

Job Information Form

Job Opportunity:	General Hand
Business Name:	Ziwotto Farms Limited
Region:	Between Port Waikato and Raglan
Reports to:	Farm Manager – Mark Crawford
Property Summary:	<p>Ziwotto Farms Ltd is a privately owned sheep and beef breeding and finishing operation. The property, Kokonga, spans 1280ha of easy rolling to steeper hill country halfway between Port Waikato and Raglan. It includes approximately 160ha of native bush and offers outstanding natural views throughout.</p> <p>Kokonga runs approximately 3,500 Romney ewes and 1,000 Angus cattle and is a well-established, efficiently managed operation. The property is supported by extensive infrastructure, including two woolsheds and new yards scheduled for completion in 2026. With a strong reinvestment focus, the owners continually invest back into the business, striving to operate at a trophy-farm standard. The farm is exceptionally tidy and utilises modern technology to support efficient day-to-day operations.</p>
Position Overview:	<p>The General Hand role is a hands-on position with a strong focus on the repair and maintenance of farm infrastructure, plant, and equipment across the property. Key responsibilities include fencing repair and maintenance, water reticulation systems (including checking pumps and repairing leaks), and general upkeep to ensure the farm is safe, functional, and well presented at all times. Operating tractors and farm machinery as required, and support weed and pest control programmes are also part of this diverse role.</p> <p>While repairs and maintenance are the primary focus, the role also provides support to the wider farm operation during busy periods, including assisting with stock work. Working closely with the Farm Manager as part of a small team, this position suits someone who is practical, reliable, and takes pride in completing tasks to a high standard across all aspects of the farm.</p>
Skills, Experience, and Attributes Required:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Strong communication skills with a collaborative, team-focused approach.• Proven fencing and weed control experience.• Experience in handling livestock.• Excellent organisational and self-time management abilities.



- Sound practical farming skills, including fencing and machinery operation.
- A proactive self-starter with strong problem-solving ability.
- Competent tractor and machinery operation skills.
- Organised, reliable, and punctual.

Staff Structure:

Owner – Richard
Farm Manager – Mark
Head Shepherd – Jess
General Hand – TBC
GFF Student
Contract fencer as required

Career Opportunities & Benefits:

- Opportunity to work within an inclusive farming environment, where there is the chance to further your skills and progress your knowledge.
- Modern technologies and systems within the business.
- Work in an environment where continual investment ensures a modern, high-quality, and well-maintained farm.
- Competitive remuneration package to suit the right applicant.
- Work in a small, supportive team of 3-4 people.
- The property is midway between Port Waikato and Raglan, offering a coastal-rural lifestyle with stunning views and easy beach access.
- Opportunity to develop skills across farm maintenance, stock work and machinery operation.

Partner Work Opportunities:

There may be local job opportunities, and casual on-farm work is often available during busy seasons.

Lifestyle Information**Accommodation:**

Accommodation is a modern 3-bedroom, 2-bathroom Lockwood home (5–6 years old) with open-plan living and a heat pump. A carport and extra sheds are also available for storage.

Farm Location & Community Information:

The property is halfway between Port Waikato and Raglan and offers a rare coastal-rural lifestyle with breathtaking views and easy access to the beach through a neighbouring property.

The area is home to a welcoming, vibrant community, complete with a café, restaurant, and town hall, creating a strong sense of connection.



With plenty of opportunities for outdoor recreation, from surfing and fishing to hiking and 4WD adventures it's the perfect balance of tranquillity, outdoor recreation, and convenience.

Schooling:

There is a small local country primary school.
Bus to Primary school is 6km drive.
Secondary school bus 20km drive. Otherwise, boarding schools are available.

Farm Information

Farm Area (total/effective):

1280ha total
1030ha effective
160ha bush approximately

Contour:

Easy rolling to steeper.

Soil Type:

Limestone country, grows good pasture.

Rainfall:

1200mls

Subdivision/Fences:

Conventional with internal batten run electrics throughout including around creeks.
Well subdivided.

