

Job Information Form

Job Opportunity:

Infrastructure and Maintenance General Hand

Business Name:

Public Trust – Smedley Station

Region:

Tikokino, Hawke's Bay

Reports to:

Station Manager

Property Summary:

In 1919 Josiah Howard bequeathed Smedley Station to the Crown as an endowment to be carried on as a farm undertaking and to train young people in practical farming. Smedley exists as a training farm of excellence to develop the very best future farmers.



Public Trust is responsible for the administration of Smedley Station and the Cadet Training. The Howard Estate Advisory Board, established in 1931, advises Public Trust on the operational aspects of the Station and the Cadet Training Program.

The farming operation and cadet training farm is located in Tikokino, 40kms west of Waipukurau near the Wakarara and Ruahine Ranges in Central Hawke's Bay. Smedley is farmed commercially with a high expectation of production and financial results.

Over 90 years of training cadets, Smedley has grown to its current size of 5,600ha (3,400ha effective), wintering 30,000su. Within the Smedley farming operation there are four blocks including the main Smedley block, Parks Peak, Onepoto and Ridglands, the first three have Block Managers employed on them.

Position Overview:

As the Maintenance & Infrastructure General Hand, you will support the Station Manager and Block Managers in delivering a wide range of farming and infrastructure tasks across the station. This is a hands-on role is suited to a practical, solutions-focused individual with strong general farming skills and a proactive approach.

Our client is looking for someone who is well organised, capable of working both independently and collaboratively. You should also be confident in contributing to a positive team environment, including working alongside cadets.

In this role, you will carry out a wide range of general farm maintenance and repair tasks across the station. This includes fencing,



carpentry, water systems, and plant upkeep. You will also complete rental property inspections and maintenance to ensure compliance with Healthy Homes Standards. Part of the role involves coordinating approved contractor work and overseeing the servicing of station vehicles, tools, and machinery.

You will also assist with daily farming operations, including weed and pest control, and operate tractors for tasks such as track maintenance, feeding, and cultivation. There will also be opportunities to assist with stock work while maintaining Animal Health and Welfare standards. You will also need to ensure you are fostering strong working relationships, communicating effectively with the team, and supporting the wider operation as needed by senior management.

Skills, Experience, and Attributes Required:

- Excellent communication and interpersonal relationship skills with the ability to relate to a wide range of people.
- Strong general skills, such as fencing, carpentry, water systems.
- Experience handling and managing livestock. Organised, well planned, self-motivated and punctual.
- A passion for and the ability to lead, manage, mentor, motivate and support the development of young people.
- Leads by example and behaves in a positive manner consistent with Smedley Station values and policy.
- Experience operating and maintaining farm machinery and equipment.
- Must have a current Full New Zealand Drivers licence.

Staff Structure:

Reports to the Station Manager

Career Opportunities & Benefits:

- Opportunity to work within an inclusive farming environment, where there is the chance to further your skills and progress your knowledge and responsibility.
- The Owner's provide an excellent work culture and value their people.
- Opportunity to work on a largescale breeding and finishing operation, that has established some excellent infrastructure, it will give you ownership with your tasks.
- A modern farming operation with a close relationship with their agents and processors.
- The station's location allows easy access to a variety of recreational activities, from sports to hunting and fishing.
- Work with up-to-date technologies and efficient farm management systems.



Partner Work Opportunities:

Waipukurau is 25 minutes away or Hastings and Napier are approximately 60- minutes away. Locally there may be some farm work available.

Lifestyle Information**Accommodation:**

No accommodation available, tool of trade vehicle for commute to work, not for personal use.

Farm Location & Community Information:

Smedley Station is situated in Central Hawke's Bay, 40kms west of Waipukurau near the Wakarara and under the Ruahine Ranges. It is approximately 60km to Hastings.

The location of the station offers numerous recreational opportunities, from sporting through to hunting and fishing.

Schooling:

13km to Tikokino Primary School. There is also a pre-school in Tikokino.

11km to bus for CHB College.

Hawke's Bay has a range of excellent High School Boarding options.

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

5660ha, 3606ha Effective

- Smedley – 960ha eff
- Onepoto – 640ha eff
- Ridgeland – 540ha eff
- Parks Peak – 1166ha eff
- Deer Unit – 300ha eff

Contour:

Over all properties there is a mix of Flat/Rolling/Steep.

