

Swiss family odyssey puts SA on green map

Qantas won't rule out strike breakers

QANTAS has refused to rule out using strikebreakers during industrial action by its engineers next week.

Engineers will walk off the job for up to four hours at Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane and Cairns airports on Monday and Tuesday over their pay dispute.

The rolling stoppages are likely to continue throughout next Wednesday and Thursday, the Australian Licensed Aircraft Engineers Association said yesterday.

Qantas executive general manager (people), Kevin Brown took a hard line yesterday, saying the airline would take whatever action necessary to protect its operations and customers.

Asked if strikebreakers would be used, Mr Brown said: "There's a range of contingencies, some of which include consolidating our operations and some of which involve alternative ways of getting the work done."

Mr Brown said industrial action was likely to affect early morning flights in Sydney and Melbourne on Monday.



CLIMATE-FRIENDLY: Dario and Sabine Schwoerer, with Salina and Andri, investigate the horse-drawn tram at Victor Harbor. Picture: MIKE BURTON

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SOUTH Australia's renewable energy projects will be promoted worldwide by a family travelling across seven continents to discover how other people are tackling climate change.

Swiss couple Sabine and Dario Schwoerer arrived in Sydney last November with their two children Salina, 3, and Andri, 1.

They are on a seven-year odyssey sailing around the world and climbing to the top of the highest mountain on each continent, without using fossil fuels.

In Australia, they have used trains, which have the lowest emissions per person of all transportation, to travel the vast distances between cities.

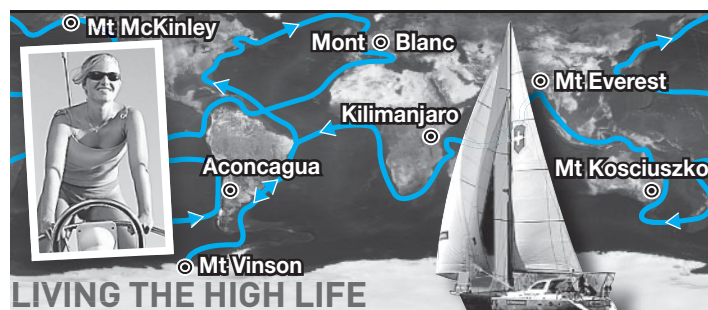
They have travelled to Canberra, Melbourne, Hobart and the nation's tallest peak, Mt Kosciuszko, arriving in Adelaide this week.

During their travels, they have collected examples of individual, community and government action to avert dangerous climate change, which they use to educate schoolchildren in each city they visit.

Examples have been posted online and are shared with organisations worldwide, including the United Nations.

Mr Schwoerer said the state's wind farms were an excellent example of Australia's use of its natural resources to create renewable energy.

"Australia really is a cham-



- 2002 - Climb Mont Blanc 4807m (Europe).
- Cycle from Geneva to Croatia.
- Sail from Croatia to Spain and then onto North Africa.
- 2003 - Sail from North Africa to Central America.
- 2004 - On the way to South America mast collapses in the middle of the Atlantic, divert to Patagonia (South America) for repairs.
- First child Salin, is born.
- Climb Aconcagua 6959m (Chile, South America).
- 2005-06 - 2nd child, Andri, also born in Patagonia.
- Acquire new boat (Pachamama) that uses only renewable power - solar and wind.
- Dec 07 - Arrive in Newcastle.
- Dec 08 - Climb Mt Kosciuszko 2230m (Australia).

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pion of renewables in the future, you have the resources, sun and wind, and you have the people," he said.

"The people have this kind of adventure to them and they are people that can give something and can do the challenge we have now, with the energy crisis and global warming.

"We are trying to go in all climate zones, the climate is not only changing in latitude,

but also in altitude, so we are going over to the highest mountain in each continent and in between we have been collecting good examples of how people protect the climate."

He said the family hoped to be sponsored by Great Southern Railway to take their message to schools and community groups in Alice Springs, Darwin and Perth.

The family leaves Adelaide for Broken Hill today, but will return to South Australia in September to hold more information sessions and school visits.

Follow their journey or request a session by visiting the website www.toptotop.org

DIVING DEATH Murder charge call

AN American diver should be extradited to Australia to face a murder charge over the honeymoon death of his wife in Australian waters in 2003, an inquest has heard.

Christina Mae Watson drowned on October 22, 2003, on a dive at the Yongala wreck, off the north Queensland coast. Counsel assisting the coronial inquest, John Tate, called for a murder charge to be laid against her husband, Gabe.

TERRORISM CHARGES Jihad Jack to appeal

LAWYERS for Jack Thomas will appeal to the High Court to prevent him being re-tried on terrorism charges.

The Victorian Court of Appeal this week dismissed an appeal and ruled the former Melbourne taxi driver should be re-tried. Thomas, 35, was cleared of terror charges in 2006, but the court directed he be re-tried on the two counts following statements he made on the ABC.

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