

Five

Under 30



GRAIN TRADE AUSTRALIA



GEORGE LAURIE

Junior Trader
LDC, VIC

LOCATION

Geelong West, VIC

AGE

24

CAREER GOALS

George envisions himself in a senior trading role, having built on the skills and knowledge required. George also has a strong interest in the commercial side of the business, particularly in exploring how new investments and assets can improve efficiency and capture value beyond pure trading margins. Understanding and leveraging pipeline margins is an area where he sees significant opportunity. He aims to contribute not only as a trader but also as someone who can drive broader commercial growth for the business.

EDUCATION

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (AGRICULTURAL SCIENCE)

University of Melbourne, VIC

WORK EXPERIENCE

George has recently transitioned into a Junior Trader role on the Pulse platform at LDC, working with LDC senior trader. This role presents an exciting opportunity to leverage Georges' logistics expertise, insights gained at MPT, and practical farm experience to contribute directly to trading outcomes. In this role, George supports with daily pricing, contract execution and analysis of the market and buying and selling sentiment, while building the skills and leadership capacity to add long-term value to the trade team. Before this role, George worked as a Logistics Coordinator, in freight allocation, accumulation into port, freight rates, and domestic contract execution at LDC and as a Control Room Operator & Leading Hand at LDC Melbourne Port Terminal in Melbourne.

THE IMPORTANCE OF FIVE UNDER 30

George recognises that programs like Five Under 30 are important to provide a platform for emerging professionals to learn directly from leaders in the grain industry and accelerate both personal and professional development. George has found that demonstrating enthusiasm, confidence, and a willingness to learn is key to building relationships with senior colleagues who can share invaluable knowledge and skills. Through the Five Under 30 program, he hopes to encourage young participants to engage with industry leaders, extract insights that will accelerate their growth, and support peers in developing the confidence to approach, communicate with, and learn from experienced professionals. In doing so, he aims to help foster a strong, connected, and capable community of young industry participants, contributing to GTA's vision of developing the next generation of grain industry leaders.