

New recruit swaps city desk for outdoor office

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Condamine Alliance's newest recruit has been in the office less than one week and he is already keen to leave.

The 33 year-old agribusiness consultant from Brisbane has joined the Sustainable Agriculture program team as its principal project officer.

"The sooner I get out of the office the better," Christian Capp said.

Mr Capp, who graduated from Toowoomba Grammar in 1995, said he was looking forward to a hands-on role where he spent most of his time out of the office and in the field with farmers.

"I'm really pleased to be back in Toowoomba," he said.

"This position was a great opportunity to leave my city office behind and play a more hands-on role in the industry."

"I'm really looking forward to getting out and about and being a familiar face amongst land managers in the Condamine catchment."

Mr Capp grew up on a wheat and sheep farm near Moree before he completed high school at Toowoomba Grammar.

From there he moved to Brisbane to study at Queensland University of Technology where he graduated with a Bachelor of Business majoring in international business and marketing.

For the past 10 years, he has worked with various companies in Australia and in the United Kingdom specialising in the trading of grains and fresh produce.

Most recently he was a grain trader with Melbourne-based company One World Grain and a grain broker with Delta Agribusiness in Armidale.

Mr Capp estimates he has visited "hundreds" of farms as part of his work and it is this aspect of the job he enjoys best.

"Visiting growers on their farm is a good way to understand how their business works and what challenges they face," he said.

Mr Capp will have plenty of reasons to keep away from the office in his new role.

As principal project officer in the Sustainable Agriculture program, he will be responsible for developing strong partnerships with agriculture, government and community stakeholders to promote better land management practices.

His focus will be particularly on improving and protecting land condition and productivity by better managing soil carbon and groundcover.

Condamine Alliance is a not-for-profit organisation which delivers sustainable natural resource management solutions in partnership with the community to protect the Condamine catchment for future generations.

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Photo caption for *Christian Capp*

OUTDOOR OFFICE: Agribusiness consultant Christian Capp is glad his new job with the Condamine Alliance Sustainable Agriculture program will allow him the chance to get out and about with land managers throughout the Condamine catchment.

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