



Position: Sustainable Agriculture Officer

Location: Busselton

Reports to: Sustainable Agriculture Coordinator

Employment Type: Part time (0.4 FTE)

About GeoCatch:

GeoCatch is a catchment management group working in partnership with the community, industry and agencies to care for the Geographe Bay Catchment. We have been the Community's voice in the Catchment for over 28 years, formed in response to growing concern for the health of Geographe Bay and other waterways.

Description of the role

This position forms part of the Sustainable Agriculture team working with Geographe farmers, First Nations people, the community and stakeholders to increase awareness, knowledge and skills, and enhance stewardship, to support agricultural behavioural change and nutrient best management practice programs.

The Sustainable Agriculture team liaise closely with the Departments of, Water and Environmental Regulation (DWER) and Primary Industries and Regional Development (DPIRD). The Sustainable Agriculture team is funded through state and federal programs, including Healthy Estuaries WA and the Climate Smart program under the Natural Heritage Trust.

Fixed term 2 days/week to June 2028.

We are seeking an energetic and versatile Project Officer to join our team to deliver sustainable agriculture projects with farmers in the Geographe Bay catchment.

This role works on-ground with farmers to help improve water quality and support biodiversity through improving fertiliser management and soil health. This role requires farmer engagement and support through our Geographe Farmers Protecting Geographe Bay program.

The successful applicant will have professional qualifications and/or substantial equivalent experience in agriculture or environmental science. Experience in GIS and database management skills is necessary.

PRINCIPAL DUTIES & RESPONSIBILITIES

The Project Officer will be responsible for:

1. Sustainable agriculture program
 - 1.1 Work with grazing farmers on-ground to implement best management practices in sustainable agriculture projects in the Geographe catchment, including the management of; fertiliser, nutrients, grazing, waterways, invasive species, hydrology and soil health.
 - 1.2 Undertake field work and complete landholder agreements to meet funding guidelines and relevant legislation and approvals.
 - 1.3 Assist with the delivery and the development of communications tools and events for GeoCatch's Geographe Farmers Protecting Geographe Bay program; including media releases, social media, events, training and workshops.
 - 1.4 Spatial mapping of project sites and outcomes, data management and analysis using QGIS and database software.
 - 1.5 Meet project milestones, budget and reporting, including implementation of the funding bodies guidelines for monitoring, using landholder surveys, photopoint monitoring, site assessment forms and spatial mapping using GIS.
2. Project management and general duties
 - 2.1 Develop and maintain effective working relationships and partnerships with GeoCatch Stakeholders including Geographe farmers, First Nations people, DWER, DPIRD and funders.
 - 2.2 Assist in the organisation, management and coordination of GeoCatch Sustainable Agriculture events and represent GeoCatch in the community.
 - 2.3 Prepare project updates and present reports to the GeoCatch board, stakeholders, funders and community.
 - 2.4 Work with the GeoCatch team to identify and implement communication and engagement opportunities.
 - 2.5 Contribute to the GeoCatch team as required, including at team meetings and events.