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Buyers Collective are a boutique buyers agency specialising in helping home buyers secure quality properties across Brisbane's inner-city suburbs – now relocating to New Farm.

The agency was founded to provide buyers with independent advice, strategic guidance and professional representation to ensure the property purchasing process is smooth and stress-free.

Founder and Lead Buyers Agent Jack Freestone (*pictured*) said they love seeing people find the house of their dreams.

"A big focus for us is helping families secure their dream home and navigating the buying process with confidence," Mr Freestone said.

With backgrounds in property development, design, and investment, the team has spent years learning the traps to avoid, the strategies that work, and what separates a good buy from a great one.

"Our aim is always to help clients access better opportunities, make informed decisions and negotiate the best possible outcome, whether



they're purchasing a family home, upgrading, or downsizing," Mr Freestone said.

What sets Buyers Collective apart is the level of care and attention to detail they put into their professional support, access to opportunities, and local on the ground expertise in uncovering the best homes for their clients.

The New Farm office will open in mid-June at Shop 3 on the corner of Moray Street and Merthyr Road.

Call Buyers Collective on
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Lux Street Furniture bringing renowned craftsmanship to Newstead



Moran's chesterfield sofa Bastille, with hand-tied diamond button upholstery

Lux Street Furniture has opened its second store in Newstead, proudly stocking the largest collection of handcrafted Moran sofas, lounges and recliners in Australia.

The Lux Street team has over 30 years of experience with a well-established store on the Gold Coast and have

just launched their new showroom in April, conveniently located on Chermside Street.

Managing Director Dominic Tam is excited to bring renowned Moran lounges back to Brisbane after five years, exclusively available through Lux Street as their master dealer.

Many people will recognise Moran, previously stocked in leading department store David Jones, as one of Australia's most respected furniture brands.

Their lounges are famed for quality craftsmanship and exceptional comfort and support, upholstered in designer Warwick fabrics and premium European leathers.

Established in 1961 and one of the only factories still manufacturing handcrafted furniture, Moran products are built to last with a manufacturer's 10-year warranty.

The range offers extensive size, fabric and configuration options – whether you want a classic look for your lounge room or a contemporary style for apartment living.

Alongside Moran furniture, the stunning Brisbane showroom has a curated collection of contemporary decorative artwork, lamps, bedheads and occasional furniture to complete your interior.

When you browse Lux Street's range instore, you can be sure of expert advice thanks to their knowledgeable team who can offer guidance on furniture customisation as well as everything required for a full home fit out.

They offer a complete turnkey interior design service, from furniture selection throughout the home to contemporary window furnishings including motorised curtains, shutters and roller blinds.

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SDV Interiors Design Studio: the neuroscience behind design

By Dr Sacha DeVelle

Why should I use an interior designer? This is a question we often hear, and our response has its origins in cognitive neuroscience.

Understanding how you visualise, perceive and feel about a room or new build is crucial to the design process, and is often subconscious in nature. When appraising a space, the trained designer will use a cognitive approach that is holistic in nature.

A holistic view combines contextual information from prior knowledge and allows the senses to perceive new information quickly. This 'conceptual' approach is what the neuroscientist Earl K. Miller calls top-down processing.

In comparison, the lay person usually focuses on the most salient, physical aspects of a room. This stimulus-driven process is known as bottom-up processing. For example, the type of furniture, or colour of the walls, becomes the focus.

To date much of what we know about the built environment depends on subjective experiences. The relatively new field of neuroarchitecture is now challenging that premise. Scientific measures such as eye tracking and physiological responses are focusing on real time data to measure how we perceive curves, ceiling design and even window size.

Experiments using fMRI scans have also compared how the brain reacts to open and enclosed spaces. Those findings show that open rooms activate visuospatial activity, a region of the brain that allows us to process distance and space. In contrast, enclosed rooms show brain activation in regions directly related to the amygdala – the area that processes our fight or flight response.

Of course the big question we need to ask about these 'real time'

measures relates to the gap between controlled experiments and the lived experience.

Some interior designers, architects and artists may argue that a scientific approach stifles creativity. Do we really need this as part of our tool kit? Adopting such a framework takes time, effort and considerable expertise.

We believe that asking the right questions is key to bridging this gap – and should provide us with a deeper understanding of the design process. Furthermore, we have found that research-related design topics

facilitate our communication with clients around the why and how for design and architectural choices.

