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SAHPA Conveyor Position Description:

South Australia Homing Pigeon Association is looking for a suitably experienced racing pigeon person to care and travel with the Truck to feed, water and rest as per SAHPA transport guidelines.

Roles includes: Transporting racing pigeons from SAHPA Hall at 10 Boulderstone Rd, Gepps Cross SA 5094 to various release sites in Australia as requested by the SAHPA in company with a Suitably qualified driver.

Season starts at the end of May to early October.

The General Secretary will communicate with the Conveyor the schedule allowing as much time to prepare for upcoming planned trips that will start at roughly 400kms round trip to 2500kms round trip. Please note due to changing weather forecast planned trips can be postponed or brought back in days. There are also occasions birds will be held over an extra day due to welfare concerns or extra events being conducted.

Pay rate \$400 per day, \$800 for two days and \$1200 for 3 days.

Expectations: Persons will be physical sound health and fitness. No smoking or drinking alcohol in the vehicle or near the racing pigeons. Be professional and courtesy to SAHPA staff and visitors including code of conduct and being an ambassador for the SAHPA understanding our long tradition and history. Report all vehicle servicing requirements and breakdown to the General Secretary immediately. The Hino truck is cover by RAA Business Cover please call 131111 for emergency breakdowns.

- **Procedure Convoying Birds SAHPA**
- Light must be on during loading of the birds then turned off during transit.
- Bags of feed must be taken on all trips in case of hold over. Food is stored under the bunks in plastic tubs. A stock of food is kept in drums in the far left shed.
- Water is filled up in the main water tank (500 litres) and if required trailer water tank is filled (250 litres). Birds are watered when they are loaded onto the truck between 6pm to 8:30 pm at night.

- Once loading has finished, the truck is closed and seals are cut to ensure doors will open at release time and site. Make sure the 3 catches on the basket are done up. Then lower the roller doors.
- It is very important to watch as the doors roll down as sometimes, they get stuck on baskets that have not been pushed all the way in.
- The fans are put on while the truck is travelling to the release point. In the short races the truck will travel to the release point, only stop will be for fuelling.
- As the distances increase and we enter Thursday Hampering the truck will stop overnight at Port Augusta Puma truck stop (North West), Yunta BP Truck stop (North East), Jamestown Puma Truckstop (North line). Before opening the outside curtains, the pins are put into the locking mechanism to prevent hamper doors opening. Overnight while Truck driver and Convoyer sleep the truck and or trailer are left in a ventilating state with rollers doors slightly open to allow air flow through the curtains and roof vents are opened, the automatic temperature setting is on so if it reaches 18.5 degrees the fans will come on. The truck and unit must remain locked at all times to prevent break ins.
- Generally, between 7 am to 8 am. Sometimes the truck will leave the SAHPA at 6am so birds are watered at 5am with lights on until truck is sealed. The truck and trailer curtains are fully opened before birds are watered.
- Traveling will begin or resume once everything is sealed up again with fans running and generally the truck is fuelled up at this point.
- Birds are fed & watered around 11 am to 12 middays, again units are fully opened.
- Once at release point destination, the truck is fully opened. Feed if Thursday hampering or earlier will be given around 3 pm to 4:30 pm. If there are 3000 birds on board feeding takes about 40 minutes. 5pm Water is given after feed is stowed away. Water will stay on until release.
- Around 7 pm Release Panel Chairman will contact Conveyor with instructions regarding expecting release time.
- Truck is left open until Conveyor goes to sleep which it is left in a ventilating state securely.
- At Sunrise the truck is fully open except if it is a sunrise release then unit is open at 4:30 am and turn lights on in the units to prepare for release.
- The Release Panel Chairman will call about 20 mins before release and get an observation report on whether at the release site and will be safe for the pigeons to release. If in agreement and the ok given, the birds are released at given nominated time.
- **Release procedure.**
- Once again make sure pins are inserted into handles and lifted.
- The roller doors will be lifted just before sunrise, ten minutes before scheduled release the two latches at the top of the basket are opened, there is a long bar on the back door of the transporter door to use.

- The roller doors are lowered and the handles pushed down and taken out. This will allow all of the basket doors to drop on the roller doors.
- At time of release press the roller doors up buttons to start the race.
- When all birds have left, the basket door must be pushed up with the bar and one of the two catches done up. Roll the roller doors back down for the trip home.
- Check you have dumped the water from the trays.
- Check all hampers to ensure no birds or injured ones are left in the hampers. Injured birds to be returned to the SAHPA reported to the SAHPA secretary.



[SAHPA Transporter instructions](#)

3. Breaches of this policy may lead to disciplinary action, including termination of the position within the SAHPA.

Conveyor Name

Signature

Date

SAHPA Secretary.

Signature

Date

