



the **ARCHIBULL** PRIZE

CAREER SNAPSHOT



LUCY COLLINGRIDGE

LUCY COLLINGRIDGE IS
A BIOSECURITY OFFICER
WITH THE NSW LOCAL
LAND SERVICES, A VARIED
JOB THAT INVOLVES A LOT
OF DRIVING.

As a biosecurity officer with Local Land Services Lucy Collingridge assists farmers with the management of pest animals and diseases.

First up today Lucy is rattling along a dirt road to meet with Greg, a landowner who attended a feral animal workshop she conducted last week. Greg is having problems with a wild dog attacking his sheep. Together he and Lucy set up trail cameras to monitor the dog's movements and discuss trapping and baiting control options. Just as they are finishing a cup of tea on Greg's veranda Lucy gets a call about a cow who has been hit by a truck on a public road.

She's quickly into the car and drives to the scene where she meets council ranger Kelly and Erica, a Local Land Services veterinarian. They assess the animal and determine the best thing to do is to put her down. Erica has brought the rifle and, because she has a firearms licence as part of her job, Lucy must euthanase the cow.

Lucy then continues driving to the saleyards, where she checks compliance records of stock for sale. This assists pest and disease management to secure Australia's biosecurity. While at the yards she chats to farmers and stock agents and speaks with Tim, the rural crimes detective, about some illegal trapping she has noted on local stock routes.

After lunch Lucy drives to her office where Erica hands her laboratory test results. Last week Lucy took blood samples from a mob of rams to test for ovine brucellosis and thankfully the results are negative. With her work done Lucy is looking for an early knock-off but a call comes through to say a major fire is threatening property and livestock. Lucy drives to the control centre where she will work as part of the communications team. It looks as though it will be a long night.

This is Lucy's career in agriculture. What will yours be?

