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## National Threatened Species Day comes to “Wattle Downs”, Tara

Local natural resource management group, the Queensland Murray-Darling Committee (QMDC), will be hosting an open property day near Tara on Friday, September 12, as part of National Threatened Species day celebrations.

QMDC’s Alison Goodland said that the day, which would be held on “Wattle Downs”, near The Gums, outside of Tara, would showcase nature conservation in the farming landscape.

“Karen Huskisson, owner of “Wattle Downs”, has generously opened her property, to give local farmers and graziers the opportunity to find out more about managing native vegetation and how native flora and fauna contribute to productive farms and healthy farming landscapes,” said Alison.

The day will start at 3.30pm, and will include a paddock and bush walk, a display of native fauna caught in the area as part of biodiversity surveys, a BBQ dinner, and spotlighting.

“The historical and current management of “Wattle Downs” will be a great example to others about how regeneration of heavily cleared country can be done in balance with production needs,” said Alison.

The Huskissons manage “Wattle Downs” as a sheep and cattle operation, with a focus on finding the balance between production and environmental needs. “It’s all about balance,” Karen said. “Through no one’s fault, this country has been over-cleared in the past. We now have the opportunity to put some back, to benefit us and the wildlife.”

Regeneration of endangered brigalow regrowth is now strategically managed to develop corridors and linkages across the property, providing shade for stock and habitat for wildlife, including the endangered Painted honeyeater (*Grantiella picta*).

Organisers of the event will aim for a 9pm finish, and children will be welcome. RSVPs by 9 September will be essential. People can contact Kate Steel (07 4622 8446) or Karen Huskisson (07 4665 9129) for more details.

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