

# INTERESTED IN A CAREER IN COMMUNICATIONS?

## Meet Amanda Wearne – Wannon Water’s Corporate Communications Advisor

Flexibility in the workplace has allowed Amanda Wearne to continue her professional development and return to work around the demands of a young family.

After completing her VCE and taking a gap year, Amanda completed her Bachelor of Arts (Media & Communication) at Deakin University in 2006. The majority of her full-time studies were at the Burwood campus, with some undertaken online.

She joined Wannon Water as Corporate Communications Advisor in April 2008 where she took on further study funded by Wannon Water. She studied her Graduate Diploma in Public Relations, again at Deakin, part-time and online while working full-time.

“For me, Wannon Water has been a fair and flexible employer,” Amanda says.

“Conditions and the environment in which I work are favourable. I have been involved in a range of extra-curricular activities, gained many experiences and have made several working relationships,” she says.

“I’ve discovered that it is often the people, not the work, that make a great workplace.”

Organising, attending and participating in several events, including Ministerial openings and community events, have been among the highlights of her role to date.

Amanda also lists her successful return to work after two stints of maternity leave as a highlight.

So what has she gained by working with Wannon Water that she couldn’t get from study alone?

**“Working relationships, connections and experiences. I am also particularly drawn to the environmental responsibility that Wannon Water has, and the impact that this has on the community.”**

Amanda has two pieces of advice for those starting out: “It’s a long road, take it one step at a time” and “Life is for living, not working”.