If you need advice on how to enhance a space in the home, speak to a designer who can back up their recommendations with neuroscientific evidence. For example, someone who can tell you 'Did you know that our neuroscientific



response to curves evokes a sense of comfort and beauty? What more could you want for your home...'

You can read more about this topic on the SDV Interiors website: **'Designing successful interior spaces: Insights from Cognitive Neuroscience'**.



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Village Gardening: Perfumed gardens with formal flair

By John Hawkins



Formal gardens should be invariably austere in structure, yet always elegant. They are very easy to create and are most suited to Federation

and Mediterranean architecture. Your paths, driveway and other landscape elements will play an important role in establishing the foundation of formality. The plants will be stately and tidy, rather than spreading and rambling. Symmetry is essential. Whatever you do on one side of an entrance you should repeat on the other side – e.g. a pair of planted containers, or a pair of standard roses.

Perfumed hedges

There are some wonderful fragrant plants suited for formal hedges, including some of Brisbane's favourites. *Murraya paniculata*, *Viburnum tinus* and Rosemary. All can be clipped into neat hedges for a very formal look.

The elegance of standards

Standards, or lollipop trees, have become very fashionable, especially for English-style Federation gardens. They are well behaved and add a touch of class, particularly when a single variety is used in a long row to highlight a fence, or to border a driveway. Ideal for this purpose in a perfumed garden are White Duranta and *Brunfelsia*.

Evergreen beauty

Camellia sasanqua 'Jennifer Susan' has a delicate fragrance, is a tall grower and looks superb when espaliered against a brick wall or planted in a row down a fenceline.

Sweet-scented air

Gardenias and other low-growing perfumed shrubs are at their best when planted in formal beds around the house, particularly beneath windows to allow the sweet perfume to waft inside. My favourite scent is Jasmine. It's a climber – use on a fence, wall, or garden arch. You can put it anywhere in your garden.

Climbers

- *Beaumontia*
- *Psedocalyma* (Garlic vine)
- *Gelsemium*
- *Lonicera japonica* (Honeysuckle)
- Jasmine
- Ranoon Creeper (*Quisqualis*)
- *Stephanotis*
- *Wisteria*

Shrubs

- *Brunfelsia* (Yesterday, Today & Tomorrow)
- *Buddleia* (Butterfly bush)
- *Camellia sasanqua*
- *Cestrum nocturnum* (Night scented)
- Cumquat and Citrus
- *Eriostemon* (Waxflower)
- Gardenias (all varieties)
- *Heliotrope* 'Cherry Pie'
- Jasmine sambac
- Lavenders
- Lemongrass
- *Michelia figo* (Port wine magnolia)
- *Murraya* (Mock orange)
- Nutmeg Bush
- *Rondelitia*

- Rosemary
- Scented geraniums and
- White Duranta
- Wormwood

Trees

- Curry leaf tree
- Frangipani
- Magnolia
- *Melaleucas*
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- Native Gardenia (*Randia*)
- *Pittosporum undulata*
- Wattles
- White Cedar



Jasmine has a beautiful scent



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Designtank: Think like a designer

By Estelle Cameron



Consider the home as a whole

Most people think a renovation begins with choosing finishes – tiles, tapware, paint colours. In reality, the most successful projects start much earlier, with a clear plan for how the home will function and feel.

Before making selections, it's important to step back and consider how you

live day to day. How do you move through the space? Where do you naturally gather? What's not working in the current layout? Often, the biggest improvements come from rethinking the flow of a home – adjusting a wall, reworking a kitchen footprint, or better connecting indoor and outdoor areas.

It's also worth looking beyond a single room. A kitchen, for example, doesn't exist in isolation – it connects to living, dining and outdoor spaces. Considering the home as a whole leads to a more cohesive and functional result.

Budget plays a role in every decision, but it shouldn't limit your thinking too early. Exploring different options first – then refining based on priorities – often leads to better long-term value.

With a well-considered plan in place, the design process becomes clearer, more efficient, and far less overwhelming.

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Sit your best: Choosing the right work chair for your wellbeing

The way we sit influences how we think, work and move throughout the day. Without the right support, long hours at a desk can encourage static postures that lead to discomfort and reduced focus over time. Choosing a well-designed office chair helps create a more balanced and comfortable way of working.

