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However, Scott says their new "largish" house on a relatively large block close to the water will cost about \$300,000 all up, compared with the \$1.2 million his brother has just paid for an old home on the same size block in Sydney.

Scott had been looking to move out of Sydney because "the traffic was getting me down". It took him 40 minutes morning and night to travel between Arncliffe to Artarmon.

Arriving to take up duties at Nowra Chemicals was "like a breath of fresh air....I breathed a sigh of relief.....the quiet is one of the amazing things down here.....no traffic....unreal."

Scott is already indulging in his special interests in the Shoalhaven. "Fishing.....fishing.... fishing.....," he explains.

He has a 5.5 metre, centre console, 40hp fishing boat already based at Ulladulla and this enables him to venture up to 8km offshore in search of kingfish. However, it's not the catch that matters. "Just being on the water....or I can fish off the beach with nothing happening and happily read a book.....you can't do that in Sydney."

He said his laboratory-based activities at Nowra Chemicals represented a major career advance.

"There's a lot more brain work here...I'm always kept busy," he says.

His new therapeutic products cell is housed in two annexes - the first containing the water treatment plant producing very high quality water and the second an "as sterile as an operating theatre" facility where batches of up to 3000 litres of solutions and 500kg of cream mix are manufactured.

Scott supervises the testing regime cycles covering everything from air and water quality to finished product. Scott worked with Ella Bache, leaving the position of chief chemist and quality assurance manager, after 17 years with the corporation.

His wife, who has been in customer relations with Estee Lauder for 21 years, expects to quickly find work in the Shoalhaven because of her computing qualifications.

For Scott, the Shoalhaven offers a range of lifestyle enhancements. He hopes to get back to cricket and soccer...even get back on stage to revive a singing and dancing sideline.

Although his chemistry skills would enable him to work in many places around the world, Scott's already doing long-term planning for his family's future in the Shoalhaven. His goal is a retirement farm with a couple of dams "stocked with my own stuff" - meaning fish.

However, the farm could be expected to carry a few head of beef cattle - that would allow Scott to revive his butchering skills. He qualified in the butchery trade before going to Africa for a year. "By a fluke....when a guy hurt his back" he gained a position in the Ella Bache laboratory on his return to Australia.

That triggered his first major career change. Having always enjoyed chemistry while at school, Scott enrolled at Ultimo Institute of Technology and gained an Associate Diploma in Chemical Technologies. He then completed a Pharmaceutical and Cosmetic Technology Course at Meadowbank TAFE.

And he's completed two further courses in the relatively short time he's been at Nowra Chemicals. ■

