



Farm Manager Glendonald Station

Position Details

Summary

We are seeking an ambitious, experienced manager, to run Glendonald Station.

This farm consists of 993ha land, of which 838ha is effective. Running 8500 stock units, this is an opportunity not to be missed.

If you are looking for that next step to manage a high-performing property with excellent infrastructure, look no further, Glendonald has a hard-earned reputation for producing high quality livestock and wool, yet there is still room for further improvement in performance and also on-going development to be part of. Well resourced farm, fully supported by the previous Manager with 21 years experience on the property, as well as committed owners.

Take on the challenge and responsibility of the operation.

A high level of professionalism is expected, with the ability to contribute to farm development and farm policy, including recording and utilisation of farm information to make timely decisions and produce monthly reports.

You will have full responsibility for the property, liaising with the General Manager and Farm Owners.

Key Relationships

Farm Owners
General Manager
Shepherd
Farm Contractors
Local Community

Opportunities/Benefits

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Conditions

Start date March 2019
Salary to be Negotiated

Requirements

- Sheep & beef experience min 5 years
- Experience with staff
- 4-5 competent dogs, at least one capable of heading due to road work.
- Eye for pasture management is a must, along with strong focus on stock.
- Knowledge of Cash Manager Rural
- Knowledge of TracMap



Property Details

The Farm owners have recently purchased another property, with the current Farm manager moving there, He will now be overseeing the two operations and available to support the new manager.

Area

993ha Total
838 ha Effective + 300ha support land south of Martinborough, supporting Glendonald's older female stock, a portion of trade lambs, and grazes Glendonald's dry ewe hoggets.

Contour & Altitude

The Farm ranges from river flats to terraces, rolling to medium hills with steeper sidings and some steeper hill. Ranges from approx. 130 to 330m above sea level.

Soils

The Farm consists of river flats silt, terraces of clay over red metals and hill country consisting of silt loams over mudstone & siltstone bases.



Business Objectives

To continue to develop the property, bearing in mind environmental and economic limits, and farm it to produce premium product, which can be either sold for top end returns, or have further value added at the Martinborough property. For those involved to be safe and happy in their work, and broaden their skillsets to enable them to progress their careers.

System

Farm runs 8500 stock units;

Cattle are predominantly Angus and Angus/Hereford, with 370 head.

Glendonald farms breeding cows, selling the top end of steers as yearlings (up to 70%) on grass market, targeting 400-450kg LW. The rest are finished, along with surplus heifers. With the farm policy being that we breed our own heifer replacements. These are then mated as yearlings, with older cows going off farm.

Sheep are Romney/Coopworth, with terminal sires South Suffolk.

Mating is staggered from mid march to early April (2ths) hoggets late April.

With a lambing percentage averaging 145%, focus is on good lambing planned for mid to late august for start of the ewes and hogget's late September.

The farm policy is in a transition phase at moment since having a new property. Aiming to ship 5yr ewes down there after weaning sometime, therefore planning to mate 4600 4yr and younger ewes, plus portion of the 1600 hoggets. Also looking to winter 800 trade hoggets and 75 rams.



Infrastructure

4 stand woolshed/covered yards, can hold up to 1500NP. 4 sets of satellite sheep yards, one main and one satellite set of cattleyards.

The farm is divided into 101 main paddocks (+ holding paddocks), averaging 8.7ha.

Fences: Either post and batten 7/8 wire, or post only 8 wires, some with 2 electric wires. Small amount of 4 wire electric on one steeper broken face. Fencing generally of a very high standard.

Other Farm Buildings:

Homestead, cottage, shearers quarters (unused, shearers travel) Fertiliser bin (90 tonne capacity) Hayshed (600 conventional bales) Older implement shed, Main 4 bay implement shed/workshop at homestead.

Pasture/Cropping

Predominant pasture is a ryegrass/ clover mix.

Summer: Brassica – Hunter(Pasja) or rape. Anything from 6-15ha

Winter: Rape 6-10ha (sheep only – too wet for cattle)

Feed conserved: None at present but recently sowed a small area of Lucerne, which we hope to make baleage from at times. Found it to be excellent for ewes in dry summers.

Feed purchased: Quantity of conventional baled hay most years.

Wintering policy: Pasture-based. Feed out small amount of hay. If we have winter rape crop it is fed to dry hogget's, normally fed in blocks rather than breaks. Dry hogget's then graze off at other block August till December.

Machinery Available

- One side by side
- 2 quads for general/stockwork.
- One older quad set up for weed spraying
- 2011 Ford Ranger extra cab ute flat deck
- John Deere 5075E 4WD tractor
- Post driver
- Bucket
- Soft hands
- Forks
- Grader blade
- Topping mower
- Slasher
- General range of farm gear, all well maintained and regularly serviced.