Creature of comfort

A good seat begins with support that feels intuitive. Ergonomic chairs designed to stabilise the pelvis and support the lower back encourage a more natural seated posture, helping reduce slouching and physical strain. The Aeron Chair by Herman Miller – arguably the world's most comfortable chair – is designed to adapt to any body type and move with the body, responding to posture shifts and keeping the body and brain limber.

A fit that feels personal

No two people sit the same way, which is why adjustability is essential. Seat height, arm position and recline all work together, distributing weight evenly so the chair shapes itself around the person, not the other way around.

Materiality also plays an important role. Breathable textiles help regulate body temperature through long hours, while Aeron's advanced PostureFit technology supports the spine at its base, sustaining posture naturally throughout the day.

Made for life

Investing in a high-quality home office chair is an investment in everyday wellbeing. Designed with longevity in mind, durable and sustainable materials ensure comfort and performance over time, reducing the need for replacement. Timeless design and lasting craftsmanship allow these pieces to integrate seamlessly into the home for years to come.

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Résidence Advocacy: Investing in the home you live in

Around Brisbane dinner tables at the moment, there is a lot of conversation about property, tax and what the next smart move looks like.

With ongoing discussion around changes to negative gearing and capital gains tax for investment properties, many buyers are starting to look more closely at the value of their own primary residence.

For a lot of Australians, the family home remains one of the most powerful wealth-building assets, particularly because of the tax advantages that can come with owning and improving the home you live in.

For many locals, this may mean thinking less about buying any property, and more about buying the right property.

A well-located home in a blue-chip suburb, with strong land value, good orientation and a floor plan that can be easily improved over time, can create an incredible stepping stone. It is not always about buying the biggest or most renovated home from day one. Often, the smartest purchase is the one with solid fundamentals and the ability to be elevated.

This is where the role of a buyer's agent becomes particularly valuable. Buying well is not just about finding a property you love; it is about understanding the location, the underlying land value, the future buyer pool and whether the home has the right ingredients to grow with you over time. A good buyer's agent should help you look beyond the styling and assess whether the property is genuinely a smart long-term asset.

We saw this play out with a client who we helped purchase a property two years ago for \$980,000. It was in a fantastic location and, importantly, the house had an easy floor plan to work with.

They completed a cosmetic renovation without moving walls or undertaking a major structural rebuild, and the property has just resold for \$1.62 million. That represents approximately 65% growth in two years.

The lesson is simple: location does the heavy lifting, but usability matters. A home with good bones, natural light, functional spaces and a layout that does

not require a complete reconfiguration will usually be easier and more cost-effective to improve.

For buyers wanting to move through the property ladder, the primary residence should not just be viewed as a place to live. It can also be a strategic asset. Buying well, renovating thoughtfully and holding in a strong location can create equity, flexibility and future options.

In a changing market, having the right people in your corner can make all the difference. A buyer's agent can help identify the right suburb, source opportunities, assess value and negotiate with a clear strategy, while an architect, builder or interior designer can help ensure money spent on improvements is actually adding value.

Smart homeowners will continue to ask, not just "can we live here?", but "can this home help us take the next step?"

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Résidence Advocacy recently secured an off-market PPOR renovator at 17 Sparkes Avenue, Hamilton for \$2,460,000

The design starts with your story

By Emma Butterworth

The best projects start with a conversation.

Tell me about your morning routine. Show me where your family gathers. Tell me what drives you crazy about your current home on a Tuesday at 7am. That's where the design begins, not with a layout, but with your life.

This is how I'm building my practice across Brisbane's inner suburbs, from Queenslander renovations in Clayfield and Hamilton to new builds in Camp Hill and Ascot. I work at the intersection of traditional character and modern living: homes that honour the Queensland vernacular while quietly solving the problems of contemporary family life.

Most of the homes I work on have a story already. My job is to understand that story and write the next chapter, not start from scratch.

My process is collaborative. I don't disappear for weeks and come back with a grand reveal. I sketch, we talk, I sketch again. By the time the concept

is finished, it's not my design. It's ours. That matters, because you're the one who will live in this home.

If you've been thinking about a renovation that's been on the back burner, or a new build that still feels like a daydream, I'd love to hear from you. Even a 20-minute call is a great place to start.

Find Emma at ebarchitects.com.au.



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Max Lang started out in the timber industry at the age of 14 and has more than 50 years' experience working in the industry. He oversees manufacturing quality control and sustainability practices.

His son Allan Lang has worked within the family business for many years and shares his father's

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The team places a strong focus on “conversation pieces” – objects that naturally spark curiosity and storytelling within a space.

