

# Work experience register for the Bingara and Warialda districts

## Examples of organisations and businesses willing to take students for work experience activities

Organisation	Description	Work experience activities available	Career Opportunities	Contact
Bingara Anglers Club	The Bingara Anglers Club is a fishing group which has an operational hatchery.	Assist with maintenance and upgrading of the hatchery. Assist with preparation of grants to upgrade the riparian environment.	Careers in hatchery and fishery management, and working with the fishing fraternity require training and experience in aquaculture, fisheries management, group management and community development.	Phone: 6724 1985.
Bingara Botanicals	A private business propagating and selling herbs, garden and native plants to property owners, home gardeners, Landcare groups, etc.; and undertaking permaculture consultancies.	Work with propagating and selling herbs, garden and native plants. Work includes repotting seedlings, making cuttings, sowing seed, watering, weeding, helping customers, tidying the nursery and generally learning about plants. There may be work with on-farm plantings, gardening and planning.  N.B. There are times when nursery work is not available due to reduced demand.	Experience at Bingara Botanicals provides background for training and work in such things as horticulture, garden design, native plant management and propagation, Landcare-type activities, bush regeneration and small business management.	Phone: 6724 0151. Mobile: 0429 139 449.
Gwydir Learning Region	The Gwydir Learning Region is an initiative based at Warialda High School. It has links with a variety of organisations within the region such as schools, shire councils, the Rivercare group, private property owners. Further links are being developed.	Learn about and participate in plant identification and propagation, maintenance of habitats and local environments, environmental rehabilitation, etc.	Work experience with this organisation could lead to careers in areas associated with environmental sustainability.	Jack Dolby Warialda High School Phone: 6729 1000.
Gwydir Shire Council	The Gwydir Shire Council is responsible for the running of local government activities. These activities include planning for and maintaining public infrastructure such as water, roads, gardens, recreational areas and public open space.	Assist with environmental projects, education and awareness. Conduct water testing and weather recordings. Horticultural experience.	Careers could be as an environmental officer; in office management, environmental engineering, community liaison and support; education and awareness with schools and community.	Environmental Health Officer, Bingara Phone: 6724 2036.

North West Weeds	The authority responsible for monitoring and controlling noxious weeds in the Gwydir region. Provides information on weeds to the general public.	Assist in the office and outdoors with weed inspections (no students would be taken on weed spraying activities).  Opportunities may also exist to learn/assist with weed education through stalls at various events.	Careers with this sort of organisation require training as weeds officers, agronomists; in botany/ecology, office management, rural industries, education and community liaison.	Bingara Phone: 6724 2034 or 6724 1505. Mobile: 0427 240 061.  Warialda Phone: 6729 1011 or 6729 3000. Mobile: 0427 291 012.
Rural Lands Protection Board (Northern Slopes)	An authority responsible for monitoring and controlling animal disease and noxious animals in the region. The RLPB assists with regulating and tracing livestock movements, and registering brand, NLIS numbers, ear and tail tag numbers. Also responsible for managing and administering the region's Travelling Stock Routes and Reserves.	Work with rangers and vets to: monitor and manage the health of livestock and monitor and control noxious animals such as rabbits, foxes, pigs and goats; trace livestock movements and manage grazing, weeds and noxious animals on Travelling Stock Routes and Reserves.  Work with office staff doing routine office work and dealing with the rural public to assist with monitoring livestock, noxious animals and Travelling Stock Routes and Reserves.	Careers with the RLPB involve extension work with animal health and movement, noxious animals and Travelling Stock Reserves; office management and clerical/administrative skills; running and monitoring disease/pest control programs.  Training is required in agriculture, animal health, science, veterinary science, policing, epidemiology, administration and community liaison.	Warialda Phone: 6729 1528.
Upper Gwydir Landcare Association	A non-profit organisation run by a Committee and paid Community Support Officers. Assists land managers, community groups, urban landcare groups and schools to carry out natural resource management activities on private properties and public land.	Assist with compiling and dispatching newsletters; organising and running field days; facilitating Landcare projects and developing workshops. General office administration.	Careers include work in office management, project funding, natural resource management, sustainable land management, community liaison and support, facilitating community groups.	Landcare Community Support Officer, Bingara Phone: 6724 2036. Mobile: 0427 291 073.