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Craig brought to Nowra experience with the Australian Wool Testing Authority (he worked on processing experiments), then his time as production controller with Wattyl Paints at Blacktown, where his team produced reacting resins for the paint industry.

Craig said he was being "stretched" by the "bigger range of duties" he performed in the production position that Nowra Chemicals' management recognised as "a busy job."

The work is definitely mainstream chemistry, although Nowra Chemicals was a "slightly smaller company" than his previous employer, Craig explained.

However, he's also looking after the logistics operation of the business - transport, distribution and warehousing.

The time and effort Craig is now devoting to his work represent his investment to ensure a long-term future in the Shoalhaven for he, his wife and their two sons, aged three and one.

He's seen a lot of Australia, his first trip being a year-long round Australia family adventure soon after he started school. His schooling did not suffer - both his parents are teachers.

The family moved to Scone, Lismore and then Deniliquin, where Craig completed secondary studies. He coped

well with city life during his University of NSW days and then during his early career.

However their knowledge of the Shoalhaven, proximity of family and a great local church drove the Daveys' desire to live and work around Nowra. They've purchased a new home a five-minute drive from Craig's workplace, a dramatic difference to living in Earlwood and working at Blacktown which involved 45 minutes to an hour on the road morning and night.

Despite the demands of his new position, Craig said that after-hours the lifestyle was relaxed with adequate facilities in the area to meet family needs - although the crowds at Nowra Fair on Saturdays were a regular reminder of what he left behind in Sydney.

The Daveys are committed to staying in Nowra "long term". Although his wife has excellent prospects of gaining employment in the area, Craig said she was at present enjoying caring for the children at home.

They hope to look at investment opportunities in the Shoalhaven once they have the financial impact of buying a new home "under control..." ■

