



## Australian Wagyu Association

### Position Description

#### Position: AWA Carcase Camera Technician

**Reports to:** CEO Australian Wagyu Association

**Summary:**

The Australian Wagyu Association (AWA) has partnered with Meat Image Japan (MIJ) to deliver accurate carcass quality grading technology for the Australian Wagyu Industry and our members within New Zealand and South Africa. The AWA seeks a diligent, energetic and driven individual to work with global luxury beef brand-owners and supply chain partners to implement and support MIJ digital carcass grading technology, refine cloud-based networking requirements and deliver real-time grading using the Japanese meat grading parameters through the MIJ digital carcass camera.

**Background:**

The Australian Wagyu Association (AWA) is a member-based company that represents the interests of Wagyu cattle breeders and supply chain partners within Australia, but also internationally. We undertake scientific research and genetic improvement programs to improve the Australian Wagyu genetic base. We have more than 700 members, some of which are Australia's largest Pastoral interests and 100 of which are international members (Wagyu producers from other countries).

Wagyu beef is a luxury product that is traded globally at substantial premiums to commodity beef. Wagyu beef is clearly recognised as the number one beef eating experience globally. This is critically dependent on accurate recording of objective data on Wagyu cattle, including carcass data.

The AWA have partnered with Meat Image Japan (MIJ) to be the exclusive reseller of MIJ digital carcass camera technology within Australia, New Zealand and South Africa. This role will support database development and roll-out for real-time carcass grading for high-value beef supply chains as well as training, service and support of MIJ camera units within the Territory.

**MIJ Carcase Camera:**

The MIJ Digital Carcase Camera is the leading technology for objective assessment of high-value beef carcasses. It has been developed over more than 20 years and is calibrated against the gold-standard grading system, the Japanese Meat Grading Association Standards.

Application of this technology within Australia, New Zealand and South Africa will enable a common global-platform in objective grading of Wagyu content cattle, accelerating genetic gain and improving value capture in highly marbled carcasses.

The MIJ Carcase Camera is supported by cloud-based image processing to provide real-time objecting carcass grading calibrated to the gold-standard Japanese Meat Grading Association parameters.



**Employment Arrangements:**

The person appointed to this position will be employed in a full-time position within the Australian Wagyu Association. This person will be based in Armidale and expected to undertake frequent domestic travel for service, training and support within Australia in addition of international travel as required to support implementation of MIJ technology within New Zealand and South Africa.

**Role Requirements/Responsibilities:**

The AWA requires a Field Service Engineer to install, provide training and support for high technology equipment to be used within Australian, New Zealand and South African processing and supply chains. The person will work with highly complex equipment and information management systems which requires an advanced understanding of camera electronics and information management. Responsibilities include:

1. Provide on-site installation, testing and customer training on the MIJ Carcase Camera. Installations involve setting up instruments, verifying that the system meets MIJ specifications by running complex series of Instrument, Operational and Performance qualifications. Systems may require the use of calibrated standards.
2. Secure customer acceptance of install and repairs.
3. Diagnose problems by in-depth troubleshooting and provide service for repair of complex optical instruments. Re-qualify the instrument after service/repair to ensure proper performance of the instrument.
4. Perform on-site preventive maintenance and validation of cameras.
5. Organize and prioritize schedule in accordance with customer requirements to determine needs for immediate attention, onsite visits, and remote assistance, coordinate travel arrangements..
6. Coordinate with customers to arrange WebEx Sessions, phone support, and site facility inspection for new installations including scoping and establishment of WiFi connectivity.
7. Attend in-depth product training at AWA and MIJ training events, communicate and work closely with AWA and MIJ.
8. Perform other duties as required including.
9. Must be located in Armidale or in close proximity of a major airport



**Selection Criteria:**

1. B.S. in Electrical Engineering, Electronics, Information Technology or related discipline.
2. Minimum 4 years' experience diagnosing and repairing electronic equipment and/or working with databases.
3. Extensive experience in working within the Australian Meat Processing sector, preferably also with Brand owners.
4. Proven knowledge of information transfer systems including database linkage and cloud computing.
5. Excellent customer focus with ability to reliably respond to inquiries in a timely manner, communicate and interact with customers.
6. Excellent verbal, written, MS Office, computer, technical data, communication and presentation skills, with knowledge of TCP/ IP protocols, and ability to communicate complex technical issues in an easy to understand manner.
7. Valid Drivers' License issued by state of residence and in good standing.
8. Excellent organizational skills with ability to work independently, prioritize, multi-task, follow through, and meet deadlines within an entrepreneurial and customer-focused work environment.
9. Ability and willingness to travel approximately 50% as required.

**Location:**

The AWA head office is located at ABRI within the University of New England, Armidale NSW.

The position will operate from head office and is required to travel frequently throughout Australia with occasional travel to New Zealand and South Africa as needed.

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