

From the city commute to a career with purpose.

Moving to regional New South Wales wasn't a step back for my career, it was a step closer to what matters. After finishing my accounting degree in Sydney, I wanted to be near family in Tamworth, but as an ambitious graduate majoring in financial planning and taxation, I refused to compromise on my professional growth. I needed a high-quality firm. When I researched the region and spoke to mates in the industry, one name kept coming up: Forsyths.

Today, as a Manager in our Audit team, I can safely say the reality has been even better than it looked on paper.

Moving regionally completely transformed my lifestyle. Trading a grueling three-hour daily Sydney commute for a 5-minute drive with zero parking headaches has given me my time back. Now, that extra time goes straight into family, fitness, or

just enjoying a coffee without feeling rushed.

What surprised me most, though, was the genuine sense of community. When I first arrived in the region, a teammate went completely out of their way to help me find a home and settle in. That's the regional difference, people here actually look out for you.

From Graduate to Manager

I started at the very bottom of the ladder as a fresh graduate and progressed through intermediate, senior, and supervisor roles to become a Manager. I was hungry to grow, but I never had to navigate that path alone. Coming from a massive city firm, the open-door policy here was a breath of fresh air. I receive genuine, one-on-one mentoring from our principals, alongside 100% financial support for my studies which included my CA qualification and current internal audit diploma.

Our Armidale office is an open, modern space that makes collaboration completely natural. While we use Teams, I prefer connecting in person, often traveling between offices to work alongside different divisions and build real relationships.

There is a simple, powerful understanding here: everyone assumes the best in your work. Our core values: **love, connection, achievement, and security** aren't just prints on a wall. People live them. Even during challenging, busy deadlines, I know I'm coming to work with a team that has my back.

Making an impact beyond my desk

Giving back to our local regions is a fundamental part of who we are. Through the Forsyths Foundation, we have the opportunity to contribute directly from our paychecks toward local causes, ensuring we have a meaningful say in supporting the charities that matter most to us.

Seeing that impact flow to causes close to my heart, like the Westpac Rescue Helicopter, is deeply rewarding. We even partner with a local school program where students work in regional cafes. I love walking in for a casual coffee, mentioning I'm from Forsyths, and seeing people instantly recognise the positive ripple effect our firm has on their lives.

At the end of the day, a business should leave its community better than they found it. That's where true professional satisfaction comes from, and it's exactly what I've found at Forsyths.

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