**OLIVIA ARCHER**

**Veterinary Biology/ Veterinary Science (Hons)**

**Charles Sturt University**

Olivia has undertaken various placements and has developed a strong passion in the area of rural veterinary practice. She is especially passionate about livestock production, with a special interest in dairy medicine. This passion has led her to undertaking an Honours research project at university, focusing on improving dairy calf health by finding alternative and more affordable methods of preserving colostrum quality during storage. She has had placements throughout her degree to increase her knowledge and explore different rural communities and animal production systems. Olivia has gained experience in pig, poultry, equine, sheep, beef and dairy enterprises across New South Wales and Victoria. Significantly, during the height of the COVID 19 pandemic Liv sought work at Moxey Farms, Gooloogong, which is the largest commercial dairy operation in the southern hemisphere. Here Olivia learnt a great deal about the dairy industry and was mentored by some outstanding veterinarians and managers within the business.

As a Residential Advisor at university, Olivia was given invaluable leadership opportunities and training. She developed resilience, an ability to problem solve and overcome difficult situations, learnt to be understanding and provide assistance and support where required. She has taken the Mental Health First Aid course and Technical Large Animal Emergency Rescue course with SES in 2022. She also volunteered for the Paws for a Purpose Organisation this year to vaccinate and provide a basic health check on puppies in the Wagga Wagga Community, and educate members of the community experiencing financial hardship on the importance of preventative health for their dogs.