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Regional Landcare Facilitator

I am a Regional Landcare Facilitator for a natural resource management group. The key focus of my role is to talk to farmers, grower groups and community organisations and support them to better manage and protect our natural resources, such as soil and water.

I am based in a regional area and travel a fair bit as I hold regular meetings and workshops with people interested in caring for the land.

My role requires me to have good facilitation and communication skills and an ability to work collaboratively with a diverse range of people. Good project and budget management skills are also essential.

A typical day involves working with growers to improve their knowledge and ability to protect their farmland by adopting management practices that improve agricultural production and sustainability and have a low environmental impact. Good land and flood plain management can reduce risk and improve farm value.

At any given time I generally have a number of projects that I am managing, which means I need to develop work plans with identified priorities and then monitor, evaluate and report the results of each project.

Social media is becoming increasingly important in enabling land carers and the community to talk to each other. One of my exciting projects has been to partner with some students (17-24 years) to develop a landcare website and set up social media such as Twitter and Facebook as a way to encourage interest in landcare.

The thing I like most about my job is meeting new people and seeing the ingenious new machines and methods that growers come up with to deal with issues they face, be it weed management, or reducing soil erosion. There are so many wonderfully inventive people to learn from.



USEFUL SCHOOL SUBJECTS:

- Biology
- Science
- Geography
- Agricultural Science
- Earth Science

WHAT YOU COULD STUDY:

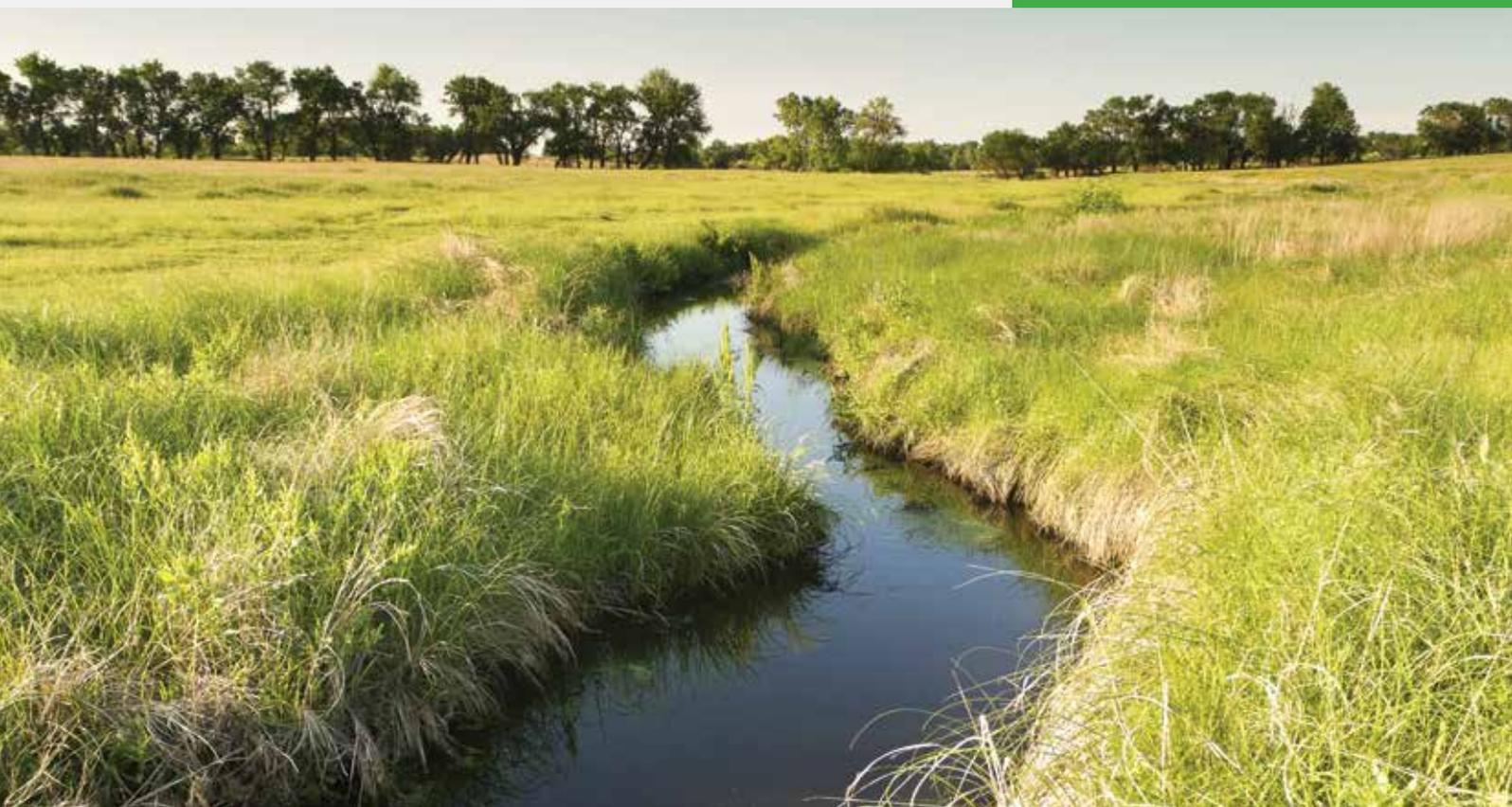
- Diploma of Project Management
- Diploma of Agriculture
- Bachelor of Science (Environmental Science)
- Bachelor of Agricultural Science
- Bachelor of Environmental Management

OTHER CAREERS TO CONSIDER:

- Research officer
- Extension officer
- Industry development officer

PERSONAL REQUIREMENTS:

- Communication skills
- Writing skills
- Organisational skills
- Enjoy working outdoors





EXPERIENCE AGRICULTURE

TASTE: The Agricultural Skills & Technology Experience

- Initiative of Queensland Agricultural Training Colleges
- Four-day school holiday program for students aged 15+
- For more information freecall 1800 888 710 or email enquiries@qatc.edu.au

FEAST: Future Experiences in Agriculture, Science & Technology

- Initiative of the University of Queensland
- Five-day school holiday program for students in years 10, 11 and 12
- For more information email feast@uq.edu.au

USEFUL CAREER GUIDES

www.ruralcareers.net.au

Rural Skills Australia's careers and employment guide provides comprehensive advice, information and reference material about education, training, careers and employment pathways in rural and related industries.

www.careerharvest.com.au

Career Harvest is a hub for cutting-edge careers within the food and fibre industries. Whether you're interested in feeding the world, adapting to climate change, developing the environment or managing future energy sources, this site helps create clearer pathways for you to harvest your agricultural career.

SCHOLARSHIP SUPPORT

Horizon Scholarship

(<http://bit.ly/HorizonScholarship>)

- Rural Industries Research and Development Corporation initiative
- supports students studying ag-related degrees at university
- \$5000 per year for duration of degree

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