Accommodation

Main homestead is a very large, single storey 1920's house, with 5 main bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, family/dining room & formal lounge. Recently renovated kitchen with twin ovens and scullery. 2 offices and laundry. Has 2 log fires, three heat pumps. Has ceiling insulation and will have underfloor insulation completed by July 2019 cut-off date for rentals. A double carport is at the rear of the home.



Dog Housing: Motels on concrete pad, 5 normal plus one larger whelping box.

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Location

The Farm is situated 20 minutes from town meaning the community is a bit fragmented, annual horse sports (January) is the only true community event. Local hall on boundary. Opportunity is there for a great organiser to get lots of things going!! Hunting of deer, pigs and other game, duck shooting.

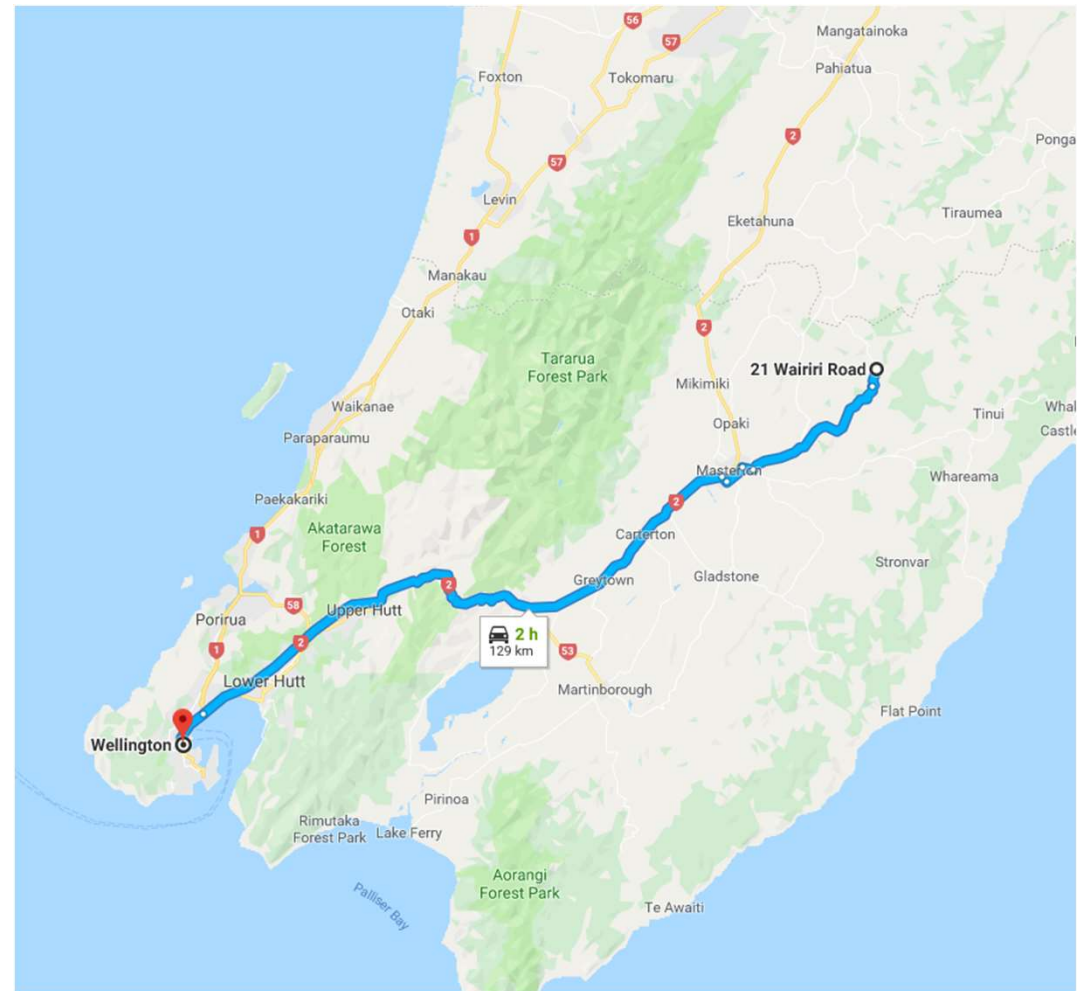
There is a good mix of people, with very low crime.

Schooling

Primary Masterton schools	Bus from letterbox to connecting buses	5 min
Secondary Masterton schools	Bus from letterbox to connecting buses	5 min

Approximate distance to the property:

Masterton	20 mins
Wellington	2 hours



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