

## Australian Wagyu Association

## **Technical Services Manager**

Wagyu marbled beef is legendary for its superior eating quality. The Australian Wagyu Association is rapidly developing advanced genetic and genomic technologies to accelerate genetic improvement in the breed.

You will lead the breed's technical development, working closely with Australia's key genetic research providers. Your innovative leadership and change management coupled with your genetics knowledge will enable Wagyu to achieve its enormous potential. Your skill set will include:

- Excellent knowledge of genetics and experience with BLUP genetic analysis models, preferably BREEDPLAN.
- Highly developed extension and education capabilities.
- Demonstrated ability to improve breeding outcomes through the use of advanced breeding technologies.
- Capability to interface with all sectors of the beef supply chain and achieve cooperative working relationships with key stakeholders.
- Ability to work with a member based organisation with varied views on breeding, raising, feeding, processing and marketing Wagyu cattle.

Knowledge of the Japanese language, culture and beef industry would be an advantage.

Appropriate tertiary qualifications in genetics and management will underpin your skills.

You will be responsible for:

- · Designing, leading and managing research and development projects
- · Managing the Wagyu BREEDPLAN genetic and genomic analyses
- · Delivering education, extension and consulting services
- · Managing animal registration and performance recording services
- · Leading international Wagyu Association technical cooperation.

You will be located at the Agricultural Business Research Institute within the University of New England, Armidale NSW and will travel nationally and internationally.

Remuneration will be negotiable to attract the right candidate.

Please email your application including your resume and cover letter addressing all selection criteria to graham.truscott@abri.une.edu.au

Applications close 7 August 2015. Position description on www.wagyu.org.au