



PROUD CITIZENS: The Derwent Valley's newest Australian citizens after their citizenship ceremony held at the council chambers last Thursday. From left, Gareth, 14, Adele, 42, Geraint, 47 and Anwen Hughes, 11, all of Granton, Mayor Tony Nicholson, Nigel Wilson, 29, of Maydena, and Lisa Forster, 26, of New Norfolk.

Valley welcome for six new Aussies

SIX Derwent Valley residents became true blue Aussies last week when they took the Australian citizenship pledge.

The new citizens gathered with family and friends for the citizenship ceremony, held last Thursday at the council chambers.

Taking the plunge were the Hughes family — parents Adele, 42, Geraint, 47, and children Gareth, 14, and Anwen, 11 — Nigel Wilson, 29, of Maydena

and Lisa Forster, 26, of New Norfolk.

Preceding the citizenship oaths, Derwent Valley Mayor Tony Nicholson read Commonwealth preambles describing the privileges and obligations that come with "the common bond that unites all Australians".

Cr Nicholson cited Australian values including democracy, free speech and a fair go, and said becoming a citizen demonstrated

one's commitment to and loyalty to Australia.

The Hughes family, of Granton, read their pledges together.

The family has been in Tasmania for three years.

Gareth and Anwen attend St Virgil's and St Mary's colleges.

Mrs Hughes said Tasmania felt like home. "It's an ideal place for the children to grow up, the opportunities are amazing," she said.

Mr Wilson, originally of Oxfordshire in the United Kingdom, moved to Maydena with wife Emma in 2003. Mr Wilson's parents had previously taken over the Giant's Table restaurant and cottages, and asked their son if he and his wife wanted to help run the business.

Ms Forster was born in New Zealand and settled in the Derwent Valley after living in various locations around Australia.

Canaways concern at impact of logging

A GROUP of residents and landholders at Canaways Creek are concerned about the impact logging operations planned for the area will have on the pristine watercourse that provides locals with drinking water.

Group spokesperson Heather Chaplin, who was born at Canaways Creek and whose family has lived there for generations, said residents were not against logging operations, they just wanted to be sure all due care would be taken to maintain the health of the creek.

However, Ms Chaplin said over the past two years, Forestry Tasmania has repeatedly failed to respond to requests for information or to address the key

concerns of the group.

One of the group's main concerns is the erosive nature of local soils. They are worried if logging roads are not built to standard, disturbed soil will run into the creek and make the water undrinkable.

On March 13, Forestry Tasmania released a statement saying "extensive consultations with the Canaways Creek Community Group", had occurred, and harvesting plans for coupe TN026C had been certified.

Derwent district forest manager Steve Whiteley said consultations with locals had been "valuable step in our planning process".

"Before any operations begin, it is a normal part of the process

to engage neighbours and members of the local community, as well as various specialists and scientific experts to review and modify our plan as necessary," Mr Whiteley said.

"An example of important new information gathered is that a wedge-tailed eagle's nest was discovered while conducting a helicopter survey with the Canaways Creek Community Group.

"In addition to being an exciting discovery, the plan was adjusted to ensure suitable habitat is maintained around the nest."

Ms Chaplin said forestry Tasmania's statement was at odds with the Canaways Creek

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NOT HAPPY: Canaways Creek Community Group spokesperson Heather Chaplin enjoys the tranquility of Canaways Creek, National Park, with other group members, while it lasts.

New water scheme for Bushy Park, Glenora

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For more than 140 years residents have used water from a heritage-listed water race. This water is not suitable for drinking.

But in recent years the ageing race has become a less and less sustainable option.

Reticulated water was traditionally supplied to residents via the race by Bushy Park Estates. Hopfield owners were historically the biggest users of the race, and have always maintained it.

However, in late 2006 Hop Products Australia advised it no longer wished to continue this arrangement, and council took over maintenance of the race.

Supply from the race was further affected by operations at a large dairy farm, which gained approval in 2003.

