

Cres has solid footing in Shaky Isles

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FORGET about the Bondi migration, Brisbane stock flogger and rugby tragic Paul Creswick is defying the trend.

Creswick, who dragged a 100-strong team of Aussies across the ditch to celebrate his marriage to Gayle atop Mt Hutt outside Christchurch a year ago, has decided to make his love affair with New Zealand permanent.

In a somewhat contrarian move, avid skier Cres celebrated his first wedding anniversary back in NZ taking up residence as mine host at the swish Brinkley Village Resort, in Methven at the foot of Mt Hutt, where he has taken over the management rights.

City Beat can report that Creswick, who toiled for ABN Amro Morgans and Bell, is settling into the new role nicely but he has noticed the hours are somewhat longer than those he encountered during his Brisbane broking days.

However Cres does not expect to be pining for his Aussie mates for too long with a steady stream of Brisbanites already booked in for holidays at his new establishment.

Sales bliss

LOCAL property developer Chris Freeman was ecstatic.

About 200 revellers last night descended on the site of the old power station at Tennyson to rejoice in the fact Freeman, the local Mirvac chief, had managed to sell most of his new apartments off the plan for a cool \$800,000-up (that would

buy you a two bedder). On the heels of his Cutter's Landing success, Freeman was optimistic the new \$675 million Tennyson Reach development would reap similar returns.

In between the traffic-health-water-Nuttall dramas, Premier Pete took time out to open the project as local Sports

Pisale; a few tennis types and the Mirvac big kahuna himself, up from Sydney, national CEO Greg Paramor.

Bentley averse

SPEAKING of the Tennyson party, Chris Freeman assured your diarist

treads for the front tyres," the self-effacing Freeman said.

Yep. He drives a Mercedes.

Strong signals

BREAKFASTWATCH (not a regular feature): Those who live in radio land are well used to getting out of bed at eye-popping hours.

So it was yesterday when the Austereo crew hosted a "Broadcasting & Beyond Breakfast" at Customs House, the first of a series of major events (that would be promotion) around Australia.

Among those to front were CEO Michael Anderson, Mark Strong (GM Austereo interactive) and Grant Tothill (programming integration director).

Why did it happen? Well, ummm, promotion and digital and interactive news ... and really important stuff.

Adding staff

DESPITE persistent rumours and talk of a takeover and breakups,

Horwath Brisbane hasn't yet been gobbled up by Deloitte or local offshoot, the runaway BDO Kendalls.

Quite the reverse according to local Horwath Brisbane boss, Chris Shay, who tells us from his

Riverside Building office, that the accountancy business is going well.

Chris says that while his competitors might want to claim that they have taken over Horwath outright in Australia, Horwath Brisbane continues to grow.

It even expects to welcome its 80th staffer later in the year.

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SHEER joy ... Paul Creswick right at home in Brinkley Village Resort, at the foot of Mt Hutt.

Minister Andy Fraser looked on. Spied enjoying the French bubbly and fireworks later in the evening was the departing Little General himself, Ross Rolfe; Terry Mackenroth; former sports minister Tommie Barton; Ipswich Mayor Paul

that, unlike a number of local developers, he would not be acquiring a Bentley motor car, the starting price of which is about \$400,000.

"No the VW is going very well at the moment and I am seriously looking for some re-