



Yeronga Cellars

When restaurateur Sam Ingham-Myers decided to team up with his hotelier brother Nick, the pair developed a winning formula - creating a welcoming space for the people of inner south Brisbane to enjoy.

For the last six years, Sam and Nick have been providing old-fashioned, family hospitality at the Rocklea Hotel and the Yeronga Cellars in the Yeronga Village. The Rocklea Hotel is a pub steeped in history that spans back to 1874 when it was known as the Rocky Water Holes Hotel. It's been known as The Rocklea Hotel since 1885, after the opening of the new Rocklea railway station.

After more than two decades owning and running restaurants in Fortitude Valley and Noosa, Sam wanted a change of pace and joined his brother in the hotel game.

The pair owned the Royal Hotel Roma, before turning their hospitality charm to Yeronga and its surrounding suburbs.

They have recently refurbished the Rocklea Hotel, and their accompanying business the Yeronga Cellars, located in the Yeronga Village between the pharmacy and the convenience store, will be part of the upcoming Yeronga Village redevelopment.

The Rocklea Hotel attracts professionals, families and people who want an inviting place to meet and enjoy top quality food.

"We have recently renovated the dining rooms, bars and bathrooms and we now provide a warm and inviting atmosphere that attracts a lot of the Yeronga crowd," Sam says.

"Our menu is lovely with beautiful steaks, pasta and salads. It is what we would describe as really delicious pub grub," he says.

The hotel is also one of only two in Queensland to offer beer off the wood which means stored and poured directly from a wooden barrel and is served on Fridays at lunchtime.

"Everyone loves the experience of an old-fashioned beer off the wood and we attract a great crowd," Sam says.

Just 3km down the road, customers to the Yeronga Cellars will find a family-owned business with a difference.

"Our customers will always see either Nick or I behind the counter, along with our lovely staff Susanne and Maree and because we are family owned, we offer consistent and reliable prices and if our customers want a particular product that we don't have in stock, we will always be able to order it in for them," Sam says.

Sam says the close-knit local community provides a great customer base and the area is enviable across Brisbane.

"Yeronga is such a well-held area and despite being like its own village it is so convenient to transport, and the city is just 10 minutes away," he says.

"Long-term we can definitely see that it will continue to flourish."



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The History of Yeronga Part 8

Dr Michael Macklin

By the 1880s, the Yeronga area had become a fashionable place to live with businessmen, lawyers, politicians and civil servants establishing large residences on substantial blocks of land generally with river access. It is for this reason that the Yeronga Park land was set aside as a recreation reserve in 1882 and hence became Brisbane's second oldest park with 103 acres and three roads (41.9 hectares) especially cleared for this purpose. The remaining native vegetation suggests that the reserve was open eucalypt forest up to that time.

'Yeronga' originally existed as part of an Indigenous name for the area so it is probably one of the oldest named parts of Brisbane. ¹ However, its formal European naming does seem to have been strongly championed by Charles Hardie Buzacott and Richard Gailey. Buzacott's home was called Yeronga-lea which was built in 1883 on a large block which went down to the river on the corner of Feez Street and Kadumba Street. ²

During his political career, Buzacott attempted to introduce an eight-hour working day in Queensland but was in advance of his times and did not succeed. He did, however, become Postmaster-General in January 1879 and was responsible for linking Brisbane to London by telegraph (the longest telegraph line then in existence) plus the introduction of the telephone to Queensland. In 1880, he purchased the controlling shares in the Brisbane Newspaper Company, owners of the Brisbane Courier and The Queenslander, and was Managing Editor until 1894. ³ Buzacott's papers immediately began using the name 'Yeronga' to distinguish the area from Boggo.

The celebrated architect Richard Gailey ⁴ was an owner of a third of the Brisbane Newspaper Company and a person with an eye to the business of property values who doubtless had very definite views about 'Boggo' as a name for an area in which he was designing homes for the new business class. Richard knew the area well since he often visited "Kadumba", the home of the Grimes family, where Baptist services were held till a church was built.

The transition from Boggo to its present name of Yeronga is a somewhat contested history. According to the records in St. John's Cathedral, the first known European name for this neighbourhood was "Bloggo". In what became a typical Australian approach, "Bloggo" meaning "two trees growing together" was soon changed to "Boggo" because it sounded like "boggy", an apt description of the terrain along the "Boggo Track" that in 1905 became Annerley Road. Even the South Brisbane jail for many years was known as the Boggo Road Gaol despite there being no Boggo Road. In an uncharacteristic nod to history, the name has been retained in the new bus station at the end of the tunnel under the old jail site.

Buzacott's and Gailey's contribution might best be characterised as popularising the name. Indeed, given Buzacott's and Gailey's prominence and influence, it is not hard to see why the Railway Department picked up the 'Yeronga' name and used it for the railway station when it opened in 1884.



