



## MEDIA RELEASE

### Citizenship Ceremony

The Shire has five new Australians in the Buloke family. At a citizenship ceremony held in Wycheproof on Wednesday 14 October, five residents became Australian citizens.

Mr Noel Mansibang, his wife Ruzel and their two children; Shaine (aged 6) and Elijah (aged 4) have settled in Donald. Mr Mansibang has worked in Canada, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates as a metal fabricator and arrived in Donald in 2008 and has worked at Harberger Farm Supply and Trading for almost eight years. Ruzel, who hails from the Philippines, has worked in Hong Kong and Singapore and is currently employed at Weir's IGA and Kooka's Country Cookies. They met in Manilla and were married in 2007. Shaine is attending Donald Primary School whilst Elijah is enrolled at Donald Kindergarten. Mr Mansibang and his children were awarded their citizenship at the ceremony.

"I find Donald a very quiet place, safe for my family and the people of Donald are very friendly. Me and my wife believe Donald is good place to raise kids. We thank the Donald town people for giving us a chance and allowing us to be part of the community", said Mr Mansibang.

Panchami Santhosh was born and raised in one of India's more beautiful states, Kerala (which she prefers to call Bharath). Panchami married Santhosh Kundathra after graduating in nursing and they have two beautiful children; Arjun and Gauri. The family migrated to Australia in 2010.

"In Hindu culture we have a Sanskrit saying 'Loka samastha sukhino bhavandu' which means 'be part of all living things in the universe, live pleasantly'", said Ms Panchami Santhosh at the ceremony where she and her son Arjun were awarded their citizenship.



Noel Mansibang and his children Shaine and Elijah.



Panchami Santhosh and her children Arjun and Gauri.

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