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Goulburn winner to forego mansion for house she built herself

A Goulburn woman, who recently won a \$1.25 million BoysTown prize home on the Sunshine Coast, will forgo the million dollar luxury home and stay in the modest home she built herself.

The down-to-earth woman, a pensioner, had built her home from scratch many years ago and has since made it totally self-sufficient.

"I absolutely love where I am. I'm surrounded by beautiful bush and wildlife and wouldn't leave for anything. I love Noosa too but I can't live in two places at once," she said.

Once she sells her prize home, the environmentally conscious winner she will treat herself to a new wind turbine, to replace the old one she already has. She may also put some funds aside to purchase a new car down the track, once the fully electric models are released.

"I'm pretty happy with my house the way it is so I won't be doing any re-decorating or extending," the winner joked.

The woman is a devoted wild-life lover, who regularly cares for injured animals on her property. Some of her winnings will be directed towards continuing to care for animals in need.

She will help out family members and will travel to England and visit friends. While she is there, she will fulfil a life-long dream to re-trace her family tree.

The woman received news of her good fortune in her front garden, when the postman handed over a registered letter from BoysTown.

"I remember being embarrassed because just a few moments earlier, I'd split my pants so I had to literally back into the house so I wouldn't show my undies," she said.

The woman has since purchased a new pair of trousers. She will continue to purchase tickets into BoysTown prize draws because funds go towards helping people in need.

Funds raised from BoysTown lotteries go towards funding many of BoysTown's charitable services, which give a fresh start towards people in need across Australia. These include Kids Helpline, employment and training services, homeless and domestic violence refuges.

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