

Working Station Manager/Station Services Coordinator

Huckitta Station, via Alice Springs, NT

Huckitta Enterprises Pty Ltd (HEP) is a wholly owned subsidiary business operation of Huckitta Aboriginal Corporation (HAC) RNTBC. This Aboriginal owned business operates a cattle business on Huckitta Station under a grazing licence and in addition, the business also has a grazing licence over Atula located on the Atnetye Aboriginal Land Trust.

The combined grazing area totals 170,000ha, located on the Plenty Highway approximately 270km north east of Alice Springs. The property has a combination of Santa Gertrudis cross cattle with the property holding approx. 5,000AE. The HEP corporation is supported under management agreement by the Central Land Council (CLC) to provide support services to assist with the corporate governance, financial and land management services relating to the management of the enterprise.

The HEP Board are seeking expressions of interest from suitable couples to take on the role of Station Manager and Station Services Coordinator. Both positions are full time and responsible for all duties associated with the efficient operations of the enterprise and relationship with the HEP Board. Whilst it is the preference of HEP to have a couple employed to take on these positions, consideration will be given for application of the Station Manager position on its own should the right candidate be found.

Duties and Responsibilities

Station Manager

- Maintain high quality livestock production to improve the genetic base of the cattle herd.
- Supervise and undertake daily inspection of livestock, ensuring animals are appropriately fed, watered and all other environmental, animal health and welfare issues are addressed.
- Maintain the existing station infrastructure including repairs and maintenance to fencing, waters and station buildings.
- Be responsible for the operation and maintenance of farm machinery.
- Accurate record keeping of station activities for company data and also compliance with regulatory and safety standards.
- Prepare annual budgets, gather business related information and generate a range of options and implement course of action to solve problems.
- Regular reports back to the HEP Board or its nominee on production status and overall station performance.
- Manage and cooperate with employees/contractors to deliver work programs, in particular for peak operational periods including muster and branding. This also includes the implementation of a workforce development plan that is being undertaken by HEP.

Preferred candidate will have:

- Formal qualification or Certificate III (higher or equivalent) in Agriculture
- Worked in the cattle industry for a minimum of 10 years
- C Class Drivers licence
- A heavy vehicle licence (minimum HC Class)
- A current firearms licence
- Ability to muster on motorbike and/or horseback
- Has good communication and interpersonal skills

- Ability to prep test would be an advantage
- Shows strong planning and organisational skills with the ability to develop workplans to achieve objectives
- Able to operate computer equipment including MS software packages and maintain any relevant business software/technology currently used or to be implemented. Alternatively, be prepared to undertake training on the software/technology packages if not familiar with them.
- Demonstrate a comprehensive understanding of the cattle industry and be passionate about cattle production
- Be prepared to assist with development of new business/enterprise opportunities to further grow and develop the business
- Be accountable and results orientated
- Have undergone cultural awareness training (or have a willingness to undergo), as well as having prior experience working alongside Aboriginal people.

Station Services Coordinator

- This role primarily assists the Station Manager by offering administrative support for the enterprise on station,
- As a full time position, the role also requires active participation in enterprise activities including but not limited to:
 - Participate as required in daily work of livestock, ensuring animals are appropriately fed, watered and other environmental, animal health and welfare issues are addressed.
 - Routinely check and assist in the repair and/or maintenance of property infrastructure.
 - General and regular plant and equipment maintenance
 - Co-operate with any other employees/contractors to deliver daily and weekly work priorities, particularly at peak times such as mustering etc.
 - Undertake tasks as assigned by the Station Manager.

This is a great opportunity in a unique natural environment and community and comes with an attractive salary package including the supply of a four bedroom, two bathroom homestead with station office (including power and water) and vehicle for mainly property/business use.

Applicants should email Resumes including two referees along with a cover letter outlining why the job appeals to you to

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