

Derrimut Laboratory Team



Eva Jovanovic

Eva has been appointed as the Team Leader of the Agrifood Derrimut laboratory. Securing Eva for this role has been vital in being able to offer Langdon's Ingredients continuity in service and will be a vital cog in obtaining NATA accreditation for Agrifood Technology. Eva is a fully qualified and experienced Microbiologist holding a Bachelor Degree with Honours in Applied Biology and also holds a vast range of skills including being a NATA and AQIS signatory. Eva has been the Team Leader at the Derrimut site for the past 5 years and her knowledge of the Langdon's testing requirements is second to none. Eva has also held positions in a number of other microbiology laboratories previously over the past 15 years which has enabled Eva to gain a practical knowledge of the laboratory industry and NATA requirements in particular. Eva is also a Professional member of The Australian Society for Microbiology.



Sam Yazdkahast

Sam will be joining the Agrifood team as the Senior Analyst. Sam holds a Bachelor Degree in Food Science and Technology and has 10 years of experience which will prove vital to the success of the laboratory. Sam has vast experience in establishing and maintaining quality management systems prior to working as a Senior Laboratory Technician and progressing to being Laboratory Supervisor with her most recent employer. Sam has previously also worked at the Derrimut facility and is very excited to be re-joining the Derrimut team. Sam spent 3 years conducting testing to specifically meet Langdon's requirements from both a microbiology and Chemistry perspective and this appointment will enable the laboratory transition to run as smoothly as possible. Sam will work very closely with Eva in working towards gaining NATA accreditation for Agrifood Technology. Sam's previous experience in the Derrimut laboratory is seen as vital in assuring Langdon's Ingredients customers that the laboratory team being assembled is of the highest quality.



Janani Rajagopalan

Janani will also be joining the team in addition to Eva and Sam as an Analyst. This is an additional resource that the Derrimut facility did not have previously and further illustrates Agrifood Technology's commitment to expand the services on offer at Langdon's ingredients. Janani holds a Bachelor of Engineering (Food Technology) majoring in Microbiology and Biochemistry. Janani previously worked in the quality laboratory for Agrifood Technology for 2 years before moving to a microbiology laboratory to further enhance her experience where she has developed her microbiology skills over the past 3 years.



Sue Quiring

In addition to the 3 laboratory staff above, Agrifood Technology has also engaged the services of Sue Quiring, a highly experienced microbiologist and Quality Assurance professional. With over 25 years of experience in this field, Sue will be a vital part of the Agrifood team in working towards NATA accreditation. A laboratory set up such as this is something Sue is used to. Sue has been involved in the setup of a number of different microbiology based laboratories including initially being instrumental in setting up the laboratory at the Derrimut site with her previous employer. This experience will be invaluable to Agrifood Technology and Langdon's Ingredients. Sue's experience in the food industry, commercial laboratory industry along with the medical industry will enable her to draw on the best practices currently in place from all areas in order to establish the Agrifood Technology laboratory here at the Langdon's Ingredients site with the most up to date procedures and practices in order to deliver the high level of customer service that Agrifood Technology will be aiming for.



Robert Rantino

Robert Rantino, Agrifood's Customer Relations Manager has been assigned by Agrifood to oversee the transition and ensure it runs as smoothly as possible. Robert also has almost 10 years of experience with Agrifood in a variety of roles and is committed to ensuring the project is delivered on time.

As you can see from the new team that Agrifood technology has assembled, we believe that the level of service in this transition period will not be compromised and although in the initial stages will not be NATA accredited, the testing being performed will be of the standard expected of NATA through this highly experienced team.

The onsite Agrifood team will also be supported by the main Agrifood Technology laboratory based in Werribee. The group is headed up by the Divisional Manager, Doreen Fernandez, who boasts over 20 years of experience with the company. Doreen oversees a team at Werribee of 26 full time staff along with an additional 5 staff members in the Agrifood WA facility in Bibra Lake, just out of Fremantle. Agrifood technology has been operating for 25 years and has been provided analytical testing services to the wider food, feed and Agricultural sectors in this time.