¹. Rev. W. Ridley, *Kamilaroi and Other Australian Languages*, 1875, pp. 84, 133; see also the paper *Untangling 'Stories of Stephens' Place Names'* by Neville Buch, Ray Kerkhove and Michael Macklin for an extended discussion of this issue.
². The word appears to have been derived, in part, from the 'yerongpan' language meaning 'sandy place'. An alternate meaning, or possibly another associated meaning, is 'ceremony place'. Given the annual surplus of rakali in the area, this would certainly have been a good place for various Indigenous groups to come together to conduct ceremonies.
³. C. Lack, Buzacott, Charles Hardie (1835-1918), *Australian Dictionary of Biography, National Centre of Biography, Australian National University*, <http://adb.anu.edu.au/biography/buzacott-charles-hardie-3133/text4669>. This was published first in hardcopy in 1969, accessed online 24 September 2015.
⁴. Richard Gailey was the architect responsible for a number of memorable Brisbane buildings including Moorlands at Auchenflower (home of the Mayne family), Brisbane Girls Grammar School, the Regatta Hotel at Toowong, the Empire Hotel in Fortitude Valley, the old Myer Store in Queens Street of which one can now only see the front facade facing the mall, the Brisbane Arcade across the mall from the Myer store (designed by his firm but probably the bulk of the work was done by his son), the Irish Club, the Metro Arts building in Edward Street and Primac House in Creek Street used during World War II as the US Army's main postal exchange and the centre of the infamous 'Battle of Brisbane' riots, from November 27 to 30, 1942, between the 'over-sexed, over-paid and over-here' US troops and the Australian servicemen.

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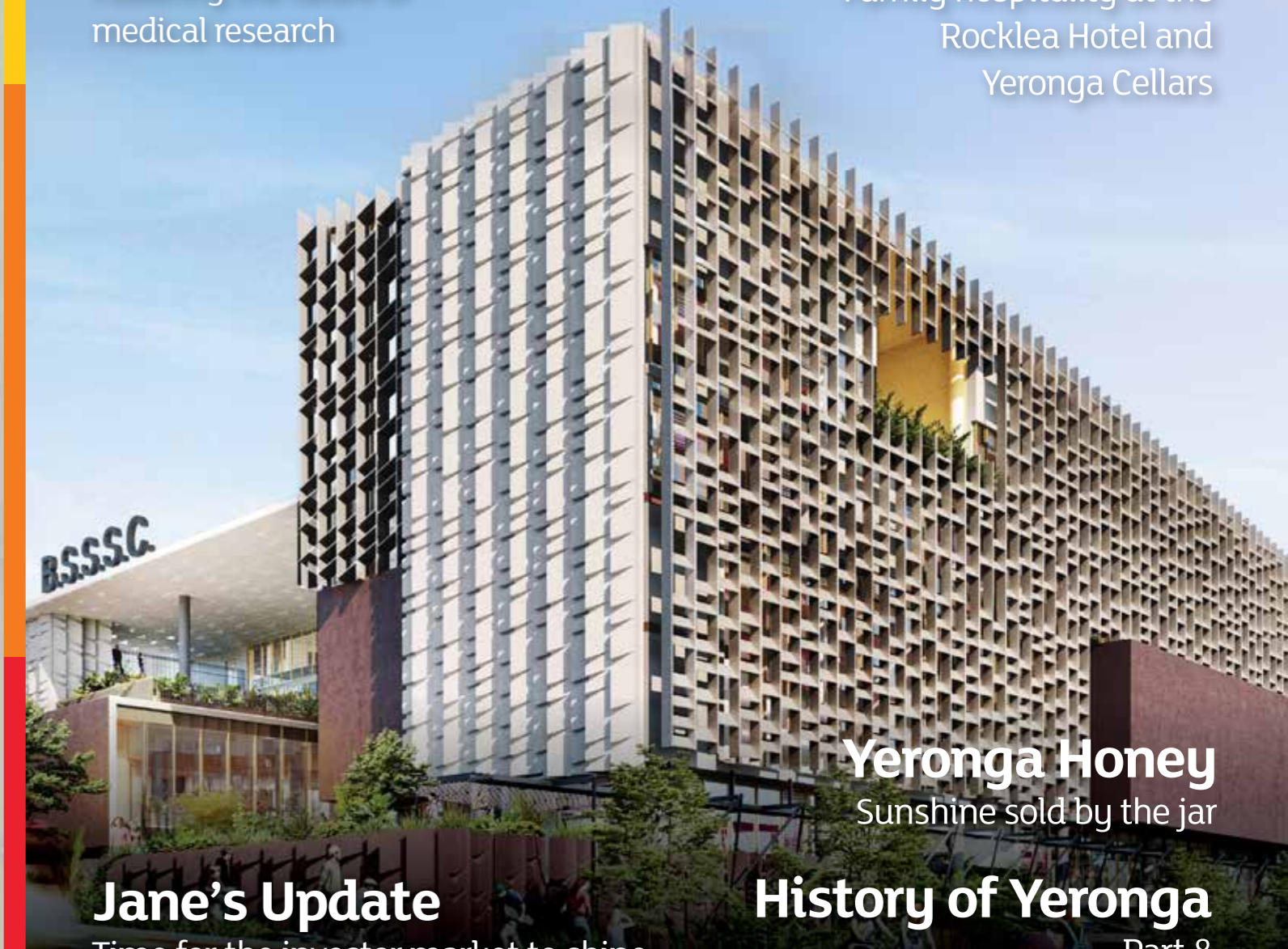
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Jane's Update Time for the investor market to shine

