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PROJECT OFFICER WATER MANAGEMENT

What do you do in your position

I am the project lead on the NWGA Ti Tree Aboriginal water science project which was granted to the Water Resources at the end of last year. I am also involved with the coordination and running of the Daly River water advisory committee. Recently, I have helped with the midterm reviews for both the Oolloo and Ti Tree water allocation plans. Other than that, I am here to support to the team and do the bits and pieces that need to get done.

What qualifications or skills do you need for your position

Having a degree in environmental science, natural resource management or similar tertiary qualification.

My background is marine biosecurity so quite different to the work I am currently doing, but there is a lot of opportunity to utilise some of the skills I developed during my time working for the government in New Zealand.

Highlight or achievement

Getting the two midterm reviews (for Oolloo and Ti Tree) completed (and on time) has been a highlight and a great way to learn about what different teams do in the division and the water resource itself. It has also made me realise how much knowledge there is in the division about these areas.

What do you love about working in the Territory

You have to be very adaptable and to expect the unexpected! For example, the fact that a REAL snake is used in a Christmas photoshoot, and no one bats an eyelid completely baffles me. Being located in Katherine can make it difficult to develop connections being isolated from the rest of the team but once working through that barrier I have found the most generous and helpful people you will meet.

Words of wisdom

In Aotearoa/New Zealand there is a saying: “He aha te mea nui o te ao? He tangata, he tangata, he tangata” which translates to “What is the most important thing in the world? It is people, it is people, it is people”.