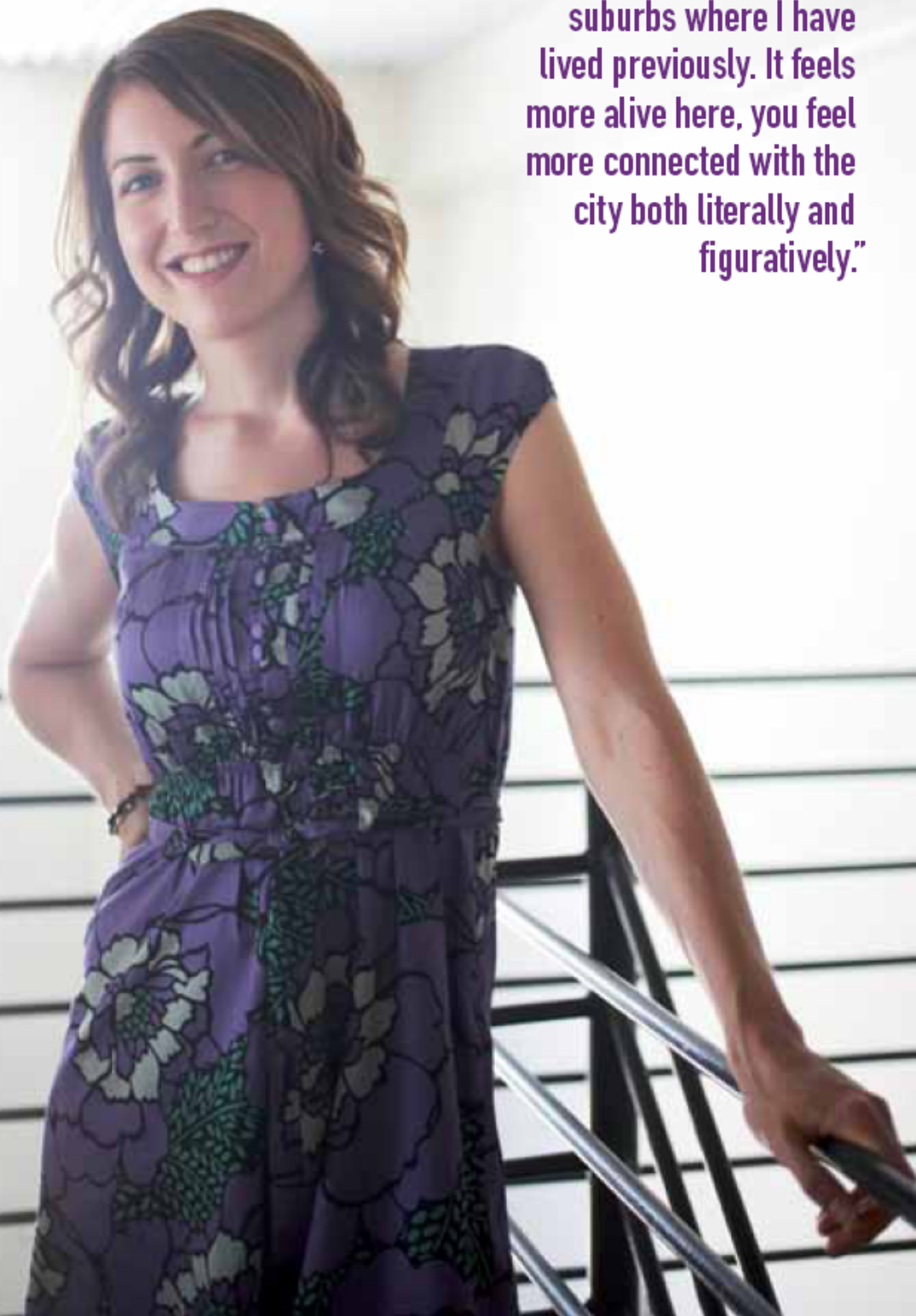


THE URBANITE FILE

Name Conor Mines
Born Geraldton
Lives Northbridge
Studies/Works University of WA
Loves Food and going to the gym

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For committed ‘foodie’ Conor Mines, moving to Northbridge last year was like moving to food heaven.

Cooking, eating, sharing food, going out and writing about food on her blog holdthebeef.blogspot.com has become an obsession for Conor, an environmental engineer studying plankton for her PhD at the University of Western Australia.

“It is a big part of my life and is one of my favourite ways to spend my downtime. It’s a deliciously creative outlet from my scientific work,” she said.

After returning from a six-month research trip to Canada, Conor leapt at the offer from a friend to move into a converted warehouse on Palmerston Street, making her the envy of her non-Northbridge living friends.

“It is such a convenient place to live. I love the multicultural flavour of the place and for someone who loves food it is pretty perfect really. Everything is in walking distance and there’s every type of food you could possibly imagine,” she said.

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One of her favourite ways to spend a Sunday is to go out for a dim sum breakfast and then stroll over to the markets at the Perth Cultural Centre for a browse.

Another favourite local haunt, apart from the restaurants like Phi Yen and Nine Fine Food, is Tran’s Emporium, an Asian supermarket where you can find any type of Asian ingredient you could desire.

As for the future of her new neighbourhood? There’s plenty to get excited about, according to Conor.

“New bars opening up in the inner city areas such as 399, Ezra Pound, Andaluz, 1907 and Helvetica due to the new small bar licences are a step in the right direction which will encourage people to stay in the city past 5PM.”

And she’d love to see more free public events like the Northbridge Festival.

“These kinds of events help to foster a real sense of community by getting everyone together for some fun and it’s a great way to showcase local music.

“I’m looking forward to seeing how Northbridge and the city take shape over the next couple of years. I’d definitely like to stay in the area.”