Rainfall:

900-1500ml per annum

Subdivision/Fences:

Conventional 7-8 batten fencing with some electrics. Deer fencing on the blocks that are carrying deer.

Woolshed & Other Buildings:

2 woolsheds on Smedley Station.

- 14 stand woolshed, with covered yards.
- 4 stand woolshed, with good set of yards

An additional 3 sets of sheep yards.

A good set of cattle yards.

Parks Peak, Onepoto and Ridgeland all have good woolsheds and sets of sheep and cattle yards.

Cadet accommodation, cook house.

There are workshops and implement sheds on Smedley Station.



	<p>A new Education Complex. There are also various buildings across the other blocks.</p>
Weeds:	<p>Normal weeds that are associated with a hill country station under control.</p>
Water:	<p>Reticulated water systems on each block with some natural water such as creeks/streams.</p>
Machinery:	<p>Full complement of station machinery from tractors, ag gear that are used on all the farming blocks.</p>
Tracks:	<p>Over all the properties there are well-maintain, all-weather tracks.</p>

Farm Policy & Systems

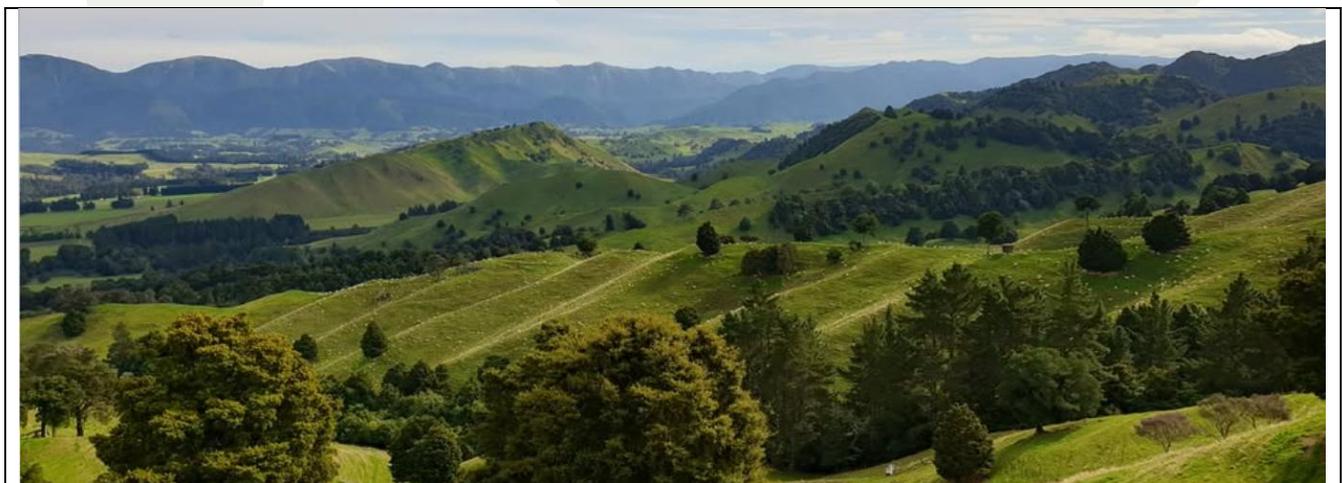
Production System	<p>From Intensive through to Extensive</p>
Stock Policy - Breeds/Number:	<p>Smedley Block is predominately a breeding block. They have developed a high performing breeding and finishing livestock enterprise across the farming business. The stock classes are varied to fulfil the Stations range of training requirements.</p> <p>Full Smedley Farming business stocking policy.</p> <p>Sheep 12,500 ewes to the ram. Majority progeny finished. 3,000 ewe hoggets to ram.</p> <p>Cattle 400 Angus breeding cows. Majority progeny finished. A mixture of 1,000 Friesian 2-year-old bulls are brought and finished.</p> <p>Deer 450 red hinds mated to red stags. 870 velvet stags farmed.</p>
Maternal/Terminal Policy:	<p>Sheep - Maternal – Romney Sheep - Terminal – Black face Cattle - Angus</p>
Animal Health Practices:	<p>There is a comprehensive and modern animal health programme, with the station working in close conjunction with vet.</p>



Cropping Policy:

Annual pasture renewal and fodder cropping programme, including green feed crops, plantain, chicory and annual grasses.

Photos



Map

