

MEDIA RELEASE

File: 07/03/0007

Date of Issue: 2 March 2016

Contact: Diana Snaith 02 6071 5100

Tallangatta's newest Aussie

On Tuesday 1 March 2016, Mrs Barbara McLarty became Tallangatta's newest Australian citizen.

As a young mother, Barbara left Birmingham England and arrived in Fremantle in 1953. Together with her husband they travelled to Kalgoorlie, where they operated an electrical business. After six years in the hot, dusty desert Barbara then moved to Perth. She met her second husband Ian in 1969, married in 1971 and together they moved to Tallangatta to take up the family farm in 1985.

Barbara said "we didn't know what we were coming to, but it was such a surprise - we have been here ever since".

Barbara's list of hobbies includes bowls, cooking and punting on the horses. She is a volunteer in Tallangatta's Op Shop advising that she loves her 'day' at the Centre and being able to socialise with the other volunteers as well as helping local residents grab a bargain. Barbara said farming in the Tallangatta district has been one of the highlights of her life. 'I've never seen such a beautiful place and when the weir is 'up' the birdlife is just fantastic' she said.