Store Director Sharon Lin says everything in the store is carefully selected for its beauty, history, craftsmanship, and story.

Thanks to their well-travelled Merchandising Manager Emma Zhang, who draws from her interior design background, Rendezvous Home has cultivated exclusive access to internationally recognised designers rarely offered in Brisbane.

The store introduces local customers to a level of global design curation more

commonly associated with cities such as Milan, Paris, Copenhagen, Tokyo, or New York.

Stocked at Rendezvous is French luxury maison Christofle’s MOOD silverware and setting collection, a metallic egg-shaped centrepiece that acts as a cutlery setting for six that diners can pick up from – moving from formal dining settings to fun and casual occasions.

Pioneering Italian furniture house Moroso offers a casual aesthetic and exceptional comfort with their funky oversized chromed pipe armchair with a rounded seat cushion and curved backrest.

Playful furniture and collectible design pieces also include works from BD Barcelona Design – recognised for merging surrealism with home design – and the influential Italian design company Kartell, whose products feature in museum collections.

Traditional luxury is exemplified in their range of Bernardaud carved porcelain candle bowls and elegant dinnerware sets, which make sophisticated gifts for weddings or other special occasions.

Spanning from classical Florentine bird motifs to the more whimsical Neptune series, the 285-year-old Italian brand Ginori 1735 offers statement ceramic pieces.

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Brightly-toned Sowden rechargeable portable lamps are offered alongside a range of travel pillows, luxe Christian

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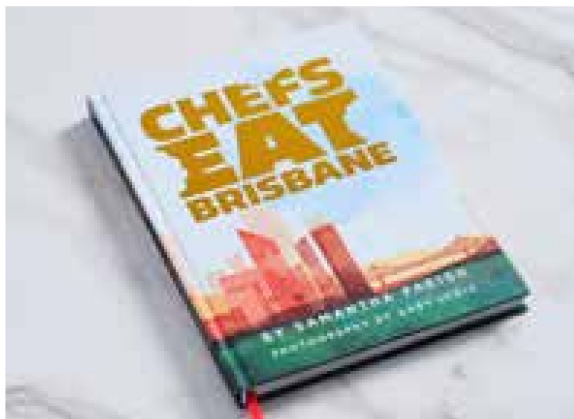
The story behind Brisbane's chefs

By Samantha Parish

The book *Chefs Eat Brisbane* was born from a simple idea: if you want to understand a city, go to the people feeding it.

As a chef and food writer, our move to Brisbane was swayed by the fact I could see the city quietly evolving into one of Australia's most exciting food destinations. This book became my way of getting to know my new home in the best possible way: through the food and the people behind it.

Following the success of *Chefs Eat Canberra*, *Chefs Eat Brisbane* is the second instalment in the chef-led series by Chris Hansen, who approached me to write the Brisbane edition.



These chefs represent the spirit of the city: people with strong points of view, generosity, craftsmanship and a genuine connection to place. Having worked in professional kitchens myself, I wanted to create something that leaves a legacy for the chefs and hospitality workers helping shape this city.

The book profiles chefs including Clément Chauvin (Montrachet), Shane Delia (Layla), Martin Boetz (Shortgrain), Sarah Baldwin (Joy), Javier Codina (Moda), Catherine Anders (Mosconi) and Dario Manca (Attimi), alongside many others.

More than just a cookbook, *Chefs Eat Brisbane* is a long-form celebration of the city's dining culture. Each venue shares recipes alongside stories, recommendations and insights into the people behind the pass.

At a time when so much food content feels fast and disposable, I wanted to create something lasting. Something beautifully photographed by award-winning photographer Andy Lewis and thoughtfully written to document a city finding its confidence through food.

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Samantha Parish got to know Brisbane through its chefs

Store to close



The Department of Home and Gifts will be closing its shopfront and moving online, having brightened up Brunswick Street since 2019.

Owner Violetta Tosic (*pictured*) said the location, tucked in beside New Farm Cinemas, is a special little corner quadrant of small businesses and she will be sad not to have the shopfront any longer.

Ms Tosic will continue working with local artisans to create custom pieces and said she is looking forward to spending more time on interior design projects and helping locals with home styling for sales.

The store at 701 Brunswick Street will be open until the end of June, so pop in for closing specials or give Violetta Tosic a call on **0416 515 802**.

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