Woolshed & Other Buildings:

2x woolsheds –

- Main woolshed – 4 stand with covered yards, with night pen capacity of 1100 sheep.
- Secondary woolshed – used as a satellite shed, with yards for crutching and dagging.

Weeds:

Very clean – thistles.

Water:

Fully reticulated.

Machinery:

Tractor, Daihatsu impact truck, side-by-sides, quad bikes, spray equipment, topper, grader blade, tip trailer, post thumper.

Tracks:

Well tracked.

Farm Policy & Systems

Production System

Intensive

Stock Policy - Breeds/Number:

Sheep – Romney's
3500 MA Ewes.
1100 Hoggets, (lamb 60% - 70% of hoggets)



Replacements kept, rest finished or store season dependent.

Cattle – Angus

270 MA Cows.

75 - 85 heifer replacements kept. Rest sold fat at 300kgcwt. All male calves steered and finished to 340kgcwt.

Additional 550 Angus steers purchased and finished to 340kgcwt.

Maternal/Terminal Policy:

Maternal – Romney

Terminal – Poll Dorset and Meaty Marker

Sheep – Mating/

Lambing/Weaning Dates:

Terminal Ram out - 4th of February.

Romney Ram out - 5th of March.

Lambing - 5th July – terminal, 1st August – maternal.

Wean - all lambs weaned end of November.

Cows – Mating/ Calving/Weaning Dates:

270 MA cows

Bull out – end of November.

Calve – September.

Weaned in April – paddock weaned.

The R1s in calf and calve as R2s – keep all heifers pick replacements, remainder finished.

Bull calves are steered and finished at 340kg kill weight. Aim to have all steers and additional heifers gone before the second winter.

Paddock wean.

Seasonal dependent will buy in steers and finish around 650 annually.

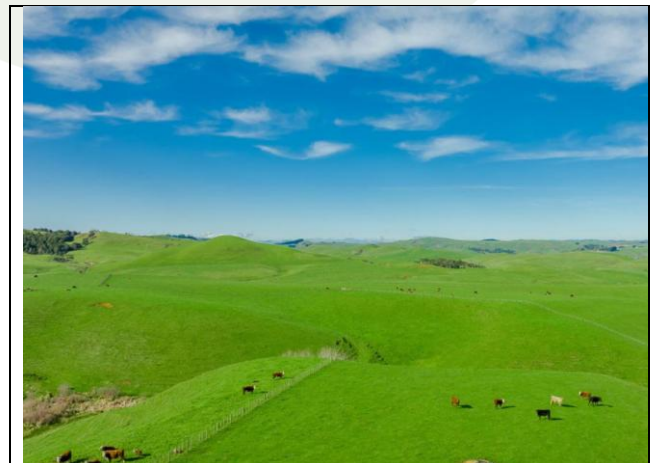
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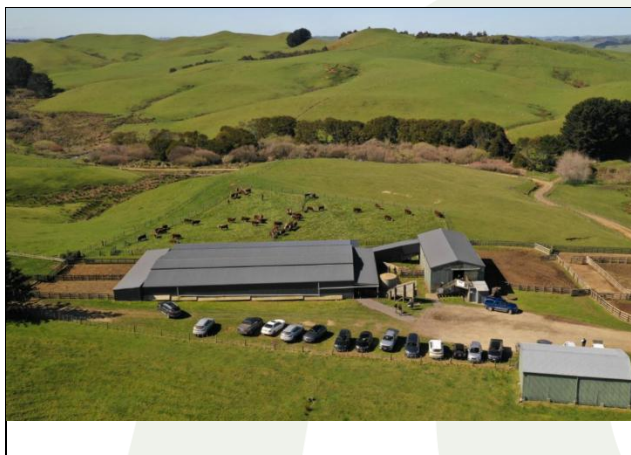
Best practice always.

Cropping Policy:

Summer leafy turnip with plantain.

Photos





Map

