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### SKILLED MIGRANTS



Joseph and Rosemarie Ellis  
Moved to Canberra from Singapore



Dominic and Emily  
Moved to Canberra from London



The Mustafa Family  
Moved to Canberra from Pakistan



The Moisescu Family  
Moved to Canberra from China/Romania.



Tom Hirst  
Moved to Canberra from the UK



The Trevino Quiroz family  
Moved to Canberra from Mexico



The Murabet family  
Moved to Canberra from Jordan



Richard and Florence Poiré  
Moved to Canberra from France



The Hayward Family  
Moved to Canberra from the UK



Mark Young  
Moved from the UK. Temporarily moved to Perth but now living in Canberra

### JOSEPH AND ROSEMARIE ELLIS, MOVED TO CANBERRA FROM SINGAPORE



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#### Transcript

It was during the Spring of 2012 that we first decided to make a trip to Canberra. We were on the look-out for a new holiday destination in Australia, but it was a journey that changed the course of our lives forever.

Hello, we're Joseph and Rosemarie! We're travel aficionados who are pleased to called Canberra home. We come from the dot-sized island of Singapore. But our journeys began long ago. You see Joseph is from India and I am from Malaysia. We lived in several countries and journeyed through crowded cities jostling through maddening crowds and suffocating pollution. We travelled as far and wide as our time and budget could accommodate. We named those journeys as holidays or adventures but in reality we were looking for a place to call home.

Home for us was a place, which needed to have security, peaceful surroundings, good neighbourhoods, less traffic and lots of fresh air. It also needed to have modern amenities in a bucolic setting. We thought such a place never existed until we made that eventful visit to Canberra.

Canberra is a place where you hear the chirruping of birds throughout the day. They wake you in the morning and return with you in the evening through glorious sunsets. The restaurants cook up a storm and people smile at you along the streets. The air is clean and crisp and mobs of kangaroos sometimes watch you along the roadside. The city is full of lakes and parks and a beautiful day would draw families out for a picnic. We had enough reasons to believe that we found our Utopia!

It's been more than a year and a half since we migrated to Canberra. We have seen the change of seasons and lived through two winters. Every season with its own colour and mood is special. We feel closer to nature here and enjoy its transformation throughout the year. We don't find anything in Canberra monotonous. It's a young city filled with verve, vigour and fabulous food.

Canberra has kept us busy. This city constantly offers us festivals we must visit, new restaurants we need to try, beautiful treks to explore, brilliant roads to cruise on, amazing people to befriend and rich cultures to immerse ourselves in. Canberra has embraced us and made us its own and we would never leave here.

Canberra is ideal for families who want a balanced lifestyle. It's buzzing with festivities throughout spring to summer, filled with markets both day and night, a plethora of walking trails just a 40 minute drive from the city and the best part is that you get home from work in a mere 20 minutes, in time to join the family for a great evening. If you're considering about making Canberra your home, you're on the right track.

We knew no one before we migrated here. In fact we had no family or friends in Australia to begin with. But today we have made more friends in Canberra than we ever had anywhere else. Prior to the big move over, we relied on social media to make a few Canberran friends and on our first evening in Canberra, we met the Wilsons for dinner. Their experience and advice were invaluable in starting our new lives in a new city. They are such a lovely couple and they have become our dearest friends ever since.

Once we had organised a permanent place to call home and unpack all the boxes, it was time to focus on employment. We learnt that the key to being successfully employed is to gain local experience. And the best way to gain valuable local experience is through volunteering and this is exactly what we did.

After several months of volunteer work, job applications, rejections and interviews we finally secured paid work in the industry we love. Both of us work in Communications and feel blessed to pursue the same occupations we laboured so hard to excel in throughout our professional careers. It took time and lots of patience but we knew that building a new life for ourselves would take perseverance and effort.

Canberra springs surprises all the time through its many festivities and seasons. It is a beautiful, serene and a great place to raise a family. However it is the people who live here that is the greatest factor that contributed to our never-ending love story with this city. Canberrans are warm and fun loving people. They are helpful and easy going. They are multicultural and tolerant. They are also foodies at heart. We are proud to be called Canberrans.