



Position : Plantation Consultant

Company/Location: Workplace location will be based in the central North Island area, with a home office set-up required. Vehicle, and competitive salary, and excellent working culture offered. This could be a Fulltime or Part time (min: 30 hours per week) role. Open to negotiation.

Background:

Mānuka Farming NZ Ltd. (MFNZ) was formed to help New Zealand landowners take full advantage of the options which this opportunity presents to them, by providing landowners with a one stop shop for the establishment and management of successful plantation mānuka honey business on their land. Further information can be found on our website : www.manukafarmingnz.co.nz

Mānuka Farming NZ Ltd. (MFNZ) is the commercial arm of Mānuka Research Partnership Ltd (MRPL). MRPL, was formed in 2011, and contains a strong shareholding representing primary sector and apiary interests as follows:

- Arborex Industries Limited; and
- Comvita NZ Limited;
- DC and CY Tweeddale Partnership;
- Hawke's Bay Regional Council;
- Nukuhau Carbon Limited;
- Landcorp Farming Limited;
- Te Tumu Paeroa

These shareholders bring considerable experience in the honey business, apiaries, forestry programs, and managing hill country in NZ from small to very large scales. MRPL together with the New Zealand government (through the Primary Growth Partnership Programme) have been undertaking research to prove the business for Mānuka Plantation as a viable alternate land use on marginal pastoral land in New Zealand.

MRPL's knowledge places it at the forefront of the science and practical knowhow regarding the successful establishment of Mānuka plantations and integrated apiary requirements. MRPL is now able to provide this knowhow to land owners through Mānuka Farming NZ Ltd. (MFNZ).

Job Description

Mānuka Farming NZ Ltd. is a company that specialises in the development of mānuka plantations for high grade honey. We are a growing company in an exciting growing industry, and are looking for a suitably qualified forestry consultant to join our small but highly passionate team. The role would involve conducting site assessments, managing plantation establishment (including pre-planting preparation, planting, and post planting activities), and selecting and working with other key strategic partners. Excellent people skills, relevant forestry experience and qualifications, and an understanding of Maori land ownership dynamics are key pre-requisites.

The successful candidate will be required to hit the ground running with the provision of services to existing clients and also undertake business development activities in the market.

Some areas of focus include:

- Undertake general plantation management and forest consultancy work including site assessments
- High level of understanding of carbon credits
- Interact with clients in a way that adds value and builds on the existing relationships we have
- Use GIS, understand different Land uses, and plantation management practices.
- Aid in growing the business
- Ensure the systems we have in place will develop and support our clients and staff and associated workload
- Be a self-motivator and actively take ownership of your workload
- Assist the CEO with planning, budgeting and drive development to meet our business and clients objectives

Key experiences and capabilities include:

- A minimum of 6 year's experience in the NZ forest industry in a plantation establishment role, preferably some experience with Manuka
- Demonstrated skills and experience within Forest Consultancy and/or Management
- A willingness to learn across a matrix of land use especially for Iwi, hill country land owners, report on and implement solutions
- Tertiary level forestry qualification or suitable forestry organisation qualifications relating to forestry management and/or demonstrated experience and proven performance in a similar role.
- A strong track record in good relationship management
- Strong safety and environmental credentials
- Excellent communication and teamwork attributes
- Sound judgement in decision making
- An approach that demonstrates that you take ownership of your work and look for ways to continually improve
- The ideal candidate will possess previous experience in a similar role and must work well in a team setting.
- Skills in the use of drone would be an advantage