

# The Guardian

## Job Description

### Rural and regional reporter, Queensland

<b>Department</b>	Editorial
<b>Reports to</b>	Rural and Regional editor, Guardian Australia
<b>Normal location</b>	Warwick, Queensland
<b>Terms and conditions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Full-time</li><li>• 12-month, fixed-term contract</li></ul>
<b>Purpose of role</b>	Provide news coverage for Guardian Australia on rural and regional issues. Provide two stories per week for The Town and Country Journal, as directed by the paper's editor.

#### **Key responsibilities and accountabilities**

- Generate interesting, original content and cover stories in innovative ways including social, video and interactive reports
- Source stories from Warwick and surrounding regional areas, including from social media and other internet channels as commissioned by the rural and regional editor, or at times by other Guardian Australia editors
- Display a willingness for the audience to participate in your work, interact with readers through various threads, responding to ideas and using information as source material
- Moderate Guardian Australia's Rural and Regional Facebook group at agreed times
- Develop contacts and story areas, and break exclusives in those areas
- Work as a reporter for the Town and Country Journal, providing an average of two stories per week as directed by the paper's editor.

#### **Key contacts and relationships**

Rural and Regional Editor and Deputy Editor, Guardian Australia, Guardian Australia newsdesk editors and production desk

## **PERSON SPECIFICATION**

### **Knowledge and experience**

- Experience of reporting working in news or news-like environment, as a student journalist/intern or paid work
- Able to write news and features as directed
- Good knowledge and understanding of current affairs, ideally including issues affecting rural and regional Australia
- Good understanding of media law
- Familiarity and ease with social media
- Video and/or audio experience would be an advantage
- An interest in a specialist story area or areas would be an advantage, particularly if not currently covered in depth by Guardian Australia

### **Skills / behaviours**

- Excellent writing, communication, interpersonal skills
- Ability to deal with the stresses associated with tight deadlines
- Strong news sense and ability to generate fresh ideas and angles
- Ability to multitask
- Creative/inquisitive
- Organised team player
- Be open to challenge and correction
- Must have driving licence and own car

*This job description is a guide to the work you will initially be required to undertake. It summarises the main aspects of the job but does not cover all the duties that the job holder may have to perform. It may be changed from time to time to meet changing circumstances. It does not form part of your contract of employment and as your experience grows, you will be expected to broaden your tasks, suggest improvements, solve problems and enhance the effectiveness of the role.*