Options open in Paddo

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HOME TRUTHS

It’s a fashion family dynasty — the Simona label has been an Australian favourite since the ’60s and its CEO, John Recek and wife Geraldine are selling their Paddington St properties. The neighbouring homes may be sold in a line or separately with agent James Drick putting a combined guide price of over $3 million.

With an area of 550sq m, three separate buildings and rear lane access, it is an intriguing prospect that sets the imagination running overtime considering all the different options.

The Simona label was created in 1963, when John Recek’s mother Inge Forsey began the dynasty. The brand continues to be strong, with a new presence to be found in the Myer chain.

Olley’s house in Newcastle

A little history can be found in the rather humble Newcastle property once owned and used by artist Margaret Olley. Agent Sonia Walkom, a friend of the veritable artist, is listing the Church St terrace and hopes to achieve over $600,000 for the house.

Although the three-storey house has been modernised over the years, the property will still benefit from additional work, and is presented as two flts. It will be auctioned on May 25.

Unite to sell La Hacienda

SCULPTOR, furniture designer and now vendor Rory Unite is a man of many talents.

He and partner Nicola are selling their bespoke-styled Barrenjoey Rd, Avalon home, furnished with some of Rory’s in-demand pieces. His background includes sculpting for films such as Narnia, Matrix and Superman — but he has since branched out into furniture creation using recycled materials. His organic work can be seen in many homes, as well as in the Boathouse restaurant in Palm Beach and soon at a new Mosman restaurant. Rory can also be found at the Sculpture Foundry and School in Mosman where he teaches sculpture. His Avalon home, La Hacienda, has four bedrooms, including a self-contained guest wing. The home is listed with My Property Live and is looking for offers over $900,000.

Expert Maki is real deal

FOR enthusiasts of modern architecture there is still time to purchase tickets to hear one of the world’s best in the commercial branch of the field talk in Sydney.

Fumihiko Maki, a winner of the Pritzker Prize (architecture’s equivalent of the Nobel prize) will be speaking in Sydney on June 18 at the Lend Lease Theatre. His projects include Tower Four of the New York World Trade Centre and the massive MediaCorp Singapore headquarters. Tickets can be purchased online through organisation Cement Concrete & Aggregates Australia at concrete.net.au/events/cpius13.php.

Cremonbe beauty sold

CREMONBE has seen one of its beauties taken off the shelf. Anna Housels from Belle Property Manly has sold the waterside Shellbank Pde for a shade under the $7 million asking price. Designed by award-winning architect Richard Johnson, the home has attracted plenty of overseas interest, including an incognito rock star who visited with his bodyguard in tow.

Even houses for pooches

MAURICIO Umansky, the heart-throb husband of Real Housewives of Beverly Hills star Kyle Richards, has landed the biggest Sunset Strip listing of the year. The $24 million Marmont Manor boasts 14 bedrooms, 17 bathrooms, a sushi bar and its own fire department. Built on rare flat acreage above the strip, the home also boasts a lounge room-styled garage (ideal for the Ferraris), a house-sized aviary and actual houses for the pooches.

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