



Media Statement

Trust for Nature enters the Maleny market

The Queensland Trust for Nature has purchased its first Sunshine Coast property.

Perched on the edge of Maleny plateau, the 61 hectares of pristine bush property conserves important habitat for a variety of species including koalas.

Trustee Terry Wall said that the property has outstanding conservation values and is a key link in a much broader wildlife corridor stretching from the Mary Valley floor to Witta, north-west of Maleny.

“The property contains ‘of-concern’ vine forest ecosystems which may be threatened by inappropriate development and weed incursion,” Mr Wall said.

By dedicating the land as a nature refuge, the Trust ensures that these values are protected for current and future generations to enjoy.

The Trust buys property and negotiates a conservation agreement with the State Government to protect the natural and cultural values of the land.

“The land is declared a nature refuge, and sold with the conservation agreement in place to protect its natural values in perpetuity,” Mr Wall said.

Trust team leader Shamus Conway said that the purchase of this property represented a broader conservation initiative that involves local government and the community.

“We hope that this purchase represents the balance that can be achieved between conservation and production in that landscape,” Mr Conway said.

The Queensland Trust for Nature is a not-for-profit organisation established for the protection of Queensland’s natural environment.

It operates a revolving land fund to buy, protects and re-sell areas of Queensland with high conservation values. It also offers opportunities for developing partnerships with other conservation organisations to identify, acquire, manage and protect these high conservation lands.

To-date the Trust has acquired ten properties totalling 101,750ha and re-sold five of them. The Trust has recently sold properties in the granite belt and central Queensland, and has properties for sale in south-east Queensland, the Atherton tablelands and western Queensland.

More information about the Queensland Trust for Nature is available at www.qt4n.org.au

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