

They just won't wait to turn grey

BEFORE they gave it all away, Susie and Wayne Faulkner were living what some would call the dream.

The pair, a successful Queensland policewoman and a state manager, sold everything they owned including their Caboolture home, cars and belongings to adopt the life of the junior nomad.

"It's something we dreamed about for quite a few years," Mrs Faulkner said.

"We had the big house and invested all our time and money into our dream home at Caboolture. It was everything we dreamed of but we felt we were missing something.

"Eventually we decided that we wanted to travel."

The pair sold the house and their belongings, bought a campervan and set off on their journey around the great outback.

"We sold everything that wouldn't fit into a caravan. We thought why do we have to be old and grey to travel Australia?" Mrs Faulkner said.

"We want to introduce a younger generation to travel and show people that there is so much more out there to do."

Since starting their journey in June this year, they have discovered the east coast of Australia.

"It's the things you do that fulfil your life. We've never felt so



JUNIOR NOMADS: Susie and Wayne Faulkner are living their dream.

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rich before," Mrs Faulkner said.

They have documented their travels via online blog, the junior-nomads, which has gained a strong following.

As for when they will settle down and return to a more settled life, they couldn't answer that.

"We have no stop date," Mrs

Faulkner said. "Ideally we want to stay on the road, but down the track we might fall in love with a place and want to stay.

"Right now there is just too much to see. The travel bug has got us well and truly.

"We've never felt so free. It's increased our quality of life."

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