



the **ARCHIBULL** PRIZE

CAREER SNAPSHOT

It's early morning and Annicka Brosnan has a busy day ahead of her but she takes a few moments to enjoy the quiet and feed her menagerie of pets – her horses, cats, dogs and a spoilt sheep who has a habit of escaping.

But the quiet doesn't last long as she enters the hive of activity in the office of her family's hydroponic lettuce farm and begins the coordination of produce to customers. The first thing she learns is that James, their local delivery driver, is sick and has taken the day off, so it is up to Annicka to jump in the truck and take lettuce to businesses around Toowoomba.

By 9am she is back in the office and the Brisbane/Gold Coast truck returns. Casey, the driver, tells her the air conditioning is on the blink so Annicka will have to arrange for the truck to be serviced before it can go out again.

The rest of Annicka's morning is taken up with placing orders and talking to customers. She rings Amy, a chef in Brisbane, and tells her of the produce they have coming into season in the following weeks. This gives Amy time to arrange her menus in advance.

After lunch Annicka sits down with her family for a business meeting. With so many family members involved it is important that everyone knows what is going on.

Annicka's afternoons are varied but today she helps with planting lettuce seeds before ringing the vet about the sheep who cut her leg last time she escaped. Annicka crams in a few hours of study for her Bachelor of Rural Science degree and works on a presentation she will give to students as part of The Archibull Prize. "How exciting," she thinks, "to be taking the world of fruit and vegetables to a new generation."

Tomorrow night Annicka will work night shift, loading the trucks with produce from the cool room, but tonight she is free to ride her horse. As she trots back to home she notices a woolly white creature poking through a fence – the sheep is making another escape attempt.

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



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