How good is it to be a Queenslander as we work through COVID!

I would have to say we have been very fortunate, but fortune coupled with some good leadership decisions (*these times are not about politics but about leadership*) has kept us safe and protected business as much as possible. As we watch what unravels down south we should be very thankful for our freedom even with masks! We are still getting a high level of calls and enquiries from down south either wanting to invest in our city or to move up to live. Our management of COVID and the announcement of the Games really have put us on the map and on the radar for investors. Lots of positivity in our market both with what the future holds for our state and also how we are performing through the pandemic.

The last month we have seen an extraordinary uplift in prices in our townhouse market which I touched on in last month's Village News as we were just starting to feel that change. But as these results are starting to settle I wanted to report on those so you can actually see the results.

I have sold a few townhouses in the past that I have recently sold the neighbouring property and in each situation these properties have been the mirror image of each other, not one renovated and the other not. But direct comparisons that are giving us a true indication of where the market now sits.

*I sold 3/41 Wilton Tce Yeronga approx. 18 months ago for \$520,000 – 3 bed, 2 bath, 1 car
I sold 2/41 Wilton Tce Yeronga that settled this week for \$676,000
• \$156,000 difference in sale prices*

*I sold 4/59 Valley St Annerley 12 months ago for \$580,000 – 3 bed, 2 bath, 1 car
I sold 5/59 Valley St Annerley that settled last week for \$723,000
• \$143,000 difference in sale prices*

CATHERINE EDWARDS COUNSELLOR

People are at the heart of former real estate agent turned counsellor Catherine Edwards

Former LJ Hooker Annerley/Yeronga real estate agent Catherine Edwards has taken the leap and launched her own counselling practice, after enjoying four and a half years in the property industry.

As a counsellor with 14 years' experience, Catherine decided on a career change in 2017, putting her people skills to good use and working within the team at LJ Hooker Annerley/Yeronga. She went from agent and then moved to working along side Principal, Jane Elvin for the last 18 months, as Buyers Agent and Personal Assistant. Her and Jane formed a close working relationship with mutual trust and respect.

"Jane has always believed you should do what you love, and so she was very supportive when I made my decision to move back into counselling."

But the pull of her former profession was too great, so she has hung up her real estate hat to help the people of Annerley and Yeronga in a different way.

"I've been honoured to get to know the people of Annerley and Yeronga for the past four and a half years and they have entrusted me to help them buy and sell their houses which can be a daunting process for many, but now it's time for me to help people in another way," she says.

Traditionally a lot of our unit and townhouse stock has been purchased by first home buyers that were either purchasing under \$500,000 to not pay stamp duty or purchasing new to get the \$20,000 first home buyer grants; or investors putting their money where it might grow, into a product that is affordable. Many a time this stock is then re-sold for that purchase price or even less. However, now we are seeing the growth which means our first home buyers are walking away with a larger deposit for a home purchase, or our investors many of which can be preparing for retirement are retiring with an extra "nest egg"

I have had two sellers in particular that this growth in the townhouse market and their timing with selling has changed their life. They have \$100,000 + more than they expected at a time that they needed it. We hear a lot about how hard it is for first home buyer's to get into the market but it's wonderful to be able to have an impact in the financial side of clients life that opens them up to more choices in the future. As one part of our market might be impacted in what they feel a negative way, another part are enjoying the "fruits of their investment"....and that is what Real Estate is all about and why I love it so much.

It is with great pleasure this month I can give a plug to Catherine Edwards – read her story below. Catherine has been a wonderful support to me both in my business and my personal life over the years, many a day supporting me through situations and keeping me positive. Catherine entered Real Estate for a change, but for Catherine her passion is all about people and less about property and for her she did not feel she was helping enough people so she has gone back to her counselling background in areas we need more support. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Catherine for her support and loyalty, it's been a wonderful journey. I will miss our daily therapy sessions but I can't wait to watch her blossom in an area where she is naturally talented and very passionate about.

