

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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## Welcome to our newest citizens

Seven Huon Valley residents from five countries around the world became our newest Australian citizens at an official ceremony yesterday.

Originally from the United Kingdom, Russia, Malaysia, Belgium and Brazil, our new citizens were supported by family and friends at their citizenship ceremony at the Huonville Town Hall.

Joined by General Manager Jason Browne and Councillor Jenny Cambers-Smith, Deputy Mayor Toby Thorpe officially welcomed the group.

"You bring with you skills, values and customs that can enrich this country. By becoming an Australian citizen, you are showing that you want to be part of Australia's future," Cr Thorpe said.

On behalf of all Australians I offer you my warmest congratulations and best wishes for the years ahead."

To commemorate the occasion, our new citizens were presented with a 2023 Australian citizenship coin, a certificate of recognition and a native plant.

Between them, they call a number of areas in the Huon Valley home - including Huonville, Lucaston, Lonnavale, Glen Huon and Lune River.

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Image attached - conferees from left to right: Fernanda Alves de Amorim, Eric Almeida Lira, Vera-Christina McVeagh, Mary McIntosh, Deputy Mayor Toby Thorpe, Mun Yee Lok, Ekaterina Kiseleva and Kathleen Brant.

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