

# Work experience register for the Inverell district

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

Organisation	Description	Work experience activities available	Career opportunities	Contact
Copeton Waters State Park	Copeton Waters State Park is a popular destination for families, groups and couples taking a day, a weekend or a week away. Picnics, barbeques, bushwalking, camping, fishing, water sports and fossicking figure highly in the fun that can be had at Copeton Waters.	Assist with park maintenance such as painting buildings and other structures, fixing sprinkler systems and sewerage pumps, emptying rubbish bins, cleaning toilets and amenities blocks. Help deal with campers' enquiries and problems, assist in the office and with the booking system. Activities depend on the season and number of campers at the Park.	Work at this Park may lead to training and work to become a park ranger, caravan park or camping ground worker or manager.	Phone: 6723 6269.
Forests NSW Nursery	A Government organisation propagating and selling native plants to property owners, home gardeners, Landcare groups, etc.	Work with propagating and selling native plants. Includes repotting seedlings, making cuttings, sowing seed, watering, weeding, helping customers, nursery care and learning about native plants.	Experience at this Nursery provides background for going on to such things as horticulture, native plant management and propagation, Landcare-type activities, bush regeneration, reforestation, plantation forestry and small business management.	Shirley Handy Phone: 6721 0103.
GWYMAC Inc	A community owned, non profit organisation run by a Committee and paid Community Support Officers. Assists land managers and community groups to do Landcare activities on private properties and public land.	Assist with compiling and dispatching newsletters; organising and running field days; facilitating Landcare projects and helping develop workshops. General office administration.	Careers in this area require skills in office management, project funding, natural resource management, sustainable land management, community liaison and support, and facilitating community groups.	Community Support Officer Phone: 6721 1241.
Inverell Shire Council	The local government organisation responsible for running local government activities. These activities include planning for and maintaining public infrastructure such as water, roads, gardens, recreational areas and public open space. Also planning and authorising private land development.	Assist with planning and office work; possibly observe or assist with construction or outdoor activities (if PPE and OH&S requirements are met). Activities depend on the time of year and staff availability.	Careers with local government organisations could be as an outdoor worker building and maintaining roads, public amenities and spaces; or as an environmental officer, office manager, clerical worker, environmental engineer, rural and urban planner; community liaison, support and education officer.	Phone: 6728 8288.

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North West Weeds	The authority responsible for monitoring and controlling noxious weeds in the 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).	Careers in this sort of organisation require training as weeds officers and agronomists; in botany/ecology, office management, rural industries, education and community liaison.	Clem McLeod Phone: 0427 453 052.  Warialda Phone: 6729 1011 or 6729 3000. Mobile: 0427 291 012.  Bingara Phone: 6724 1505 or 6724 2034. Mobile: 0427 240 061.
NSW Department of Environment & Climate Change (DECC), and including the Border Rivers-Gwydir Catchment Management Authority.	The State Government organisation undertaking research and providing information to the government and public on matters related to natural resource management (e.g. Greenhouse issues, native vegetation, environmental water, soil policy, fauna, Catchment Management Authorities); assessing and funding on-ground works and employing extension officers to facilitate sustainable natural resource management across the Border Rivers-Gwydir Catchment.	Assist with property visits, site visits, research work and clerical/office activities.	Work with this sort of organisation could lead to careers dealing with plants/vegetation, native animals, environmental management, natural resource management, project management, policy development, natural resource mapping and planning, community liaison, education and development.  Such careers require training in areas including science, botany, ecology, zoology, entomology, freshwater science, natural resource management. Also research, extension, policy, administration, project and people management.	Cap and Pipe the Bores Phone: 6721 9800.  Border Rivers-Gwydir Catchment Management Authority Phone: 6721 9810.
NSW Department of Primary Industries (DPI)	The State Government organisation which undertakes research and provides information to the public regarding matters related to agriculture (e.g. livestock grazing, horticulture, broad-acre cropping, apiculture), soils, forestry and minerals/mining.	Assist with property visits, site visits, sampling activities; participate in field days; develop newsletters; assist with clerical/office activities.	Careers involve extension, research, policing and administration work with agriculture, soils, forestry or mining; office management and clerical/administrative skills; developing policy; running monitoring and disease/pest control programs.  Relevant training is in areas such as science, agriculture, mining, soils, forestry, administration, policy-making and epidemiology.	Phone: 6722 1388.
Red Frog Environmental Solutions Pty Ltd	Red Frog Environmental Solutions (RFES) is an environmental consultancy and contracting business which specialises in all aspects of environmental and natural resource assessment, planning, management and training.	Variety of environmental field work, planning, technical design and reporting. Includes site inspections, sampling, surveying, researching, project design, as well as working with landholders and community groups.	Careers relating to a variety of environmental fields such as science, engineering, ecology, limnology, geomorphology, natural resource management and landcare.	Mike Lloyd Phone: 6721 3764.

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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.	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>Careers with the RLPB involve extension work with animal health and movement, noxious animals and Travelling Stock Routes and Reserves; office management and clerical/administrative skills; running and monitoring animal disease/pest control programs.</p> <p>Training is required in agriculture, animal science, vet science, policing, epidemiology, administration and community liaison.</p>	Phone: 6722 3091.
State Water (Copeton Dam and Pindari Dam)	State Water delivers water to irrigation corporations, country town water supply authorities, farms, mines and electricity generators; by releasing flows from its dams into rivers to be accessed by water users. It also provides water for stock and domestic users and is responsible for delivering environmental flows on regulated rivers.	Assist with clerical and office duties.	Careers with this type of organisation require training and knowledge of water delivery schemes, engineering, natural resource management, water resources, the irrigation industry, customer service, hydrology and water accounting.	Moree Office Phone: 6751 2712 or 6751 2700.
TAFE	A NSW Government education facility providing courses related to agriculture and horticulture at the tertiary level.	Activities available depend on the developments being undertaken or courses running at any particular time. TAFE staff are happy to take work experience students, even if only for short visits to inspect the facilities and talk with teachers about their jobs.	A career teaching in 'landcare'/agricultural fields at TAFE requires training and experience in agricultural and horticultural theory and practice, natural resource management and tertiary teaching.	Manager Phone: 6721 9044.  General Office Phone: 6721 9000.
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.