



Project Manager

Position Details

Position Title:	Project Manager
Location:	Mulwala or hybrid (in catchment, minimum in office 1 day per fortnight)
Reports To:	Senior Manager, On-Farm Experimentation
Position Type:	Full-time (24–38 hours per week) <i>We offer flexibility within this range to support work-life balance.</i>
Salary:	Grade 5, Level 1 – Grade 6, Level 3 (depending on experience)

Key Relationships

Reports To	Manager / Senior Manager - Projects
Direct Reports	None initially
Internal	All staff members, Riverine Plains Board of Directors, and Business Development Manager
External	Government agencies, funding bodies, Livestock producers & farm business owners, Research Organisations & Universities, Industry peak bodies & grower Groups, Technical advisors & agribusiness service providers, Animal health & nutrition companies, Catchment Management Authorities

Background

Riverine Plains Inc, established in 1999 is an independent farming systems group dedicated to improving the productivity of mixed farming systems in north-east Victoria and southern New South Wales.

Riverine Plains is a team of passionate individuals, dedicated to supporting farmers to manage prosperous businesses through research, innovation, and strong rural communities. Working with global leaders in science and technology, we are committed to ensuring farmers across the Riverine Plains have access to the knowledge and tools to optimise their farm businesses and productivity.

Connecting farming communities and delivering the activities and programs to support knowledge transfer, build professional and advisory networks, and build pathways for young people in agriculture.

The Project Manager is responsible for the planning, delivery, and evaluation of livestock-focused projects that support productivity, sustainability, and innovation in the agricultural sector. This role works closely with farmers, researchers, industry bodies, and internal stakeholders to deliver high-quality, evidence-based extension and development projects.

The successful candidate will have strong project management skills, a deep understanding of livestock systems, and the ability to translate technical knowledge into practical on-farm outcomes

Key responsibilities

- Lead the development, implementation, and evaluation of livestock-related projects, ensuring they are delivered on time and within budget.
- Engage with livestock producers to identify challenges, co-design solutions, and deliver activities that meet their needs (e.g. field trials, workshops, webinars, and demonstrations).
- Collaborate with agronomists, scientists, extension officers, and stakeholders to ensure technical accuracy and relevance.
- Manage project budgets, reporting, risk management, and compliance with funding requirements.
- Analyse and interpret livestock data, contribute to trial designs, and translate findings into practical recommendations.
- Prepare high-quality written outputs including reports, case studies, communications materials, and technical summaries.
- Represent the organisation at industry events, field days, and conferences.
- Support funding applications and business development related to livestock programs.

Experience / Qualifications

- Tertiary qualifications in Agriculture, Animal Science, or a related field
- 5+ years experience managing projects in the livestock or agricultural sector.
- Sound knowledge of livestock production systems, animal health, nutrition, welfare, and/or genetics.
- Experience in strategic engagement with relevant internal and external stakeholders to bring project concepts together, attract project funding, and deliver projects that meet local farmer needs
- Excellent communication skills with the ability to engage farmers and stakeholders from diverse backgrounds.
- Demonstrated ability to work independently and within a team, managing competing priorities.
- Strong report writing, data interpretation, and presentation skills.
- Competence in Microsoft Office and relevant data tools (e.g. Excel, GIS, animal performance software).
- Excellent communication, negotiation, and stakeholder management skills, with the ability to build consensus and drive collaboration across diverse groups.
- Demonstrated leadership abilities, with a track record of having accountability for key organisational areas or business units
- A drive for innovation, entrepreneurship, and creating positive impact in the agricultural sector
- Passion for rural communities and Not for profit organisations
- Ability to work independently and as part of a team.
- Experience with field trials, applied research, or extension delivery
- Understanding of sustainability and climate resilience in livestock systems.
- Experience working with funding bodies, grants, or collaborative projects.
- A valid driver's license and the ability to travel within the region
- Experience in developing and implementing income diversification strategies and managing fundraising initiatives, preferably in the agricultural or nonprofit sector highly desirable.

To apply

Applications open Tuesday, 3rd June 2025 and a CV with a cover letter can be emailed to brooke@riverineplains.org.au

Applications close Friday 13th June 2025.