

## Job Information Form

### Position Summary

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**Business Name:**

Ranui Livestock

**Property Summary:**

Ranui Livestock is a family-owned farming business running an Angus cattle and Hampshire sheep stud, alongside a commercial sheep flock. This is an inter-generational business with the Johnstone family having operated it for the last 45 years. The properties, Karamu (550ha) and Rangitautau (630ha) are 10km apart and are in the farming district of Kai Iwi, 20 minutes north of Whanganui.

Both properties are a good mix of flat to steep hill country, with established native bush, and some forestry including Redwood and Pine. Over the last 6 years Ranui Livestock have implemented their farm succession plan and established strong farming policies to continue developing these beautiful farming properties.

Due to the nature of the properties, they are intensively run, and the owners continue to look at all options to keep the business running as efficiently as possible. They pride themselves on offering a supportive working environment where initiative is valued.

**Position Title:**

Farm Manager

**Position Overview:**

The owners seek an enthusiastic hands-on Farm Manager, with proven pasture management capabilities and a passion for producing excellent livestock. The owners live on farm and are happy to work alongside the successful Manager in a supportive role.

As the Farm Manager you will be responsible for the day-to-day management and planning of Karamu and the oversight of Rangitautau, supporting the Block Manager who is responsible for the day-to-day running of that block. The appointee will have the experience to make informed decisions and understand the principles of good farm management.

Excellent communication skills are important, both within the team and for liaising with contractors and suppliers. Key to your success in this role will be your ability to manage both the stock and pasture at crucial times of the year, both with the stud and commercial stock.

Due to an increased need within the business, Ranui Livestock are currently also recruiting for a Shepherd General who will work alongside the Farm Manager at Karamu and the Block Manager at Rangitautau.



The outgoing Farm Manager is moving on due to purchasing their own block of land.

**Specialist Skills Required:**

- Strong understanding of pasture and feed management.
- Quiet calm stockmanship skills – 4 working dogs.
- Be well planned and organised.
- Cropping experience would be advantageous.
- Excellent staff management and the ability to lead a team effectively.
- Strong communication skills both with the team and contractors.
- Have good attention to detail, with the ability to see the 'big picture'.
- High level of integrity and honesty.
- Tidy work habits.

**Duration of Position:**

Full time permanent.

**Proposed Start Date:**

ASAP - To be discussed with the preferred applicant.

**Staff Structure:**

Owners – Lindsay and Maria Johnstone (live on the Karamu block)  
 Farm Manager - TBC  
 Rangitautau - Block Manager  
 Shepherd General  
 General Hand

**Partner Work Opportunities:**

There could be casual work on farm as busy times, or Whanganui is 20 minutes south.

**Lifestyle Information**

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**Accommodation:**

Healthy Homes certified 4-bedroom house with office, 2 bathroom, 2 toilets and double garage. This house is very tidy, fully carpeted with a new stove and has had renovations done over the years.

**Farm Location & Community Information:**

Kai Iwi is a rural community west of Whanganui. Within 20 minutes you will find Whanganui for all your town and recreational club needs, and Kai Iwi Beach which offers great fishing and camping. There is some hunting on the property.

**Schooling:**

Kai Iwi Primary School - bus at the gate.  
 Whanganui High School - use primary school bus then transfer onto the high school bus in Kai Iwi.

**Farm Information**

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**Farm Area (total/effective):**

Karamu 550ha - 400ha eff.



<b>Contour: (Flats, rolling hill, steep)</b>	Rangitautau 630ha – 550ha eff. Karamu – flat to steeper hill. Rangitautau – rolling to steeper hill.
<b>Soil Type:</b>	Both properties - Egmont Ash.
<b>Rainfall:</b>	1200ml per annum.
<b>Subdivision/Fences:</b>	Fences are mostly 9 wires, with batten with electric out-riggers. Do some fencing themselves and have recently brought a post rammer. There are further development plans for laneways and roading for ease of stock movement.
<b>Woolshed/Other Buildings:</b>	Karamu – 5 stand woolshed (built 1910) with new plant which works well and has a good set of sheep yards. Very good set of cattle yards with excellent sale complex. There is an implement shed and workshop.  Rangitautau – 4 stand woolshed, with cover yards, with capacity for holding 2000 ewes. Workshop and implement shed. Good set cattle yards. The farm also uses a portable set of Landquip yards.
<b>Weeds:</b>	The usual thistles that require spraying, there is a spray unit for this.
<b>Water:</b>	Fully reticulated, troughs in all paddocks. There is an App on phone for water alerts.
<b>Tracks:</b>	Good tracks which are well maintained with 4-wheeler access.
<b>Machinery:</b>	Quads used on farm. 2 tractors at Karamu, 1 tractor at Rangitautau. Post rammer 2 Hustler feed out wagons. Stock Truck - 6 tonner (a Class A licence) for moving stock between properties. Do most of their own cropping, have most of their own gear. Use a contractor for direct drilling.