For the past few years residents have complained of water contamination, and tests undertaken have supported this.

Councillor Richard

Parker expressed concern over the impact of Styx Farm on the water supply.

However, Mr Mackey said the owners had undertaken works to reduce run-off.

"Until we had the workshop I wasn't really aware of how serious the issue is with run-off from the farm," Cr Parker said.

"This council puts the farm on notice that they have to clean their act up.

"I have spoken to Bushy Park residents and it's fairly obvious that we have an environmental issue with water coming through that race. This council has got to show some real concerns with the health issue coming out of that farm."

Mr Mackey advised that the owners of Styx Farm had been working with Greening Australia and had undertaken many positive steps to reduce run-off.

Cr Elliott questioned why the rotary dairy was approved in the first place.

"This is a site where we had a sheep farm that suddenly turned into a dairy farm with a high impact," he said.

The rotary dairy was approved as a P1 development, which means it is permitted by right without needing to be advertised.

Mr Mackey advised that as part of the upcoming overhaul of planning scheme, agricultural developments of this nature may be redefined.

Cr Craig Farrell said the water race had been a problem for some time, long before the dairy was built.

"For a number of years before the dairy farm was there the water race was a problem."

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ports have come from the Bradys system, there were many people camping there over the break.

Bradys had fished well two weeks ago as did Woods Lake, with a good bag of trout averaging 1.35kg. Recent reports show this fishing has slowed down, per-

Happy campers at Bradys

haps due to the warmer weather. At Lake Burbury, on a few boats anglers were targeting the wind lanes landing rainbows around .5kg.

● THE Lake Pedder Anglers' Club will hold

its AGM tomorrow, Thursday, at the Polish Club, on the corner of Augusta and Main Rds, New Town, 7 for 7.30pm.

The board decided to hold the meeting early

this year to allow the incoming committee the longest possible time to prepare for the 2009 Back to Pedder event.

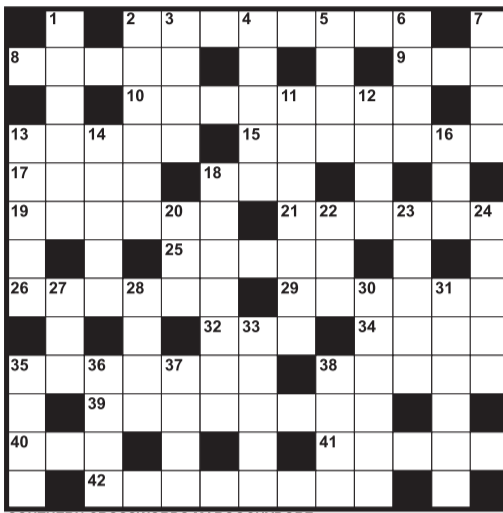
All committee positions have become va-

cant this year with all current office bearers no longer willing to return to their positions. The previous treasurer is retiring but will offer a mentoring role to the new candidate.

The LPAC does such a tremendous job, with the Back to Pedder events raising funds for such a well deserved charity in Camp Quality. The following is taken from the club's March newsletter:

"If you believe the Back to Pedder competitions are worthwhile, then your support is needed to ensure they continue.
"Even if you are unable to commit to office-bearing positions, a commitment to some support is needed. Please attend the AGM on March 27 2008 and advise what support you can offer."

Crossword No. 1646



SOUTHERN CROSSWORDS MAROOCHYDORE

- ACROSS**
2. Slows down
8. Squander
9. Pongo
10. Sensible
13. Divest
15. Inflatable jacket (3,4)
17. Walk heavily
18. Collection
19. Modern
21. Teacher
25. Beaver-like?
26. Vibration
29. Hand on hip, elbow out
32. Abner
34. Grain
35. Stopped
38. Weird
39. Small fleet
40. Ermine e.g.
41. Encore
42. Subtle implication

