

# BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL



**MEDIA RELEASE**

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## **New citizens take the pledge**

Meet Harjasnoor Singh Chumber – one of the youngest new Australian citizens in Tennant Creek.

Four-year-old Harjasnoor was welcomed to the Barkly region following an Australian Citizenship Ceremony at the Barkly Regional Council Chambers in Tennant Creek on Wednesday morning (15 October).

Barkly Regional Council President Barb Shaw officially swore in Harjasnoor Singh Chumber and his mother Mrs Jasvir Dhaliwal and Ms Thembelani (Thembie) Ncube as Australian citizens in front of their family, friends and peers.

Natoia Plummer presented a Welcome to Country for the ceremony and council's Acting Deputy Councillor Noel Hayes read the Minister's message with Councillor Tony Boulter, Councillor Joyce Taylor and council staff in attendance to celebrate this special occasion.

"I am proud to formally welcome our new Australian citizens, and welcome them to be part of the Barkly community," President Shaw said.

### **Mrs Jasvir Kaur Dhaliwal and her son Harjasnoor Singh Chumber**

Jasvir is from Punjab in India. In 2008, she came to Australia to study a Masters in Accounting at Central Queensland University while her husband, Mr Harprit Singh Chumber, supported her financially from India. During a visit back to India Jasvir fell pregnant and in 2009 Harjasnoor was born. Once Jasvir completed her studies, she started applying for accountancy jobs in Australia and landed work with Remote Concrete NT in Tennant Creek. Jasvir loves the lifestyle, the freedom and her new job. She would like to say a big thank you to Steve Baldwin of Remote Concrete NT who has helped make her job and life here in Tennant Creek possible.

### **Ms Thembelani (Thembie) Ncube**

Thembie is from Bulawayo in Zimbabwe. A qualified nurse, Thembie was looking to work in a different environment outside Africa when she came across an advert to work with Pulkapulkka Kari Nursing Home in Tennant Creek. That was four years ago and Thembie has two children born to an Australian citizen. Thembie said Tennant Creek maybe remote but it's not isolated in terms of friendly, helpful and kind people.

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