



Weekend 7-8 October 2017

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## MEDIA RELEASE

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### Let's talk. Brisbane Open House 2017 Speakers Series

Brisbane Open House is inviting residents and visitors to join architects, designers, planners and professionals in conversation, as they explore what influences the shape, experiences and growth of our city and its buildings.

This year, Brisbane Open House will host five free talks throughout September and early October discussing a range of topics including endangered skilled trades, the obstacles of heritage, the function of industrial spaces and problem-solving housing Australia's ageing population.

Queensland Government Architect Malcolm Middleton said the Speaker Series events will appeal to people who are passionate about Brisbane, its architecture and heritage, and its future planning and design.

"The Speakers Series stimulates dynamic and informative conversations around a range of architectural and design issues which influences the shape our city," Mr Middleton said.

"The speakers will take an intimate look at everything from Brisbane's architectural heritage to the city's future in creative design, urban pockets, and both economic and environmental sustainability in an insightful and interesting way."

Brisbane Open House is a free event, providing visitors with the rare opportunity to discover a wealth of architecturally diverse, well-designed and historic buildings in Brisbane. Held over two days on Saturday 7 and Sunday 8 October. This year over 90 buildings of historic and modern architectural importance will open, and the full program includes tours, talks, walks and events.

All speaker series events are FREE.

To view the program or to book, visit [www.brisbaneopenhouse.com.au](http://www.brisbaneopenhouse.com.au)





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### **Making It Local**

Wednesday 20 September 6.15pm

ThinkLab at River Studio, Brisbane Powerhouse

119 Lamington Street, New Farm

Around the world and particularly in Australia, highly skilled traditional trades men and women are becoming an endangered species. The rise of large scale overseas production, where the maker's hand are replaced for faster, cheaper technology, has seen a drastic decline in the role of local manufacturing. Explore the role the design and architecture community plays in nurturing the growth of manufacturing on home soil. This panel discussion of multidisciplinary creatives will explore the role our design and architecture community plays in nurturing the growth of manufacturing on home soil.

#### **Speakers:**

Mark Raggatt, ARM Architecture

Matthew Tobin, Urban Art Projects

Carolyn Solley, Hassell

Alanah Greentree, Luxxbox (Facilitator)

### **Pechakucha Vol 50**

Wednesday 20 September, 8.20 pm

Turbine Platform, Brisbane Powerhouse

119 Lamington Street, New Farm

Meet Brisbane's best and brightest creative thinkers as they discuss the built environment. Immerse yourself in a mecca for creative expression as PechaKucha gives a stage to designers, artists, architects and other creative individuals to present their designs, thoughts and ideas. The patented format (20 slides, 20 seconds per slide) has become a worldwide phenomenon and keeps the presentations lively, interesting, and to the point.

#### **Speakers:**

Stewart Armstrong, Urbis

Louisa Gee and Morgan Jenkins, 2017 Dulux Study Tour Winners

Jonathan Cowle and Jeff Brown, Rothelowman

Damian Thompson, Lat27

Bruce Wolfe, The Piano Mill

Chloe Naughton, Inverdon House

Andrew Saad, Strategic Urban Planning Team, Brisbane City Council

Omar Barragan, City Planning and Economic Development, Brisbane City Council





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## **The Great Debate – Heritage an obstacle to progression**

Thursday 28 September 6.15pm

Brickworks Design Studio

27 James Street Centro, Fortitude Valley

Historic buildings help foster our sense of national identity, link us to the stories of our past and ultimately form the personality of our streets and suburbs. These are confusing times in the business of protecting Brisbane's architectural heritage. To preserve and honor or to cast into oblivion to pave way for progress?

In true debating style, six leading architects, designers, planners and business leaders will pitch their arguments, for and against this controversial topic.

### **Speakers:**

Rebecca Moore, Conrad Gargett

David Cowan, Conrad Gargett

Malcolm Elliott, VAULT Heritage Consulting

Peter Richards, Deicke Richards

Stewart Armstrong, Urbis

Sixth speaker to be announced shortly!

MC: Jim Gall, Gall Architects

Adjudicator: Malcolm Middleton OAM, Queensland Government Architect & Chair Brisbane Open House

## **Revitalising Industrial Spaces**

Wednesday 4 October // 6pm arrival for 6.30pm start

Albion Fine Trades

97 Sandgate Road, Albion

If done right and situated well, a collective of makers can assist in the organic development of an industrial area into an exciting, thriving urban pocket. Meet some of the key players involved in Brisbane's newly developed industrial precinct - Albion Fine Trades, home to a collective of locally recognised food and design-focused 'makers', as they discuss the challenges and benefits of stimulating a place-based rejuvenation.

### **Speakers:**

Angela Hirst, Wandering Cooks

Alex Douglas, RL57

David Twohill, Twohill and James Architects

Alex Ridgway, Neighbourhood Coffee Roasters

Andrew Tynan, Albion Fine Trades (Facilitator)





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## **Meeting the Crisis: Designing Affordable Housing for Australia's Seniors**

Sunday 8 October 10.30am

Caggara House Common Room

11 Bothwell Street, Mt Gravatt East

How do we design high-quality homes that meet the needs of seniors while remaining affordable to those on low incomes? How do we encourage and maintain a vibrant community within a senior's complex?

This panel discussion will explore these questions. The venue, Caggara House is a purpose-built complex developed by BHC Creating Liveable Communities in partnership with the Queensland Department of Housing and Public Works, and provides high-quality homes for seniors previously living in under-occupied public housing properties.

### **Speakers:**

Jemima Rosevear, Arkhefield

David Langley, Arkhefield,

Professor Lynda Cheshire, University of Queensland

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