

**Position:**

Senior Consultant -  
Environmental

**Qualifications:**

B Sc (Hons)  
Grad Dip in Sustainable  
Agriculture  
Graduate Tasmanian Leaders  
Program 2013

**Professional Associations:**

Australasia-Pacific Extension  
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**INTRODUCTION**

Leanne Sherriff has worked in various aspects of natural resource management and agricultural extension for the past 14 years. Leanne is a capable, experienced and qualified project manager, with technical expertise in a wide range of NRM fields, including biodiversity, weed management, fire management, climate change, water quality, salinity, nutrient management and sustainable soil management. Combined with a strong 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 meat production, in addition to extensive experience in group facilitation, ranging from small farmer groups to multi-stakeholder committees. She has well developed skills and experience in extension and communication across a range of technical areas, including developing and delivering surveys and interviews, running farmer discussion groups and major event coordination.

**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**

- Brumbys Creek willow eradication project. Project manager, community engagement, environmental monitoring plan, operational logistics. Hydro Tasmania, November 2017 - current
- Profitable Grazing Systems. Support and advice to coordination team. MLA, February 2017 – current
- Longford Red Meat Group Producer Demonstration Site. Trial coordinator. MLA, March 2016 to current
- Future Industry Leaders – Growing People. Project manager. TFGA, December 2016 to September 2017
- MLA's Extension and Adoption Pilot Project, MLA, Feb 2016 – Dec 2016
- Red Hot Tips - planned burning on private land, Tas Fire Service November 2013 – June 2016

**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

- Making More from Sheep, State Coordinator, MLA & AWI, Jan 2014 – May 2016
- Farm300 – boosting livestock production efficiency and decreasing greenhouse gas emissions. National Coordinator. MLA, Sept 2013 – June 2015
- Lean Meat Yield and Eating Quality Producer Demonstration Sites - Tasmanian sites coordinator. MLA, April 2013 – June 2014
- Brumbys Creek Weed Action Plan. Hydro Tasmania, Nov 2014 – Feb 2015
- Property condition assessment for soils and pasture. Woolnorth Wind, September 2015
- Development and delivery of young growers' development program. Lion, December 2014 – September 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
- 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
- Developed environmental accreditation system for wool growers (Sustainable Farms Tasmania). Roberts Wool Link, 2008 – 2010

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