

**Position:**

Senior Consultant -  
Environmental

**Qualifications:**

B Sc (Hons)

Grad Dip in Sustainable  
Agriculture

Graduate, Tasmanian Leaders  
Program 2013

**Professional Associations:**

Landcare Tasmania  
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**INTRODUCTION**

Leanne Sherriff has worked in various aspects of natural resource management (NRM) and agricultural extension since 2002, following a career in agricultural research and development (R&D). Leanne has strong technical expertise in a wide range of NRM fields, including biodiversity, weed management, fire management, climate change, water quality, salinity, and soils. Combined with a deep understanding of agricultural production systems, Leanne's unique range of skills is in demand by a broad range of clients who want scientifically sound (and practical) advice to achieve sustainable outcomes. Leanne also has technical skills in sheep production and grazing systems, providing one on one advice to clients. In addition to her technical competencies, Leanne is a capable and experienced project manager, with proven high level skills and experience in extension and adoption program design and delivery, communication outputs, workshop facilitation, and program level monitoring and evaluation. Leanne's capabilities extend to research projects (technical and social) including design, analysis and reporting. Leanne is passionate about delivering projects that make a real, measurable difference to her clients.

**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

2011 – Present: Senior Environmental Consultant - Macquarie Franklin

2006 – 2011: Environmental Consultant - Agricultural Resource  
Management

2005 – 2006: Project Manager - Greening Australia

2003 – 2005: Research Officer - Department of Primary Industries, Water  
and Environment

2002 – 2005: Environmental Consultant - Terra Cura Consulting

1997 – 2002: Research Officer - Australian Hop Marketers

**RECENT PROJECTS**

- MLA Producer Demonstration Site Coordinator, with Longford Red Meat Group, MLA, Jan 2016 to April 2019
- MLA's Extension and Adoption Pilot Project, MLA, Feb 2016 – Dec 2016
- Red Hot Tips - planned burning on private land, Tas Fire Service Nov 2013 – June 2016
- Making More from Sheep, State Coordinator, MLA & AWI, Jan 2014 – Dec 2016
- Farm300 – boosting livestock production efficiency and decreasing greenhouse gas emissions. National Coordinator, Sept 2013 – June 2015

**Areas of Expertise**

- Project management
- Extension & communications
- Facilitation
- Event coordination
- Agricultural research and development
- Native vegetation and threatened species management
- Fire management
- Revegetation advice
- Weed management
- Salinity rehabilitation
- Sustainable soil management
- River health and water quality
- Land capability assessment
- Social research
- Sheep production

**Macquarie Franklin Expertise**

- Economic studies
- Business and farm management
- Feasibility studies
- State and regional development
- Irrigation and water development
- Land capability and mapping
- Natural resource management
- Training and extension
- Technical agricultural consulting

- Lean Meat Yield and Eating Quality Producer Demonstration Sites - Tasmanian sites coordinator, MLA, Apr 2013 – June 2014
- Brumbys Creek Weed Action Plan, Hydro Tasmania, Nov 2014 – Feb 2015
- Property condition assessment for soils and pasture, Woolnorth Wind, Sept 2015
- Development and delivery of Young Growers' Development Program, Lion, Dec 2014 – Sept 2015
- Project manager for the development of *Lambs Alive* tool – to assist producers improve lamb survival, MLA & AWI, Sept 2014 – May 2015
- Lifetime Ewe Management deliverer, RIST, Feb 2014 – Nov 2015
- Red Meat Updates Conference (co-organiser), MLA, Oct 2012 – June 2015
- Biosecurity benchmarking study for the Australian vegetable industry, HAL, April 2013 – Dec 2013
- Summer-autumn ill-thrift in Tasmanian beef herds (producer survey and literature review), MLA, Sept 2012 – May 2013
- Drainage, runoff and effluent management plan for dairy development, private client, Feb 2013 – May 2013
- Future Farm Landscapes, development of Carbon Story tool for Eyre Peninsula South Australia, Rural Solutions, July 2012 – Mar 2013
- Project manager for national vegetable industry training and skills scoping study, AUSVEG, July 2012 – Nov 2012
- Baseline monitoring of burrowing crayfish for Sassafras Wesley Vale Irrigation Scheme, Tasmanian Irrigation Dec 2011 – Feb 2012
- Project manager Making Good Better - understanding soil carbon, Australian Government, Nov 2010 - June 2012
- Coordinator Climate Change Property Management Planning project, NRM North, Dec 2010 – June 2011
- Understanding *Phytophthora cinnamomi* distribution and improving its management on private land, NRM North, April – Dec 2011
- Environment and Fire Management Plan Copping Refuse Disposal Site, Sept 2011
- Developed environmental accreditation system for wool growers (Sustainable Farms Tasmania), Roberts Wool Link, 2008 – 2010
- Communications coordinator for Best Practice Salinity Management project, NRM North, 2008-2009