# REAL ESTATE

IN VICTORIA
IMPACTED BY
COVID-19

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# Introduction

#### Project background

- ✓ COVID-19 pandemic spread globally
- ✓ Impact Australia Socially and economically across industries

#### Project aim

✓ Understanding of the impact of COVID-19 on Victorian real estate industry

#### Main business consideration

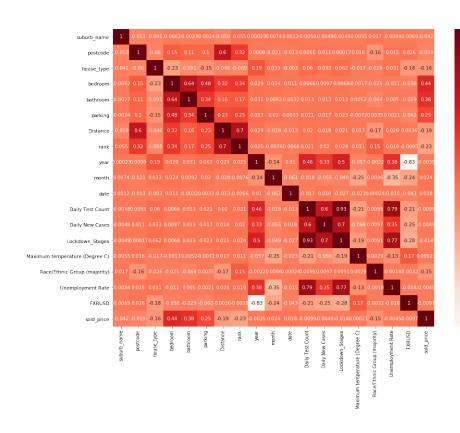
- ✓ House pricing can be related to a range of factors
- ✓ Covid-19 impacting the economy in a syndromic manner

#### Potential business values

- Business insights for Victorian real estate industry
- ✓ Information to support real estate agents and investors for decision making



### exploration



- > Attributes selected & retrieved
- Correlation heat map built
- Key features

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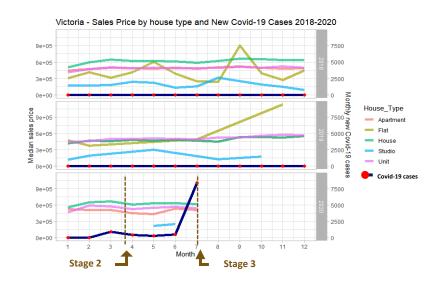
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- ✓ Housing sale data from 2018-2020 over suburbs in Victoria
- ✓ Covid-19 daily tests & confirmed cases & Victorian lockdown stages
- ✓ Unemployment rate in Australia & Australian dollar

# Valuable insights 1 – Impact of COVID-19 on house pricing

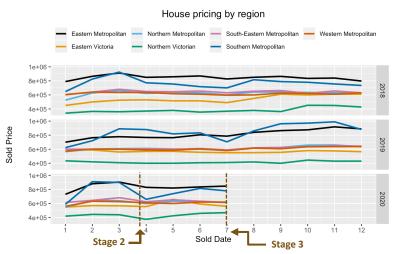


- > All property prices have risen overall from 2019.
- According to this data, the pandemic has not affected house pricing



- > House Price increasing
- > The sale numbers of Studios and Flats decreasing

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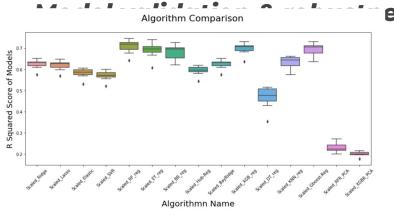




- ➤ The trend of house prices by region has changed in 2020
- In 2020 compared to 2019, house prices in Southern Metropolitan have fallen and house prices in Eastern Metropolitan have risen.
- ➤ Unemployment rates ↑ due to influence of Covid-19
- Despite the higher unemployment rate in 2020, house prices were not significantly affected.

### Valuable insight 2 - House pricing Prediction model

- Feature selection algorithm applied
- Comparison using different regression models random forest selected
- > Model parameter tuning for optimised model performance



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Accuracy: 84.24 %.

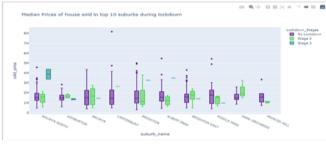
Mean Absolute Error: 128755.57 degrees.

Accuracy: 84.63 %.

#### **Business Solution**

- Business solution proposed: Website
- USP of this solution is Dashboard and Web Page
- > Dashboard deliverable: house price trending visualisation





## **Business Solution (Cont.)**

- Webpage deliverable:
  - A robust model
  - Variables (related to Covid-19)
     considered
  - House price prediction on a certain date

Daily Test Count
Daily New Cases:
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Maximum Temperature on selling date:
Temperature
Race/Ethnic Group(majority in that suburb):
Afghani
Jnemployement Rate:
Unemployement
Foreign Exchange Rate(with USD):
Exchange Rate
Predict House selling price

### **Summary**

- Understand the impact of COVID-19 on real estate industry
- > Victorian house pricing over COVID-19 pandemic investigaed.
- Business solutions- Website
  - ✓ Dashboard
  - ✓ Prediction model
- > Recommendations
  - ✓ Forecasting of house prices for next 3 months.
  - ✓ Integrating an auto-update of dashboard