



SALEYARDS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTES

SECTION 5.9(2)(a) LGA 1995

Committee Brief

- *Make recommendations to the Council regarding the strategic direction of the Saleyards;*
- *Make recommendations to the Council regarding the Environmental Action Plan for the Saleyards;*
- *Bring to the attention of the Chief Executive Officer, industry matters regarding the cattle industry that may not be readily available to persons external to that industry; and*
- *Make recommendations to the Council regarding development works on the site.*

A Meeting of the Saleyards Advisory Committee
was held in the Committee Room
Lowood Road, Mount Barker WA 6324
9.30am Tuesday 11 October 2016

Rob Stewart
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Committee Members

Cr J Moir, Cr B Bell, Cr J Oldfield, Mr M Skinner – Industry Representative – 226/15

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Membership

Cr J Moir

Cr B Bell

Cr J Oldfield

Mr M Skinner

Cr L Handasyde (Deputy for any member)

1 DECLARATION OF OPENING / ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS

9.30am The Presiding Member declared the meeting open.

2 RECORD OF ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIESMembers Present

Cr J Moir (Presiding Member)
Cr B Bell
Cr J Oldfield
Mr M Skinner

Visitors

Cr L Handasyde

Staff

Mr R Stewart Chief Executive Officer
Mr J Fathers, Deputy Chief Executive Officer
Mr S Smith, Saleyards Manager
Ms E Henderson, Assistant Saleyards Manager

3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Moved Mr M Skinner, seconded Cr J Oldfield:

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Saleyards Advisory Committee held on 16 August 2016 as circulated, be taken as read and adopted as a correct record.

CARRIED

Matter Arising:

The Saleyards Manager advised that he had met with Warren Forbes regarding Mr Forbes' request for investigation into a differing design of the new cattle outloading ramps. The Saleyards Manager advised of the constraints in the proposal for the inclusion of a personnel walkway in the area. It was proposed to implement a slam gate further back to alleviate the issues identified. It was noted that it may not always be appropriate for people to undertake outloading by themselves.

4 DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

A Financial Interest was disclosed by Cr J Moir
Nature and Extent of Interest: Cattle Farmer - 100 head of cattle; and
Elders Employee – Work part time for Elders Rural Services

A Financial Interest was disclosed by Mr M Skinner
Nature and Extent of Interest: Cattle Farmer - 400 head of cattle

Authority to participate pursuant to Section 5.69 (3) (a) and (b) of the Local Government Act 1995

Approval has been received from the Department of Local Government and Communities via a letter dated 27 January 2016, giving permission for Cr J Moir and Mr M Skinner to participate in matters relating to the Mount Barker Regional Saleyards until 31 December 2016.

Mr J Fathers read aloud the letter, a copy of which is attached to these minutes.

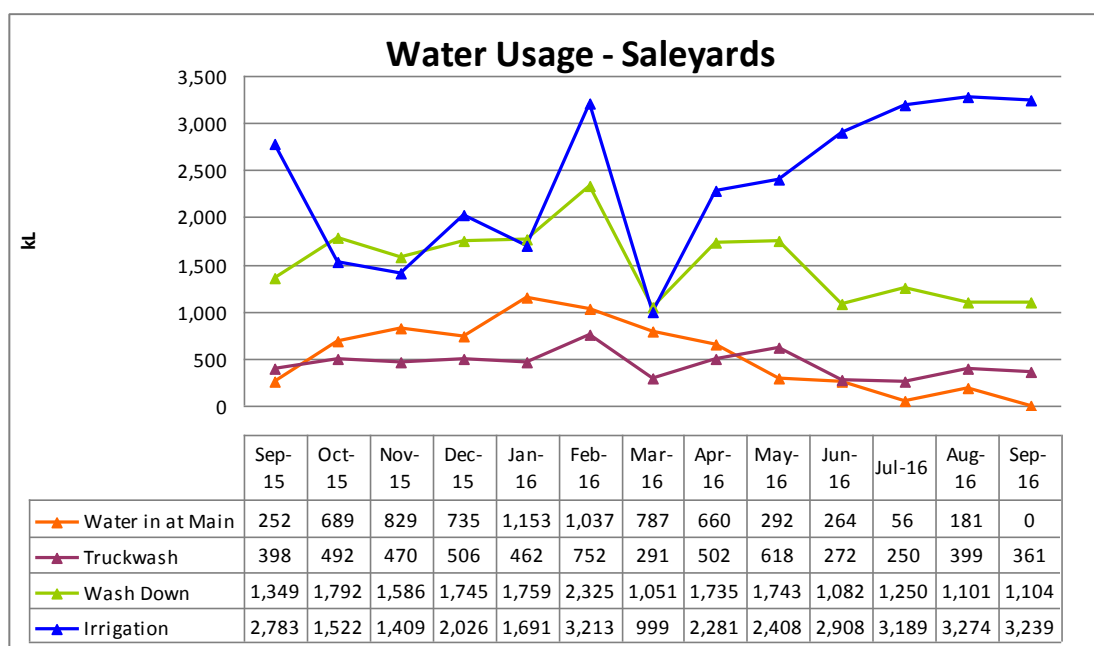
5 REPORTS OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND OFFICERS**5.1 MANAGER'S REPORT – 6 AUGUST – 4 OCTOBER 2016****SALE DATA**

