

Work experience register for the Moree district

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

Organisation	Description	Work experience activities available	Career opportunities	Contact
CSIRO Cotton Research Unit	A Government organisation involved with research into all aspects of cotton production.	Assist in the field with weeding, irrigation, soil preparation, picking of cotton (depending on time of year); work in cotton gins/processing plants, scientific laboratories, administrative offices.	Careers in the cotton industry are many - e.g. farm work growing cotton; technical jobs processing cotton; research into aspects of quality control, plant selection and development, farming systems; office administration; product development; facilitation of grower groups. Relevant training depends on your areas of interest.	Narrabri Phone: 6779 1500.
Forests NSW	The Government organisation responsible for managing State land to produce timber on a renewable basis.	Field work observing different crews maintain forest areas, mostly brushcutting. Some office work.	Careers in the forestry industry (e.g. Forests NSW, private forestry businesses, processing organisations) may involve manual labour maintaining and harvesting forests; planning and management for planting, thinning, harvesting of forest timbers; work in sawmilling and forest products industries. Organisations such as the NSW Dept of Primary Industries are involved in policy-making. Training in forestry, forest science, ecology, machinery, business or office management is required.	Senior Forester Baradine Forest Centre Phone: 6843 1607.
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 Inverell 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, natural resource management, sustainable land management, project funding, community liaison and support, and facilitating community groups.	Inverell Phone: 6721 1241.

Moree Plains 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.	Human Resources Section Phone: 6757 3233.
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 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. Inverell Mobile: 0427 453 052. Warialda Phone: 6729 1011 or 6729 3000. Mobile: 0427 291 012.
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, activities of 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.	DECC Stuart Matthews Phone: 6757 2508. Border Rivers-Gwydir Catchment Management Authority Jon Thorne Phone: 6757 2550.
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 involving extension work with agriculture, soils, forestry or mining; office management and clerical/administrative skills; developing policy; running and monitoring disease/pest control programs. Relevant training could be in science, agriculture, mining, soils, forestry, administration. Also in research, extension, policy, administration, policing, epidemiology, and community development and education.	Phone: 6752 5111.

NSW Department of Water and Energy	The State Government organisation undertaking research and providing information to the government and public on matters related to water and energy management, and the Murray Darling Basin.	Assist with site visits, research work and clerical/office activities.	Careers as scientists and policy makers, dealing with water and energy. Requires training in disciplines such as science, ecology, zoology, freshwater science, water and energy systems, natural resource management; in research, extension, policy, administration, community development and education.	Water Management Moree Phone: 6752 9726. Admin/Office Manager Armidale Phone: 6773 5299.
NSW National Parks & Wildlife Service (NPWS - now under NSW Dept of Environment & Climate Change)	The State Government Department managing the National Parks and Nature Reserves in the region. This involves planning and active management for conservation of nature, fire management, visitor management and education; responding to public enquiries.	Assist with office duties, help with enquiries by the public, assist with outdoor activities in national parks.	Careers with the NPWS or similar organisations require training in biology, ecology, zoology, botany, environmental management, ecotourism, nature-based education, people and office management. Also experience and qualifications to work with machinery, chainsaws, fire, chemicals, etc.	Narrabri Office Phone: 6792 7300. Bingara Senior Field Supervisor Phone: 6724 0107. Glen Innes Phone: 6739 0726 or 6732 5133. Armidale Phone: 6776 0000.
Rural Lands Protection Board (Moree)	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. It is 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 Routes and Reserves; office management and clerical/administrative skills; running and monitoring disease/pest control programs. Training is required in agriculture, animal science, science, veterinary science, policing, epidemiology, administration and community liason.	Phone: 6752 3017 or 6752 8012.
SMK Consultants	A private business offering environmental consulting, registered surveyors, town planners and rural development consultants.	Assist with office duties, field work, soil collection for analysis, office and computer work.	Experience with these consultants provides background for careers in environmental engineering, town planning, surveying and spatial science.	Peter Taylor Phone: 6752 1021.
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 conservation land management at the tertiary level.	Availability and type of work experience at the TAFE Agricultural Centre will depend on farming activities and classes taking place at any particular time.	A career in this area of TAFE requires industry experience in agriculture, natural resource management and extension or tertiary teaching.	Moree Office Phone: 6752 0350.
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.