

# Got a story about life on the land?

## Seeking participants for a study on rural Australians' relationships with the land.

### The project:

This research project aims to provide a better understanding of rural Australians' relationship with the land and place. It particularly focuses on how people in North West Queensland respond to and express events such as drought, flood, and bush fire and how people relate to the environment after those events. It further examines how places come to be invested with stories or memories.

### So what?

This study is important because research on people's relationship with and stories about "the land" has often neglected the voices of people living in rural mixed cultural heritage communities. More research is also needed on rural life in not only the "big wets" and "big dries" but also the periods between. The study contributes to conversations about cultural heritage, resiliency, representation, and identity.

### What's involved?

I'd like to visit you on your property or workplace to chat about your experiences and hear your favourite 'bush yarns' or stories of life in the outback more generally. I would like to learn about places that are special to you, have a story attached to them, or show traces of past environmental events. I may also ask if I can join in with activities around your property or house so I can better understand everyday life.

I hope to speak to past or present residents of Cloncurry and Julia Creek townships, as well as people living or working on properties in the broader NW region.

### The researcher:

I'm a PhD candidate in anthropology (the study of cultures) at the University of Queensland. I became interested in this topic through my own experiences of growing up on a small property and through my family connections to NWQLD.

For more information see the [participant information sheet](#).

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