

fast lane

Mega sale

Be Uplifted breast cancer charity will hold a Mega Garage Sale on Saturday and Sunday, August 30 and 31, at the **Aspley** Hypermarket (old garden centre) from 6am-3pm. Call Wendy for details on 0408 751 577.

Writing prize

Lucinda Bopf, of **Kedron**, has won the runners-up prize - worth \$5000 - in the Young Writers Award for *Fish*, a memorable story full of originality and ambition.

CPR success

A cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) awareness program delivered by community volunteers is improving the health outcomes of Queenslanders who suffer a cardiac arrest. Visit ambulance.qld.gov.au

Warehouse lease

Logistics company ACA International has taken a two-year lease on a 581sq m warehouse at 11 Cullen Ave, **Eagle Farm**.

CHERMESIDE



Pack & Send's Wayne and Maria Varkevisser. Picture: Russell Brown

Team thrilled to be sent packing

OWNERS of the Chermeside branch of courier service Pack & Send were named Franchisee of the Year for a business employing less than two staff on July 18.

The gong was part of the Franchise Council of Australia's Excellence in Franchising Awards for Queensland and the Northern Territory.

Maria and Wayne Varkevisser bought the business in 2011 after emigrating from South Africa. They applied the lessons learnt from a previous telecommunica-

tions business. "We looked at how to put a smarter layer into the business, like improving packing solutions, streamlining processes," Mrs Varkevisser said. "Our existing business skills and experience have enabled us to be able to do these changes and not fear them."

The franchise has reported a revenue increase of more than 30 per cent and Mrs Varkevisser has also taken on a mentoring role.

The couple will now vie for the National Franchisee of the Year title in October.

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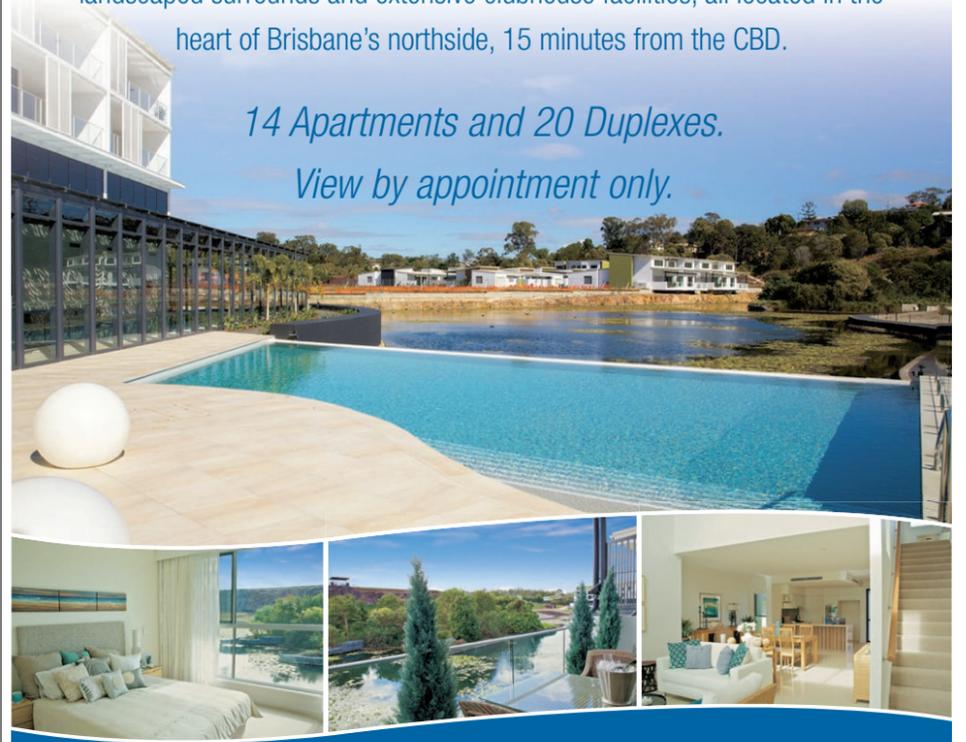
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