



Cattle Tales

August 2018

Mount Barker Regional Saleyards Summary of Advisory Committee Matters

Filling out NVDs

Saleyards staff have recently noted that NVD forms are often not completed correctly. Vendors need to use the correct form (C0413), which must be fully completed.

In particular, for sale cattle, the Consigned To section should read the Agent's Name and Address.

Destination (if different) of cattle should read 'Mount Barker Regional Saleyards'. The address is 32416 Albany Highway, Mount Barker and include PIC number WJSY0002.

The Declaration section must have the full name of the vendor, as well as their address and phone number. It must also be signed. For reference, the Department of Agriculture has published the common PICs shown here.

2018/2019 Budget and Fees

The 2018/2019 budget for the Shire of Plantagenet has been adopted. The fee for Cattle Weighing & Penning has been set at \$9.20 (+GST) per head, an increase of 1.7%.

Capital works include modifications to aeration ponds (\$5,000), painting/protection of roof and walkways (\$23,000), servicing of the irrigation pump diesel motor (\$5,000) and servicing of Alias scanner (\$5,000)

In addition, an allocation of \$45,000 has been made towards a 7th receival ramp. The Council will shortly call for tenders for construction of the ramp. Depending on the prices that come back, a final decision will be made as to whether to go ahead this year.

Common PICs – cattle		Saleyards
Boyanup	WHSY0009	Salter Rd, Boyanup
Manjimup	WESY0011	Wetherell St, Manjimup
Mt Barker	WJSY0002	32416 Albany Hwy, Mt Barker
Muchea	WDSY0001	Lot 5 Muchea East Rd, Muchea
Mundijong	WGSY0015	Lot 1 Evelyn St, Mundijong

Common PICs – cattle		Abattoirs
D.B.C.	WFAL0008	Lot 100 Wimbridge Rd, Picton
Gingin Meat Works	WDAL0004	195 Cockram Rd, Gingin
Goodchild	WKAL0007	189 Rosamel Rd, Parkfield
Harvey Beef	WIAL0011	99 Seventh St, Harvey
V & V Walsh	WCAL0010	Lot 1 Rawling Rd, Davenport
Western Meat Processors	WJAL0005	186 Saunders Rd, Cowaramup
More information		spatial.agric.wa.gov.au/brands/

Saleyards Manager's Report

Cr Marie O'Dea and Assistant Saleyards Manager Erika Henderson attended the 2018 Australian Livestock Markets Association (ALMA) Expo in Casino NSW from 24 to 26 July 2018. Previous attendees have benefitted and the knowledge gained from exposure to industry trends has resulted in improvements at Saleyards.

Cr O'Dea has also secured a position on the ALMA Board which will be beneficial in order to have the 'inside running' on national issues. Having a representative at that level has been useful as it has provided intelligence from a variety of stakeholders.

Representatives from the Shires of Plantagenet and Katanning have presented ALMA with a joint bid for a fu-

ture ALMA conference to be held in the Great Southern.

While the ultimate decision will be with ALMA, a suggested conference program has the majority of activity in Katanning, with the attendees working their way down to Mount Barker and then Albany for the main conference dinner.

We believe this will give conference attendees and their partners opportunities that may not normally accrue for an Eastern States conference. This would also enable the attractions of Katanning, Mount Barker and Albany to be showcased and put help to put WA saleyards on the map for attendees.

Finally, after ten years as Manager of the yards, it will shortly be time to hand over the reins to someone else. I will be taking some extended leave but I will still be around to help out for a while when required.

The Shire will advertise for a replacement manager in the near future and we plan to have a good handover period.

