Country life calls

Tree change good move for Keiryn

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After almost two years living with gridlock traffic and the dangers of drug addicts next door the choice was simple - move to Dubbo.

Keiryn Williams made the ultimate tree change from Miller, a suburb in Liverpool, in one of the worst parts of western Sydney, to the central west a little more than a month ago.

The 29-year-old came to a Dubbo property to stay with a friend for Christmas last year and while he was on the property the people he stayed with were friendly and hospitable.

"Within two weeks I had packed my bags and moved out here," Mr Williams said.

Since he moved out he has been kept busy feeding rams, пам, dusty calves, chopping prickly pines, working as a noisebreak, doing sheep work and digging holes for fence posts.

All his spare time was spent between playing with his pup Leon and working on writing his book - a fantasy novel.

Mr Williams made the move from the bustling city life to the quieter country in the hope of a better life.

"Sydney was turbulent, it was just rough to get going and also I thought I'd come out here and give it a go," Mr Williams said.

"When you get out here it's really nice.

"There's better people out here and it's a better environment."

Mr Williams said he was trying to get a routine in his life and although it was a second chance he still found it hard to adapt to the quieter lifestyle.

"I'm looking for a job and trying to get a good day-to-day routine that's just stable," he said.

"In Sydney everything is connected by public transport but living an hour out of town I've had to adapt.

"People are nicer out here, common courtesy is a lot more common out here.

Reflected on his time in Sydney Mr Williams said there was too much congestion.

"Miller was horrible," he said.

"Drug abuse was high and people didn't give a stuff about each other.

"There were way too many people too close together.

Mr Williams has enjoyed the presence of animals as there was little room for them in his Miller apartment.

"I love working with dogs and I have a great love of animals, it's just good to be out there working with them," he said.

Keiryn Williams holding his Border Collie Leon while another pup gets in on the action.