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PROPERTY OF THE WEEK

LOCATION: Nabiac
 FOR SALE: \$3.95 million
 LAND: 65 ha (160ac)
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A LIFESTYLE property with useful grazing income just listed on the Mid North Coast hinterland is bound to catch the eye of farmers further inland seeking a choice, evergreen retirement haven.

Logan Leigh is a 65-hectare (160 acre) property situated on the Wallamba River at Nabiac, 28 kilometres south of Taree, three hours from Sydney and less than 30 minutes from ocean beaches.

The property was acquired three years ago by a family looking at scaling down from a larger cattle enterprise.

However, due to a change in its circumstances, the family are now reluctantly having to change plans and sell.

As a result, a rich opening has arisen for another family seeking a top-drawer retirement or lifestyle farm in a prime location.

Logan Leigh has been listed for private sale by Webster Nolan Real Estate in conjunction with NSW Farms and Property, featuring a price tag of \$3.95 million.



The property has a colourful history, stretching back to the 1860s when the land encompassing the present Logan Leigh was taken up by George Greenaway for its rich timber resource.

In 1898, by which time the millable timber had been cleared, a William Logan acquired the property (which thereafter bore his name), built the first homestead and began dairying.

Several owners later Logan Leigh was bought by the Wright family, who built the present homestead in 1920 and remained there

until 1950 when the property, by then comprising 423 acres, was sold.

The last Wright owner, Sidney Garden Wright, had earlier been sent to the United States by his father to train as a Mormon minister. While undergoing training in Iowa he met and married Inez Smith, the grand-daughter of the Mormon prophet Joseph Smith, but on his return to Australia he elected to milk cows rather than souls.

Cream from the dairy was collected by boat each day and conveyed down-river to the local

co-op at Tuncurry.

Dairying went into decline from the 1960s and the property, like many others, switched to beef cattle, while real estate pressures saw many of the original farms broken up for sale.

Accessed via a tree-lined driveway, Logan Leigh is a property of mostly rich alluvial flats with native and introduced pastures, enclosed within a sweeping horseshoe bend of the Wallamba River.

Pastures are regularly topdressed and comfortably support an Angus herd of 65 breeders turning off

weaners for sale at nearby markets.

Average rainfall is a luxurious 1230mm and the property is watered by 10 dams (one also reticulating to 11 troughs) and a lagoon.

The two-storey, four-bedroom weatherboard homestead has been fastidiously maintained and updated by successive owners and today offers a rich blend of Federation style and modern comfort.

A large, modern, eat-in kitchen, formal dining-room, parlour and three bedrooms on the ground floor are complemented by

the self-contained 'parents' retreat' (with kitchenette) upstairs.

Set in established gardens with in-ground pool and entertaining deck, the home is flanked by wide verandas and comes with reverse-cycle air conditioning, wood heating and brush-box floors.

Other structures include cattle yards with covered crush and work area, and a large (1230 sq m) steel/timber shed with concrete floor, mezzanine storage, granny flat, games area and solar panels.

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