

REGIONAL TECH HUB

Regional Partnership Officer (0.6 FTE)

Join an exciting regional connectivity-focused initiative with the flexibility to work from home.

The **National Farmers' Federation** (NFF) has an exciting role for an energetic and enthusiastic person to join the Regional Tech Hub (RTH) Team. The position is 0.6FTE, or 3 days per week, on a 12-month contract, with the potential to extend. We offer a flexible work environment, meaning this is a fantastic opportunity for someone juggling other work or family commitments.

The **Regional Tech Hub** is a Commonwealth-funded program run by the NFF. We are committed to helping people living and working in regional Australia to get connected and stay connected to internet and mobile services. We focus on providing excellent individualised connectivity support and sharing knowledge and resources online and through social media to help people in rural, regional and remote communities improve or solve their connectivity challenges. Please refer to our website for information www.regionaltechhub.org.au.

Job Advertisement: Western Australian Regional Partnership Officer

The NFF is seeking to employ a passionate and driven individual as Regional Partnership Officer to join our dynamic team. This position was created to enhance our community outreach and establish strong regional connections. Working at 0.6FTE, the Regional Partnership Officer will act as a state-based liaison officer, covering specific regions within mid and southern Western Australia. Applicants who live regionally (outside of metro areas) will be highly regarded. Applicants must reside in Western Australia.

Responsibilities:

As a Regional Partnership Officer, you will be responsible for proactively building relationships with key stakeholders in your designated region. Your primary focus will be to engage with regional officers from the major telcos, local councils, state governments, business chambers, Regional Development Authorities, farming systems groups, regional telecommunications managers, and regionally based advocacy groups to name a few. Through these partnerships, you will raise awareness of Regional Tech Hub services, disseminate information and materials, and leverage existing networks to foster meaningful connections with individuals on the ground.

In addition, the Regional Partnerships Officer will be responsible for:

- Proactively building a wide network of contacts across the designated region.
- Support awareness-raising activities.
- Attending events across the state to promote the Regional Tech Hub at events in collaboration with regionally focused organisations.
- Identifying opportunities to engage with local groups to build connectivity literacy.

- Disseminating customer information and literacy materials to people on the ground.
- Acting as a state-liaison point for the RTH, telcos and community groups.
- Reporting back on progress in regional engagement and engagements with individuals and businesses.

Qualifications and Experience:

- Demonstrated experience in building and maintaining partnerships with diverse stakeholders.
- Strong interpersonal and communication skills to engage effectively with individuals and groups.
- Knowledge and understanding of rural, regional, and remote Australia, including its unique challenges and opportunities.
- Proven ability to develop strategic plans and work independently.
- Familiarity with regional communications, or at least a strong interest in supporting people to overcome connectivity issues.

Reporting and Collaboration:

The Regional Partnership Officer reports to the Partnerships and Support Lead for content and engagement activities. Additionally, you will report to the General Manager of the Regional Tech Hub for HR-related matters. Collaboration with your fellow officers is essential, as you will work together to develop and implement a comprehensive regional partnerships strategy. Your first task will involve creating a state-based plan to align with the RTH's overarching regional partnerships strategy.

Benefits and Opportunities:

This is an exciting opportunity to join the NFF and the Regional Tech Hub program at a time of significant growth and impact. As a Regional Partnership Officer, you will have the chance to expand your professional network, work closely with influential stakeholders, and make a difference in rural, regional, and remote Australia. The NFF offers a supportive and collaborative work environment that encourages personal and career development.

If you are passionate about building partnerships, fostering community engagement, and driving positive change in regional areas, and improving regional connectivity, we want to hear from you.

Application Process:

To apply for the position of Regional Partnership Officer, please submit your resume and a cover letter outlining your relevant experience to kcoggan@regionalttechhub.org.au. Applications will be accepted until 18/09/2024. Please reference "WA RPO Application" in your application.

Join us in this exciting new chapter of expanding our reach and making a lasting impact on the communities we serve. Be part of the Regional Tech hub team as we work towards a better future for rural Australia.