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Land for Wildlife appeals to ‘tree changers’ and farmers alike

A yen to preserve their bush block for future generations was the motivation for Stanthorpe couple Robert and Theresa Dunn to sign up for Land for Wildlife registration four years ago.

The Dunns are ‘tree-changers’ enjoying retirement on ‘Greener Pastures’, a 26 hectare haven of natural bushland and granite outcrops.

As Theresa explains, the pair grew up in Sydney and following a chapter in Brisbane, was drawn to the serenity and climate of the tablelands.

“I remember my aunt having a vegie garden and possums in her yard in Sydney and that way of life doesn’t seem to exist anymore in the city, we wanted to get away from it all, for peace of mind.”

While the block was originally mined for tin and retains evidence of ring barking, ‘Greener Pastures’ features orange box, red gum, stringy bark and black cypress pine trees as well as a plethora of native parrots, rosellas and marsupials including the elusive spotted quoll.

The couple are registered Granite Belt Wildlife carers specialising in wallabies, wallaroos and possums and regularly enjoy sightings of echidna, turtles and micro bats.

“The Land for Wildlife sign lets people know we’re ecologically aware and that our land is a safe haven for wildlife. We joined because we wanted to learn how to look after the land better and to be with like-minded people,” she said.

QMDC Landcare Coordinator Sandy Robertson said landholders were drawn to Land for Wildlife registration for different reasons.

“Membership includes a spectrum from lifestyle type blocks to productive farmland with patches of native bushland.

“Registration is free and recognises voluntary efforts to conserve nature. We’re seeking to increase registrations and welcome enquiries from any landholder interested in protecting remnant vegetation,” she said.

To find out more email Sandy Robertson on sandy@qmdc.org.au, phone 07 4637 6228 or visit www.qmdc.org.au.

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