## Farm Policy & Systems

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<b>Production System</b>	Intensive
<b>Stock Policy - Breeds/Number:</b>	Breeding and finishing sheep and cattle stud – Angus & Hampshire. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hampshire rams are not registered.</li> </ul>

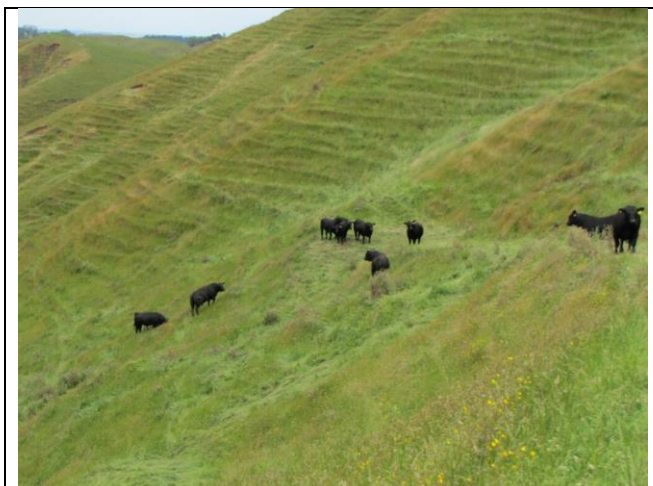


	<p>Karamu</p> <p>2000MA ewes, 4 yr &amp; 5 yr ewes, which are to the terminal – Hampshire middle cut of hogget rams over ewe hoggets.</p>
	<p>Cattle</p> <p>130 Angus Cows – 30-40 R2 heifers calve at Karamu. AI mating followed up with natural mating. 23 cows calved using imported embryo.</p> <p>28<sup>th</sup> September – 30 yearling bulls sold along with Surplus Heifers 30-40 are sold in lots of 10.</p> <p>1<sup>st</sup> June 2-year bull sale – 40 bulls sold.</p> <p>August, start feeding the 30 yearling bulls along with 5 bulls that will potentially use on farm. Any cull bulls are sold to a bull finisher.</p>
	<p>Rangitautau</p> <p>3000 ewes 2<sup>th</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> – Maternal Romney, FE tolerant rams. 100 Angus cows &amp; 30 R2 heifers</p>
<b>Maternal/Terminal Policy:</b>	<p>Maternal - Romney Terminal - Hampshire</p>
<b>Sheep – Mating/ Lambing/Weaning Dates:</b>	<p>Ram out - 10<sup>th</sup> March, 5-year ewes, lambs gone pre-Xmas, &amp; ewes to works. Ram out – 10<sup>th</sup> April, 4-year ewes – Karamu. Ram out - 1<sup>st</sup> May, Hoggets and Rangitautau ewes.</p>
<b>Cows – Mating/ Calving/Weaning Dates:</b>	<p><u>Karamu</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AI R1 Heifers first cycle 15<sup>th</sup> Oct</li> <li>• Bull out – MA cows - 1<sup>st</sup> Nov</li> </ul> <p>Rangitautau</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AI – R1 Heifers – 15<sup>th</sup> Nov</li> <li>• Bull out - MA Cows 1<sup>st</sup> Dec</li> </ul>
<b>Animal Health Practices:</b>	<p>Good animal health plan FE experience</p>
<b>Cropping Policy:</b>	<p>Karamu 40ha – summer crops, multi graze barley, lamb feed (helps with eczema). Rape &amp; short-term rye Direct drill as well. 10ha lucerne 40ha new grass with the cropping.</p>





Photos



Map

