



Position description

Position:	Agriculture Projects Officer
Employer:	Gulf Savannah NRM
Reports to:	Program Manager Sustainable Land Management
Supervises:	May supervise sub-contractors and support staff in relation to project deliverables
Location:	Mareeba, Croydon or Georgetown, Queensland.
Classification:	Level 3.1
Employment terms:	Full time or Part time (60-75 hours per fortnight)
Salary Range:	Commencing wage \$85,362 per annum full time or \$43.78 per hour.
Contact officer:	Zoe Williams, Chief Executive Officer Phone 0448 680 445

About Gulf Savannah NRM

Gulf Savannah NRM delivers a range of programs including agricultural extension, environmental education and biodiversity monitoring and conservation. We operate primarily in the Northern Gulf region which stretches from Mareeba (60km west of Cairns) to the Gulf of Carpentaria coast.

Our VISION

Vital landscapes. Vibrant communities. Thriving futures.

Our PURPOSE

Integrated delivery that lands

Our VALUES

Trust from the ground up

Community and environmental resilience and capacity

Individual & organisational diversity and competence

Our team as high performing, engaging, and adaptable

About this role

The position is required to work as part of the Gulf Savannah NRM team. The Agriculture Projects Officer will manage the effective planning, delivery and monitoring of sustainable agriculture projects and deliver natural resource management support for landholders of the Northern Gulf Region, funded through various government and non-government programs, consistent with achieving the objectives of the Northern Gulf Natural Resource Management Plan.

Duties of role

To achieve the outcomes required by this role, you must be able to:

- Work within allocated work/project budgets
- Complete required reporting delivered on time and to a satisfactory standard
- Manage planning, delivery and reporting of agriculture and soils projects
- Coordinate and manage spatial information, infrastructure and soils mapping for farms.
- Work with other staff and external partners as necessary and appropriate to ensure projects meet milestones and are delivered on-budget.
- Assist with the preparation of articles, Facebook posts and photos for Gulf Savannah NRM communications products to update the community about Northern Gulf matters as they relate to your work program
- Provide regular reports to the Team Leader and/or Chief Executive Officer on work completed and key activities underway.
- Assist with the preparation of competitive grant funding or sponsorship applications
- Comply with all Gulf Savannah NRM policies and procedures

- Attend Gulf Savannah NRM meetings when requested, including presenting outcomes of the agriculture work program

Key attributes

Within the context of the duties described above, the ideal applicant will be someone who has the following attributes:

- Knowledge of sustainable agriculture practices and the application of best practice natural resource management to horticultural and agricultural settings. Soil science experience, including soil sampling and interpretation of soil test results in horticultural and agricultural settings would be an advantage.
- Skills and knowledge in agronomy, soil health, pest and weed management, soil and water monitoring. Knowledge of land condition, carbon and/or biodiversity monitoring methods would be an advantage.
- High level of computer skills particularly in relation to mapping, data collection and analysis and Microsoft office software
- Experience in project management include monitoring milestones, deliverables and budgets.
- Good communication skills with a particular focus on written communication skills for reporting.
- Excellent time management skills to meet deadlines.
- Willingness to be part of a team and support others.
- Ability to work with minimal supervision.
- Able to undertake field work in remote locations. Must have C class driver's license.

Qualifications

Degree in Agricultural Science or related field, and relevant experience in agriculture or NRM fieldwork.

Other requirements

On occasion, Gulf Savannah NRM staff may be required to travel and undertake tasks outside normal work hours. This needs to be approved by the Chief Executive Officer prior to any work being undertaken. Gulf Savannah NRM does not offer paid overtime however a Time off in Lieu Agreement (TOIL) can be entered with the approval of the Chief Executive Officer and prior to being accrued. This position will require extensive travel throughout north west Queensland, which will necessitate overnight stays. The ability to travel away from the office locations is a requirement of the position.

It is a standard requirement that successful applicants agree to undertake a pre-employment medical and random drug and alcohol testing when required by Gulf Savannah NRM.

Citizenship

To be appointed you must be an Australian citizen, have permanent residency status or a visa permitting you to work in Australia permanently.

1. Selection Criteria

<p>1 Management Accountability</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrated ability in project management, including: work plan development and prioritisation, monitoring, evaluation and reporting against work plan and project outcomes. • Demonstrated time management skills with an ability to manage multiple projects and meet deadlines.
<p>2 Technical Responsibilities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Knowledge of the application of sustainable agriculture principles to North Queensland production systems. • Knowledge of soil sciences • Experience in the use of GIS systems. • High degree of computer literacy including proficiency with Microsoft Office suite.
<p>3 Partnerships and Communication</p>

- Demonstrated ability and willingness to work effectively with diverse stakeholder groups (graziers, farmers, Indigenous landholders, community and industry groups, government) and with staff of partner organisations to develop and implement sustainable agriculture projects.
- Demonstrated ability to communicate effectively as required to support improvement of land management practices.
- Demonstrated ability to work across teams with people with different skills and expertise.

4 Problem Solving

- Demonstrated ability to work independently, identify and analyse problems, and develop and implement improvements.

5 Workplace Health and Safety and Personal Conduct

- Knowledge of relevant Workplace Health and Safety considerations and demonstrated awareness of requirements for Employment Equity, Ethical Conduct and the Anti-Discrimination Act.

6 Qualifications and Experience

- Qualification in Agricultural Science or related field is essential.
- Agricultural, pastoral or NRM field work experience is highly desirable.
- Current open 'C' class driver's license is essential
- Four-wheel drive vehicle experience is desirable
- Working with Children Blue Card (or ability to obtain) is highly desirable

Approved



Zoe Williams

2 October 2024

Signature

Name

Date

Chief Executive Officer
Gulf Savannah NRM