

We are seeking a station manager for "Valera Vale".

Valera Vale Droughtmasters is a stud operation and a major supplier of Droughtmaster genetics throughout Northern Australia. The enterprise is based on several properties in South Eastern and Valera Vale in Western Queensland. This is a private family operation with the owners based on the SEQ properties.



Valera Vale Station is a highly improved 230 sq. km. grazing property (mixed scrub developed to Buffel grass pastures) with a carrying capacity of about 5,000 AE. It is located 56 kilometres by road (12 km formed gravel, 44 km Michell highway) north of Charleville, a major regional centre with two Primary Schools, a High School (with School Bus access) and Hospital and Medical Services etc. It is serviced by Qantas and Rex Airlines flights and Bus Services to Brisbane.

This is a position for an energetic couple with experience in the responsibilities of management but who enjoy maintaining a hands-on approach to the day to day activities on the property. A positive attitude, strong work ethic and ability to achieve without supervision are essential. They will be assisted by another very capable couple and by experienced contractors.

Valera Vale Droughtmasters is a stud operation (one of the largest in the country) and a major supplier of Droughtmaster genetics throughout Northern Australia. The stud is heavily involved in Gene Testing and Genomic research. The role involves interacting with clients of the stud and ensuring the station complex and the property are presented in a state that reflects the high standards set at Valera Vale.

The role ideally suits a person/people who enjoy mustering cattle on horseback (although bikes and buggies are also used) and practicing low stress cattle handling techniques. The breeder herd comprises high Brahman content Droughtmaster cows that are of good temperament and well educated. Very high standards of animal welfare are important to us. Attention to detail and the ability to keep accurate animal records are essential. The ability to both manage and work with people and basic computer skills are necessary.

There is an extensive plant list including 2 D9 Bulldozers and a Bladeplough, a late model Rigid Cattle Truck (with automated transmission) and Dog (a HC licence or willingness to get one is required), and a 12H Grader. The property is serviced by three modern well designed sets of cattle yards with undercover work areas and linked by a laneway. An on-property bull sale is held annually.

The position comes with a modern air-conditioned 5 bedroom homestead. There is broadband internet and very good mobile coverage at the station with some coverage over the rest of the property.

We have a website (www.valeravaledroughtmasters.com.au) and a presence on facebook: Valera Vale Droughtmasters and Valera Vale Equine.

For further information or to submit an Application (with Resume and two work references) please email michael@valeravaledroughtmasters.com.au