- Total sale numbers 3,445 head.
- There have been no cattle eligible for MSA sales in this time.
- 31 cattle have received replacement NLIS tags over this time.
- Six animals have been put down or removed.
- 40 bales of hay have been fed out over this time.
- There have been 233 cattle processed for Private/Shipper Weigh.

GENERAL BUSINESS

- Roof Project:
 - Kusters' Steel Constructions commenced work on the new roof area on 17 August and completed work on 16 September.
 - MRB Plumbing commenced work on the roof on 5 September and completed their work on 16 September.
 - Jaguar Cabling commenced work on 5 September and completed work on 3 October.
 - All went extremely well and there was no interference to the sale process. No works were carried out on a Thursday and any cattle that were left on a Friday morning were usually off the premises by 9.00am. The tradesman worked at the other end of the yards while cattle were being loaded.
 - Since the roof has been completed, the dirt pens underneath have dried out considerably and six pens have been cleaned out so far. The only criticism to the roof is that it is quite cold underneath.
 - The question has been asked of me, when are the rest of the yards going to be roofed?
- Staff have started cleaning dirt pens and all those along the office side have been completed. All spadeable waste has been sold to Great Southern Sands.
- On 22 August, RCD testing was carried out with no issues.
- On 23 August, the internet stopped working. It was out for one week so the sale process had to be done from the Deputy CEO's office. Since then the Deputy CEO has spoken to two NBN providers regarding the Saleyards going onto the NBN.
- On 3 October, the internet was lost again. The service provider (Big Air) has indicated that it is the Shire's external aerial which is the issue, although this is disputed by the Shire's network technicians.
- On 2 September, repairs were done to the bull pens walkway due to a not so friendly large steer taking a dislike to the walkway, which was why he was penned with the bulls.

- On 5 September, the compressors had their six monthly service, with no issues.
- The fly wire on five external doors has been replaced in readiness for the onslaught of fly season. The building has had its once a year wash.
- Rachel Williams attended the Perth Royal Show, leading for a prominent local producer. She also went in the under 25 cattle handlers' class and got runner up, just missing out on a trip to Melbourne to represent WA at the National Titles.
- Cattle numbers have been low due to the weather with trucks being unable to get cattle off farms. Council road closures have 'apparently' also been a factor, according to one agent.
- Since 1 September, sale cattle have been bought for the eastern states market, with one B train heading east each week. These cattle are slaughter type cattle as well as feedlot cattle. The Saleyards Manager considers that this had held the average cents per kilo price up when normally at this time of year prices fall due to abattoirs being full and feedlots not yet buying.
- The white dam that is used for catchment water has been overflowing since the beginning of September and the effluent ponds remain full. It has been a real struggle to keep the levels down.
- Elders has now booked the complex on Monday 19 December for a breeder sale. Elders has also indicated it is holding another breeder sale on 10 January 2017.
- Landmark has booked the yards for a special black weaner sale on 3 January 2017 and a Breeders' sale on 17 January 2017.
- The Gate 2 Plate Challenge receival of competition cattle will be the 3/4 January with the field day to be held on the Saturday 7 January at the Saleyards.
- The latest water usage graph is shown below.



OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION / COMMITTEE DECISION

Moved Cr B Bell, seconded Cr J Oldfield:

That the report of the Saleyards Manager, relating to current activities at the Mount Barker Regional Saleyards, be received.

CARRIED

5.2 SALEYARDS FINANCIAL REPORT – 30 SEPTEMBER 2016

File No: CA/126/1
Responsible Officer: Rob Stewart
 Chief Executive Officer
Author: John Fathers
 Deputy Chief Executive Officer
Proposed Meeting Date: 11 October 2016

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to review the financial position of the Mount Barker Regional Saleyards for the period ending 30 September 2016.

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

There are no statutory implications for this report.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

There are no policy implications for this report.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

This report identifies the current operating position of the Saleyards.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

There are no strategic implications for this report.

OFFICER COMMENT

A spreadsheet showing the 30 September 2016 position of operating and capital budget items is attached for information. Overall year to date (YTD) operating expenditure is \$250,856.00, which is \$75,328.00 below YTD budget. There are no significant operating variances. Overall YTD operating income is \$84,802.00, which is \$3,152.00 above YTD budget. Weigh and Pen Fees are \$2,832.00 above YTD budget.

