

Staying close to family without costing my career.

When you're finishing high school, everyone talks about escaping. But there is a quiet, beautiful power in choosing to stay. Growing up in Gunnedah, my family and my roots weren't things I wanted to leave behind. I was ambitious and determined to get my degree, but I wanted to do it in the place I loved. When I looked for a workplace that would value my drive straight out of school, I found Forsyths.

Today, as a Graduate Accountant in our Gunnedah office, I can safely say that choosing this path gave me a massive head start.

While some of my peers rushed off to big city or coastal firms, I stayed right here. A friend went to an accounting firm in Wollongong, and as we went through our degrees, we'd compare notes. I quickly realized I was doing the exact same work she was and if anything, my time at Forsyths was giving me even more hands-on experience.

From a Gap Year to Graduate Accountant

My journey here started from the absolute ground floor. Right after finishing school, I stepped into a six-month gap year position in administration. During my interview, I instantly connected with my managers, and I knew right then that this was a team I wanted to be part of. After those first six months in admin, the team asked if I'd be interested in accounting, and they offered me an undergraduate position.

That was the turning point. I worked full-time and studied my accounting degree part-time. It was a huge commitment, but I never had to navigate it alone. Forsyths backed me the entire way with incredible study support, giving me dedicated leave for my exams and even financial assistance with my textbooks.

More than that, every single team member became a mentor to me. Whether they were helping me sharpen my communication skills to build deep connections with clients, or simply listening to me complain about my uni workload and helping me push through it, the open-door culture here is completely real.

Before accounting, I planned to become an agronomist. Coming from a farming background, I wanted agriculture to be the core of my career. At Forsyths, I get the best of both worlds. The majority of my clients are local farming businesses; I get to help them manage their financials, which I've realised I prefer much more than being out in the field!

What I love most about the career path here is the flexibility to pivot. If I ever want to steer my focus away from tax accounting, the opportunities are right in front of me. I know I can easily approach the team to pursue superannuation, dip into audit with extra study, or step into internal management accounting roles if they come up.

Deeply personal and forward-looking

The final piece of the puzzle is the heart behind the business. Through the Forsyths Foundation, we can contribute a small portion of our paychecks straight back into local initiatives. It makes me incredibly proud to know that our collective contributions build a safer, kinder community, the very place I plan to raise a family of my own one day.

Loving where you work isn't just a bonus; it's absolutely everything. Real satisfaction cannot be found in a paycheck alone. It comes from waking up genuinely inspired by your team, knowing your daily efforts leave the world a little better than you found it. That deep sense of purpose and connection is what I get to experience every single day.



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