

LUKE and his partner Kelly are expecting their second child any day and he is busy running his takeaway business of three noodle bars.

At work

I am the owner and director of Wok Me Noodle Bars. I enjoy the development of the business and providing Brisbane's increasingly busy population with a healthy and fresh takeaway food alternative.

There are three Wok Me stores in Brisbane — Fortitude Valley, the Direct Factory Outlet Centre at Brisbane airport, and North Lakes, and I plan to increase this to eight stores by the end of this year.

I have been in hospitality for the past 15 years. The idea for the business came to me in 2003 after spending some time in Melbourne and Sydney and realising the trend of fresh Asian cooking had really taken off, but was yet to reach Queensland.

As an owner, you do everything from accounts to marketing to mopping the floors.

At home

I live at Kangaroo Point with my two beautiful girls, my partner Kelly and our daughter Kate, 3.

It is so central, yet we live on a relatively large block with plenty of

trees and space. It's our little bit of suburbia in the City.

It is also a short walk to South Bank and Fortitude Valley. I'm an ex-Melbourne boy and I found Kangaroo Point by accident. I was going to the Gabba one day and parked my car in a street and I ended up buying the house I had parked out the front of.

At play

I love cooking in my spare time, experimenting with new foods and new sauces.

I also like relaxing and spending time with my family, visiting the beach and having a surf. I have the occasional big night out in the Valley. I try and eat at a different restaurant every week.

I think Brisbane's really come of age. Ten years ago when I moved up here I went to get a latte, but all I could choose from was white or black coffee.

We frequent Bravo's in New Farm, it's casual and it's got a good menu. We tend to go to Timmy's Restaurant at South Bank. It's great for the family and you've got the park out the front where the kids can run around. I like to grab a coffee at Garage at South Bank. Anise Wine Bar at New Farm is a nice place for a quiet drink and a meal.

— KATE PATTERSON

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Peaceful: Anise Wine Bar at New Farm



Passionate: Noodles man Luke McGrath

