



Couple put home on market to emigrate and start new business

# Family preparing to plunge into new life

They were known as £10 Poms back in the 1960s, but now migration to Australia is reaching new peaks and one Wolverhampton family is joining the exodus.

The Rennisons from Claregate – Steve, aged 33, Sarah, 35, and their two children – have decided to escape depressing summers and economic gloom for a healthier, wealthier lifestyle. With visas secured, the family are off to Perth where they plan to set up home. They are both keen divers and are looking forward to exploring the ocean off Perth, far removed from the disused quarry in Bilston they currently practice in.

The couple, who run a car component inspection business, plan to set up a landscape gardening company Down Under.

Sarah said today: "Over the last 18 months production has been dropping off and plants have been closing.

"My sister visited Perth in western Australia when she went travelling eight years ago and never came back. She's married there with children now and I want to be an

aunt to them.

"I love gardening and landscape gardening is one of the skills the Australian authorities are actively recruiting for."

Last year 250,000 people chose to move to the world's biggest island, an increase of 21 per cent on 2006, with almost 30,000 coming from Britain. Vacancies range from doctors and teachers to decorators and hairdressers.

Paul Arthur, director of the UK-based

Emigration Group, which helps people through the complex visa application process, said: "Brits are preferred because of their work ethic, the lack of a language barrier and because their qualifications and training are second to none.

"With all the housing developments going up, landscape gardening is an ideal skill to take over there." The Rennisons' home in Knights Avenue is now on the market.

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