Amounts spent so far on the Saleyards Roof project are as follows:

Date	Payee	Description	Amount
1/07/2015	Maxwell Designs	Roof Design	\$6,531.82
7/9/2015	Albany Wall Cutting	Drilling of test Holes	\$1,150.00
29/10/2015	Opus Consultants	Tender Documentation	\$3,750.00
26/11/2015	Opus Consultants	Tender and Project Management	\$1,515.00
23/12/2015	Opus Consultants	Tender and Project Management	\$2,175.00
18/3/2016	Opus Consultants	Tender and Project Management	\$4130.00
18/3/2016	Opus Consultants	Project Management	\$430.00
20/5/2016	Kosters' Steel Construct	Claim 1	\$16,612.50
1/7/2016	Opus Consultants	Project Management	\$430.00
13/7/2016	Kosters' Steel Construct	Claim 2	\$17,087.50
28/7/2016	Kosters' Steel Construct	Claim 3	\$86,675.06
22/7/2016	Opus Consultants	Project Management	\$376.25
25/8/2016	Kosters' Steel Construct	Claim 4	\$76,850.00
19/8/2016	Opus Consultants	Project Management	\$1,002.82
21/9/2016	Kosters' Steel Construct	Claim 5	\$198,760.32
			\$417,476.27

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Simple Majority

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION / COMMITTEE DECISION

Moved Mr M Skinner, seconded Cr J Oldfield:

That the report of the Deputy Chief Executive Officer, relating to the current financial position of the Mount Barker Regional Saleyards, be received.

CARRIED

6 GENERAL BUSINESS

6.1 PROPOSALS FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION

- Greater use of chlorinated water / Water sustainability – At its meeting held on 27 May 2014, members agreed that the requirements specified in the letter from the Health Department of WA make the operation of the waste water re-use system unviable. A budget item for 2015/2016 has been included for an additional water source. A meeting has been held with a diviner / drilling contractor to seek a potential bore site. Ruhi Ferdowsian has now provided a report in this regard, which provides some drilling options. The Saleyards Manager will arrange for the drilling tests to be carried out.
- Agents Agreements – The new agreements have now been sent out to agents. Draft procedures have been developed and form an addendum to the new Agents Agreements.
- During discussion at the meeting held on 9 December 2014, the Committee agreed that need for an independent power supply to run the sale and provide water to cattle was becoming more important. The Committee requested the Saleyards Manager to investigate options for a suitable on-site generator. The Saleyards Manager has made some initial enquiries.
- At its meeting held on 3 March 2015, the Committee noted the intention to investigate and provide advice to the Saleyards Advisory Committee in regard to options for the purchase and / or lease of a skid steer loader, with such advice including a history of the current machine, most appropriate machine and a cost benefit analysis of leasing versus other procurement / trade-in options. Some preliminary enquiries have been made and one machine tested. An ideal machine has not yet been identified.
- During discussion at the meeting held on 21 June 2016 regarding advertising signage, the Committee considered that this matter be held over until the new roof has been constructed, with a view to determining advertising opportunities that may be realised on the new structure.

6.2 2015 ANNUAL ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT – DER COMMENTS

The attached letter has been received from the Department of Environment Regulation in response to the Shire's 2015 Annual Environmental Report (AER).

There is little to note in the correspondence, however, in the letter and the assessment, it is mentioned that the AER for the saleyards was received on 3 February 2016, which is later than the last day allowable under the licence.

The 2015 AER was actually hand delivered by the Deputy CEO to the Albany Office of the Department on 29 January 2016, the last day allowable. Previously this seems to have been acceptable. DER has been asked clarify what is the preferred practice. It seems DER may prefer an electronic copy to head office.

Also mentioned in the assessment is the comment on page 31 that:

'In 2014, one of the two primary ponds was completely emptied of sludge and it is expected that the second primary pond will also be cleaned out in February 2015.'

The comment should have been updated to read:

'In 2014, one of the two primary ponds was completely emptied of sludge and the second primary pond was also cleaned out in March 2015.'

6.3 ARTICLE - WHERE HAS THE BEEF HERD DETERIORATED IN SIZE MOST?

The latest industry news from the Australian Livestock Markets Association had a link to the attached article from Meat and Livestock Australia. It points to regions of Australia that have suffered most, and least, in terms of drought-driven herd decline over the past two or three years.

During discussion it was noted that while this graph was crude, the increasing herd in WA does not reflect in cattle throughput at the Saleyards.

7 NEXT MEETING

25 October 2016 (Special)

8 MEETING CLOSURE

10.35am The Presiding Member declared the meeting closed.

CONFIRMED: PRESIDING MEMBER _____ **DATE:** ____ / ____ / ____