



COURTNEY HEAGNEY

*Business Manager,
Brahman Commodities*

LOCATION

Culcairn, NSW

AGE

25

CAREER GOALS

Courtney's aim is to become a reputable and hard-working professional in the grain industry and build enough knowledge and experience to eventually create her own business or hold a high-level professional role. Over the next 5–10 years, Courtney hopes to grow her expertise, potentially enter the trading sector, and continue learning in a challenging, impactful role, including studying for an MBA to further develop her skills and knowledge.

EDUCATION

BACHELOR OF AGRICULTURAL SCIENCE, AGRICULTURE

Charles Sturt University, NSW

WORK EXPERIENCE

As Business Manager at Brahman Commodities, Courtney oversees the operational and commercial functions of the business. Following the recent acquisition of the grain storage site in Culcairn, Courtney's role has focused on establishing the site in preparation for harvest. This involves coordinating infrastructure setup, implementing storage and handling procedures, and ensuring compliance with safety and industry standards. Courtney also manages grower and contractor relationships, streamlines logistics, and puts systems in place to support efficient receipt and outload of grain. Courtney's position requires balancing strategic planning with practical operations to ensure the business is positioned for a successful harvest.

THE IMPORTANCE OF FIVE UNDER 30

Courtney views the Five Under 30 program as a way to create and drive an active under-30s network. She believes this initiative is vital for developing future leaders and ensuring the grain industry remains dynamic, innovative, and connected for years to come. It provides an opportunity to strengthen professionally and broaden connections within the grain industry. Courtney also sees it as a chance to gain mentorship from senior industry leaders, whose experience and guidance will support her in building knowledge and leadership skills.

The program's focus on visibility and public recognition is also important, as it gives participants significant value in the practical learning opportunities that provide the chance to develop personally and contribute more effectively to the workplace and the broader industry.

Courtney sees the Five Under 30 program as a way to build strong connections within the industry, and values the focus on engagement, accessibility, and inclusivity, with a particular emphasis on supporting young women.