"It's always good to mix things up, but my love of counselling and helping people through all kinds of life events and experiences means it was time for me to go back to my original profession."

Catherine Edwards Counselling is based in Annerley and is a professional counselling service that is non-judgmental and offers therapeutic support to people who need it.

Catherine has a Bachelor of Behavioural Science (Psychology) and a Masters in Social Science (Counselling) and has recently completed the level 1 Gottman Training in Relationships Counselling.

"In my interactions with my clients I am not shocked by anything, I don't judge or make assumptions about what is best for people. Instead, I work collaboratively to support people and help them unravel a range of challenges and issues," she says.

Her experience in counselling is broad and she has previously worked in private practice, public and community health, government and education.

Some of the areas Catherine has helped people in are relationships, parenting issues, life transitions and career changes, depression and anxiety, bereavement, chronic illness and reproductive counselling.



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YERONGA SUNSHINE SOLD BY THE JAR

Yeronga local Joseph Lim is supplying Yeronga sunshine in the form of raw, local, wildflower honey, produced by bees in hives located in his backyard.

With seven hives buzzing with European honey bees, Joseph estimated he'll produce more than 500 kg of honey this year, which he bottles up and sells to the community.

His honey label is called Mellifer Honey and is sold through his Instagram and Facebook pages to his loyal following of Yeronga and surrounding locals.

The self-taught apiarist (the technical term for beekeeper) has been experimenting and growing his beehive and bee colonies for the past two years.

"Bees and their pollination are obviously vital for food production and for preserving balance in our ecosystems," he says.

"But there is also a lot of anecdotal support that local honey can help with allergies and I think that creates some of the interest in sourcing honey from local hives."

Currently completing Grade 12 at Brisbane Grammar School, Joseph is working towards a career in medical research.

His honey business is a side hustle, which started as a hobby after he received his first hive for his 16th birthday.

With winter winding up, Joseph says the bee population will start to increase and honey production will ramp up for the Spring.



To order your own honey from Joseph;
Facebook: @joseph who likes bees
Instagram: @joseph_who_likes_bees
Mellifer Honey is \$15 a kilo,
or 500g is \$9 and 330g is \$7.



10 Amazing facts about bees

1. A honey bee colony has about 50,000 bees
2. A queen bee will only mate once in its lifetime
3. A queen bee can lay twice its body weight in eggs each day
4. Bees have 4 wings, 6 legs and 5 eyes
5. Bees see blue better than red
6. A bee flaps its wings up to 200 times per second
7. Worker bees communicate with a dance
8. A honey bee will produce about 1/12 of a teaspoon of honey in its lifetime
9. The drones only purpose in life is to mate with a queen bee
10. Drones do not have a father

BRISBANE SOUTH STATE SECONDARY COLLEGE Fairfield teenager fostering the future of medical research and the new BSSSC

With a love of medical research, there was no question for Fairfield teenager Jude Brandt-Meehan that he was a perfect candidate for the new Brisbane South State Secondary College's (BSSSC) Biomedical Science Academy.

Jude is in grade 7 and is in the foundation cohort of the new school, located in Dutton Park.

He and his mother Belinda Brandt couldn't be happier with the quality of education and sense of community BSSSC is offering them.



Despite not living in the school's catchment area, Jude took advantage of the school's selective entry Biomedical Science Academy and is now putting his love of research to good use- developing his knowledge and skills in the excellence program.

"I have always loved doing biomedical research so this is such

an awesome way to learn more because it gives me the opportunities to do what I want to do and learn from awesome teachers," Jude says.

"We do a lot of actual research at the University of Queensland and use their facilities to examine cells and it is always a lot of fun."

Jude is aiming for a career in the biomedical research field and says the BSSSC Biomedical Academy is giving him the foundation he needs for his future.



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"Learning about cells and how they work is so interesting. Especially since this pandemic, the entire industry has become even more interesting so it is awesome we are getting the opportunity to learn as much as we can."

As a new parent at the school, Belinda says she has been blown away by the way the administration team works together to create a seamless experience for students and their families.

"I have been very impressed with the way the school handles communications with families, the quality of the education on offer and the sense of community they are fostering," she says.

Located at the heart of what is known as "Brisbane's Knowledge Corridor," BSSSC has a strong relationship with UQ and is surrounded and supported by some of the country's most respected research facilities.

BSSSC is an enrolment managed school, which means its primary purpose is to serve students who reside within the local catchment. Out of catchment students can also apply to the school and information about enrolments is on the website.

The school also offers two Selective Entry Programs that prospective students can apply for. They are the Biomedical Science Academy and the AFL Academy.

