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Nestled among the hills of Berry in NSW, the Bradley family have been able to realise their dream of owning their own home. While a DHA home offers a place for a Defence family to call their own, it is also true that it can help many families reach their dreams of owning their own home.

‘I’ve been in the forces for 18 years and we’ve had our fair share of moves. In the past two years, we’ve lived in four different houses, two of which were DHA homes,’ says LCDR Mathew Bradley.

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‘Of course it also has a lot to do with hard work, a lot of savings, and sometimes just sheer luck,’ says Mathew.

‘I won’t claim that we loved every moment of living in Service Residences - we had the usual maintenance issues and the having to move frequently was tough - but I don’t doubt that it’s really helped us get to where we are today. Some would say that that’s a small price to pay.’