



the **ARCHIBULL** PRIZE

CAREER SNAPSHOT

From a young age Marlee Langfield worked alongside her parents as they grew cereal crops on “Wallaringa” near Cowra. To Marlee farming is a way of life, a blood connection to the land. Today she stands in the paddocks with her partner Andrew as they plan the coming farming season.

Mid-morning Rob, the local agronomist, joins them in the paddock and together they discuss the results of soil samples taken last month. It looks like this paddock has low pH levels. To grow great grains they will need to spread lime to correct this before sowing a canola crop later in the year. That means the tractor will be getting plenty of work.

The tractor and offset discs are driven to the workshop for maintenance and it is discovered that all 24 bearings will have to be replaced before the paddock can be ploughed. Marlee and Andrew make the trip to town to match the bearings and order them from the local engineering business. They are assured the parts will be ready next week.

While in town they visit a machinery dealership to talk to the salesman about a chemical handling system that mixes agricultural chemicals safely before spraying. After inspecting the handler in the yard the salesman draws up a quote for them to take home.

Marlee is actively involved in her community and volunteers with various groups including the local show societies and the Country Women's Association (CWA). At lunch time she receives a phone call from Elizabeth, the secretary of the Morongla CWA, and they discuss dates for the upcoming street stall and finalise a grant submission for a vacuum cleaner for the hall.

In the afternoon Marlee heads to the farm office where she pays bills with online banking and rings Jill, the rural insurance area manager, to draft changes to the farm insurance policy. The evening is too lovely to be indoors so Marlee rides her motorbike, with Ellie the Kelpie running alongside, to the top of the hill to watch the sunset and take photos for her rural lifestyle Instagram account.

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



MARLEE LANGFIELD

AT 23 MARLEE LANGFIELD IS CEO AND MANAGER OF HER FAMILY FARM “WALLARINGA” NEAR COWRA.