13. Small fish
14. Newk's partner
16. Understand
18. Young actress
20. "New" prefix
22. Noah's boat
23. Indonesian island
24. European river
27. Rubbish
28. Public walk
30. Glacial epoch (3,3)
31. Island N. of Brisbane
33. Fool
35. Couch
36. Hair-style
37. Easy gait
38. Dash

Solution No. 1645



- DOWN**
1. Chesspiece
2. Pace
3. Jump
4. Musical sound
5. Sea-eagle
6. Auction
7. Nuisance
11. Porridge
12. Overwhelms



TRANQUIL SPOT: A historic loggers hut, still used as a holiday shack, nestled in the bush next to Canaways Creek, National Park.

Concern over logging effect

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Community Group's experience.

"The recent media release by Forestry Tasmania was a complete surprise.

"Our members now believe that Forestry Tasmania has used our time and our commitment to protecting our natural water supply as a pretence for consultation," she said.

"The recent Forestry Tasmania media release implies that we were part of an exciting process that has resulted in habitat protection. This

was not our experience. "Measures made by Forestry Tasmania to protect an eagle's nest are required by law and were not in response to our stated concerns for the habitat of the area."

Forestry Tasmania also stated:

"The Canaways Creek Community Group was particularly concerned about protecting water and soil values. Given that residents draw their water, steps were taken to ensure these values are maintained.

"Current water quality monitoring will con-

tinue as various forest operations occur. We will share this information with the Community Group.

"Forestry Tasmania now intends to commence operations for this area as weather conditions and contractor availability allows."

Ms Chaplin said the group had been given no assurances that the water quality would be protected, or that any sufficient actions were being undertaken by Forestry Tasmania to preserve the natural water supply.

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Hydro lake levels

Variation from full supply levels, minus metres. Issued by Hydro Tasmania yesterday.

Arthurs	5.08, steady
Bradys	1.57 rising
Bronte	1.16 steady
Great Lake	17.09, steady
Burbury	3.5, steady
Echo	10.81, steady
Gordon	40.24, steady
King William	11.52, steady
Mackenzie	7.52, steady
Mackintosh	1.79, steady
Meadowbank	0.4, steady
Murchison	13.33, steady
Pedder	1.43, steady
Pieman	1.4, steady
Plimsoll	1.49, rising
Rosebery	0.62, steady
Rowallan	7.94, steady
St Clair	1.96, steady
Laughing Jack	6.57, steady
Little Pine	0.88, steady
Penstock	0.35, steady

Weekly Rainfall

Rainfall data for the week ending 9am Tuesday. Issued by the Bureau of Meteorology, Hobart.

DERWENT VALLEY	
Bothwell	6mm
Bothwell (Cluny)	3mm
Bushy Park	5mm
Maydena	14mm
Moogara	6mm
New Norfolk	-mm
Ouse	4mm
Ouse (Ashton)	6mm
Tarraleah	15mm
Tyenna	16mm
Victoria Valley	10mm
CENTRAL PLATEAU	
Bronte Park	7mm
Cradle Valley	-mm
Derwent Bridge	19mm
Hermitage	3mm
Interlaken	6mm
Lake Augusta East 13mm	
Lake St Clair	22mm
Liawenee	8mm
Liawenee Canal	11mm
Waddamana	5mm
OTHER REGIONS	
Bagdad	6mm
Glenorchy	-mm
Hobart	5mm
Huonville	8mm
Scotts Peak Dam	26mm
Strathgordon	40mm

WEATHER

CENTRAL PLATEAU AND DERWENT VALLEY

WEDNESDAY: Scattered showers extending during the morning. Mild to warm with moderate northwest winds before a colder, fresh southerly change.

THURSDAY: Isolated showers, mostly about the Derwent Valley, clearing. Snowfalls about the higher peaks. Cool, with moderate southerly winds.

FRIDAY: Isolated showers about the west and far south, otherwise fine. Cool to mild with light to moderate southerly winds tending northwest and freshening.

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"He hasn't been eating popcorn again, has he?"

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