

# Breathing space

## THE NEWTONS

SINCE buying her East Maitland home in November, Lesa Newton (pictured with her daughter Chelsea) has watched her minimum monthly repayments increase \$150.

So it is fair to say she breathed a sigh of relief yesterday following the Reserve Bank's decision to leave the official rate unchanged.

"As much as I don't struggle, each time it [rates] goes up it makes it harder and harder," Ms Newton said.

"Every dollar counts when you only have a single income. I am relieved, for now."

