market size

- The New Zealand Home Equity Loan market was estimated at NZ\$444m in 2013 1
- Market penetration has been low but is forecast to grow significantly. This will be driven by:
  - Greater product awareness and credibility
  - Demographic growth and changes
  - Increased retirement funding needs

#### New Zealand property ownership is high for the 65+ cohort

- Almost 75% of people aged over 65 own their own home <sup>2</sup>
- Over 90% of them (almost 300,000) own their home without a mortgage <sup>3</sup>
- 1. Deloitte Reverse Mortgage Survey 2013 (New Zealand)
- 2. 2013 Census Data Table 21
- 3. Survey of Family Income and Employment Dynamics 2004 Table 10



# **Demographic changes**

### Have retirees saved enough?

### **Demographic and economic realities:**

- When a 65yr old today was born, average life expectancy was 67yrs for males and 71 for females
- However, a 65 year old retiring today can expect to live until about age 86 for males or 88 for females<sup>1</sup>
- NZ Super provides broad based universal superannuation only covers necessities
- The median income for a New Zealand retiree is \$20k<sup>2</sup>

# Many have saved for retirement – it's just tied up in their home

- Home owners aged 65+ have over 85% of their wealth in property<sup>3</sup>.
- A Home Equity Loan can play an important role to enable seniors to stay in their home, improve quality of life, and do more

- 1. 'How Long Will I Live?' Statistics New Zealand
- 2. Statistics New Zealand Income Survey June 13 Quarter
- 3. Housing and Implications for Retirement Saving NZ Treasury 2007



# **Typical customer**

# **Case study**

Jack 74 and Bev 71

Home value: \$400,000

Maximum loan amount: \$104,000 (based on Bev's age: 26%)

Initial Borrowing: \$45,000 (including fees)

Express Top-Up: \$30,000 in three \$10,000 advances (Years 3, 5 & 10)



	Loan 8.95% p.a. interest rate	Property Value 3% p.a. growth rate	Equity Remaining
5 Years	\$92,233	\$463,710	\$371,476
10 Years	\$154,050	\$537,567	\$383,517
15 Years	\$240,595	\$623,187	\$382,592

While the loans can be small, the impact on New Zealand seniors is often transformational.



# **Customers**

### Myths and realities

### **Product Misconceptions:**

- I no longer own my home
- You can evict me if I don't keep it tidy
- I don't want to make a mistake and burden my family
- I'm nervous I may be talked into something I don't need
- ✓ Lifetime Occupancy guarantee
- ✓ No Negative Equity guarantee
- ✓ Loan Repayment guarantee

#### **Moral views:**

- You should leave your home to your family
- You shouldn't need to take a loan tighten your belt





# **Summary**

# Option to make the most out of retirement

- Simple product
- Enables retirees to stay in their own home and provides financial freedom to enjoy their retirement
- Socially responsible product
- Outcomes can be transformational
- Thorough and robust completion process
- Growing demographic
- Significant growth expected

