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She handles her professional duties on a three-day-a-week schedule - as does her husband. That way they can maximise their time with their children (aged one and three) and ensure every weekend can have a family/beach/outdoors focus.

Bronwyn is a keen scuba diver and her husband an enthusiastic diver and surfer. While their skills combination means they could live virtually anywhere that takes their fancy - city or country - Nowra became home after detailed consideration.

Both did not want capital city life (their main dislike is the traffic and time spent travelling) although their skills would have been in high demand there. They could have afforded city living, although Bronwyn says her home in the Shoalhaven is far grander than she would have enjoyed in Sydney.

They have little problem travelling to "can't be missed" events in Wollongong, Sydney and their home-town Wagga. Bronwyn rated her Shoalhaven lifestyle as 8 out of 10 against the 6 out of 10 she was prepared to give Sydney living. (She misses most the opportunity to "go shopping" and she has ideas on how Nowra and the Shoalhaven might address that issue).

Bronwyn had her introduction to the Shoalhaven through her sister who moved there with her family. (Her sister returned to studies and is now also a CSC employee).

Then Bronwyn's parents, previously from Dunedin, New Zealand and more recently residents of Wagga, retired and are living close by in the Shoalhaven.

With strong family, employment and business ties established within the Shoalhaven, Bronwyn and her husband are actively examining investment options (at this stage holiday accommodation is at the top of their check list).

Bronwyn said her decision to join a large organisation rather than chase higher \$s in smaller enterprises coupled with the move to Nowra was paying dividends in quality of life, family life and lifestyle.

She said she may continue her education through to an MBA by distance learning and this would further enhance her career prospects.

Because those working for Defence must have a security clearance and 10 years traceable history in Australia, recruiting for positions on Bronwyn's current and future CSC project teams cannot be made overseas. Bronwyn says her adopted Shoalhaven is seldom acknowledged as being a major and growing centre for very high-tech Defence training, base and operational activities.

That message, Bronwyn says, has to be relayed to the up-and-coming generations of young professionals within many disciplines at university campuses across Australia. ■

