

Five

Under 30



GRAIN TRADE AUSTRALIA



EDWINA COCKBURN

*Quality services manager,
Viterra*

LOCATION

Norwood, SA

AGE

28

CAREER GOALS

Edwina is highly driven, motivated and always looking for the next opportunity that will arise in her career, that will allow her to further develop necessary skills and knowledge and challenge her. Edwina hopes to work her way up to higher management and or executive roles and become a knowledgeable and informed leader, with greater involvement and exposure with industry discussions and committees, such as through GTA, to achieve and progress in the Australian grains industry.

EDUCATION

BACHELOR OF AGRICULTURAL SCIENCE

University of Adelaide

WORK EXPERIENCE

Edwina is currently working as the Quality Services Manager at Viterra in SA. She is responsible for overseeing grain quality throughout the Viterra network.

Edwina's current role involves managing the Viterra Laboratory and leading a team of professionals and harvest casual workers in grain classification and chemical residue testing.

Edwina's duties include reporting and analysing quality data, providing training and support to grain classifiers, and developing training materials in line with industry standards.

Edwina plays a pivotal role in interacting with various stakeholders, including domestic and international clients and government entities, to promote the industry and business.

Edwina has prior experience in several agricultural organisations as an agronomist, research officer, farm hand, harvest classifier and development officer at the WA Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development.

THE IMPORTANCE OF FIVE UNDER 30

Edwina sees as an excellent opportunity to gain visibility in the industry, expand her network with peers and senior professionals, and make more informed decisions in her industry.

Edwina already actively contributes to the industry through her involvement with GTA's review of the Visual Recognition Standards Guide. She is committed to addressing the challenges facing the industry, such as trade and market access requirements, labour shortages, and increasing production costs, and is enthusiastic about the opportunities offered by new technologies.

As a woman in a traditionally male-dominated industry, Edwina has overcome challenges related to acceptance and is well-equipped to assist GTA in establishing strong connections with industry participants under 30 by promoting the industry at career events, creating networking and training sessions, and utilizing her expertise in social media and networking. Her dedication to the industry and passion for promoting women's involvement will make her a valuable asset to GTA.