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Role: Environmental Advisor

Company: Yancoal Australia

Home location: Chinchilla

Work location: Cameby Downs Mine, Miles

How long have you worked in the resources industry? Three years

What do you enjoy most about your job?

I enjoy the opportunity to work outdoors and engage with the team and local community. I find it rewarding to support operational activities while also promoting environmental awareness and helping people understand the importance of responsible practices in day-to-day operations.

What's something people wouldn't expect about your role?

People may not realise how much planning and ongoing work is involved in environmental roles within the resources industry. There is a strong level of collaboration across different departments to support responsible and sustainable operations. There is a lot happening behind the scenes to help operations meet environmental responsibilities and compliance requirements.

Where do you live and what do you love about your community?

I live in Chinchilla, and one of the things I enjoy is the quiet and relaxed lifestyle. Life feels more balanced here, while still being close enough to bigger cities to make travelling convenient whenever I want to. I think the slower pace of life helps create a happier and more welcoming community.

What drew you to the industry and what's kept you here?

I come from a family with a strong connection to the resources industry - my dad, uncles, and grandfather all worked in the sector for many years. The industry helped provide opportunities for my family and supported our future. Coming from a country where the resources industry plays a significant role in the economy, I noticed many similarities when I moved to Australia. What has kept me in the industry, is the opportunity to contribute to the sector and grow professionally. Also, the support, recognition, and encouragement I have received from my team, have motivated me to continue exploring the opportunities and work towards making a positive impact.

What does a typical day look like?

A typical day starts with reviewing the calendar, checking monitoring data, and planning priorities for the day. I then prepare for field activities and organise the resources needed for scheduled monitoring and environmental tasks. After returning from the field, I review any findings or issues identified and communicate them with the team to ensure everyone stays informed and aligned.

Why do you think the resources sector matters to Queensland?

I believe the resources sector has an important role in supporting communities, families, and the broader economy across Queensland. It not only creates jobs, but also support local business and contributes to the development of regional areas.

What are you passionate about inside or outside of work?

I am passionate about seeing the positive impact the industry has through community support programs and the opportunities it creates for local communities. Outside of work, I enjoy spending time with family and friends, but also learning to appreciate time on my own and dedicating time to the things I love most, such as painting, walking outdoors, exercising, and exploring new experiences.

What's something you're proud of professionally or personally?

I am proud of the woman and professional I have become and of the journey that brought me here. Growing up, I always dreamed of travelling, living abroad, and building a successful career for myself. Graduating from university and being awarded as the best-performing student in my class gave me the confidence to pursue those goals. I am also proud of everything I have achieved since moving to Australia. Starting a life in a new country, away from family and without an established network can be challenging, especially while building a career in a second language. Over time, I embraced those challenges and continued growing both personally and professionally. The support, trust, and recognition I have received from leaders and colleagues along the way have made the journey even more meaningful.

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