

Job Description

Job Title:	Stablehand/Trackrider
Award:	Horse & Greyhound Training Award 2010
Classification:	Stablehand Grade II
Reports to:	Senior Foreman/Assistant Trainer

Job Purpose:

The primary focus of this role is to assist with the training and preparation of horses for racing. This may include but is not limited to handling and exercising of horses and the cleaning and maintenance of stables. The stablehand may also be responsible for the care and leading in of horses at race meetings.

The post holder works under limited direction and supervision and has a duty of care for the occupational health, safety & well being for him or herself and others in the workplace.

Principle responsibilities:

1. To ride track work and exercise horses as determined by the Trainer, his Assistant or other delegated person, paying particular attention to
 - Safeguarding the well being of all employees and the horses,
 - Behaving in a calm and careful manner and at no time using an instrument to threaten, whip or beat a horse
 - Following all reasonable instruction
2. Report to the Trainer or his designated Assistant all elements of horse performance and accurately describe any deviation from normal performance, taking a role in the treatment and care of any injured horse, under direction and when competent to do so.
3. Maintain communication with other members of the team, using a diary, note book or electronic system as required to maintain accurate reporting and handover to others.
4. Effectively carry out all associated activities in the horse training regime:
 - Use of horse walker and treadmill
 - Water walker
 - Sand roll
 - Trackwork
 - Barrier training (when assessed competent)
5. Follow all reasonable instruction to promote, maintain and improve the quality of horse management and training of racehorses, including assisting vets and farriers, as required.
6. Set an example for safe behaviors and practices in all aspects of horse management and riding, reporting to the Assistant when breaches of safety are observed.
7. Wear all personal protective equipment as required by standard operating procedures.

8. Complete all time records and leave requests online.
9. Participate in the checking and preparation of horses for race days.
10. Other tasks within the post holders scope of competence and ability, on request.
11. The post holder is responsible for the safe use and maintenance of vehicles materials, tools and equipment in use.

General Responsibilities

1. In accordance with the OHSW Act, Section 21, you must:-
 - Protect your own health and safety
 - Avoid adversely affecting the health and safety of any other person at work
 - Obey reasonable instructions from the company regarding health and safety
 - Not endanger yourself or any other person by the use of drugs and alcohol
2. Maintain confidentiality
3. Willing to undertake training as required by the Company.
4. Adhere to and promote the Lindsay Park Racing Stable Standards, "Code of Conduct" and company values.

Location:

The post holder will report to the Senior Foreman, Lindsay Park Euroa who will allocate duties to the post holder. Employees may be offered the opportunity to work on a temporary basis at other locations.

Knowledge, skills, experience and qualifications:

- Knowledge, skills and experience of working with racehorses (minimum 2 years)
- Knowledge of feeding, handling and preparation of racehorses at level 2 (Certificate III) as a minimum standard
- Competent to ride unsupervised/unaccompanied
- Oral and written communication skills of a level to take instruction; provide information and advice to others and prepare basic reports
- Ability to work in a team and independently
- Knowledge of feeding and basic anatomy of the horse
- Basic computer literacy (for data entry, emails, etc)
- Sound knowledge of health and safety obligations and demonstrated skills in safe operation of equipment relevant to the training and preparation of racehorses