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NSW Development **site sale**, Victoria Road and Wharf Road, Melrose **Park**, Sydney **Chinese group** Aqualand has bought a major **residential site** in Sydney's northwest for \$130 million. The Lord Mayor of Parramatta, John Chedid, said the 4.8ha **property** was the biggest development **site sale** in western Sydney for the year.

"This is a great win for our community," he said. "The **site** is a key eastern gateway to Parramatta near excellent public transport links and the Parramatta riverfront with Sydney-wide views. For many years, this **site** has been under-utilised and surplus to community needs. The **sale** provides a financial windfall sought-after location." The **site** could sustain more than 1000 apartments.

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PRICE: \$130m BUYER: Aqualand Australia SELLER Parramatta City Council AREA: 4.8ha AGENTS: Harry Bui and Guillaume Volz, Colliers International

QUEENSLAND Retail/office building sale, 324 Wickham Street, Fortitude Valley A two-level office and retail complex in inner Brisbane has been sold for about \$15m to a private investor. The 3242sq m property on a 2104sq m site, the former home of Borsellino's Period Furniture House, was sold by Montague Development, which purchased the site in 2010 for \$9.7m. The building is currently home to four tenants.

PRICE: About \$15m BUYER: Private investor SELLER: Montague Developments YIELD: About 5.5 per cent AREA: 3242sq m (lettable area), 2104sq m (land) AGENT: Seb Turnbull and Christian Sandstrom, JLL

VICTORIA Shop and warehouse **sale**, 507 Chapel Street and 1B Davidson Place, South Yarra A single-storey shop and a two-storey warehouse combined as a single-tenant building have **sold** for \$6.35m to an offshore investor. The **property**, with a yield of 5 per cent, is leased by furniture retailer Matt Blatt, returning \$320,000 per year.

Charles Emmett, the Fitzroys agent who negotiated the deal, said nearby apartment developments were underpinning strong population growth in the area. "We are continuing to see unprecedented levels of investment demand from offshore buyers," he said.

PRICE: \$6.35m BUYER: Overseas private investor SELLER: Local investor YIELD: 5 per cent AREA: 387sq mAGENT: Charles Emmett, Fitzroys

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