



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
1.30pm Tuesday 11 September 2018

Rob Stewart
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Committee Members

Cr J Moir, Cr B Bell, Cr L Handasyde, Cr M O'Dea, Mr M Skinner – Industry Representative – 225/17

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Membership

Cr L Handasyde - Presiding Member

Cr B Bell - Deputy Presiding Member

Cr J Moir

Cr M O'Dea

Mr M Skinner

Cr J Oldfield (Deputy for any member)

1 DECLARATION OF OPENING / ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS

1.30pm The Presiding Member declared the meeting open.

2 RECORD OF ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIESMembers Present

Cr L Handasyde (Presiding Member)
Cr B Bell (Deputy Presiding Member)
Cr J Moir
Cr M O'Dea
Mr M Skinner

Visitors

Cr B Lang
Cr J Oldfield

Staff

Mr R Stewart, Chief Executive Officer
Mr J Fathers, Deputy Chief Executive Officer
Mrs E Henderson, Acting Saleyards Manager

3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Moved Mr M Skinner, seconded Cr B Bell:

That the Minutes of the Ordinary meeting of the Saleyards Advisory Committee, held on 17 July 2018 as circulated, be taken as read and adopted as a correct record.

CARRIED

4 DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

Part 5 Division 6 Local Government Act 1995

Cr J Moir

Type: Financial/Indirect Financial Interest (Section 5.60 (A) and 5.61 LGA)
Nature: Cattle Farmer and Employee of Elders
Extent: Sell cattle through the Mount Barker Saleyards on average six times per year. Average number of cattle held is 80 head.
Part time employee of Elders in a non-managerial position.

Mr M Skinner

- Type: Financial/Indirect Financial Interest (Section 5.60 (A) and 5.61 LGA)
- Nature: Hold equity in a farming enterprise of which my son owns/farms approximately 400 head of cattle.
- Extent: Son sells cattle through the Mount Barker Regional Saleyards approximately 8 times per year.

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 4 June 2018, giving permission for Cr J Moir and Mr M Skinner to participate in the discussion and decision making at the Saleyards Advisory Committee on matters relating to the Mount Barker Regional Saleyards until 30 April 2019.

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

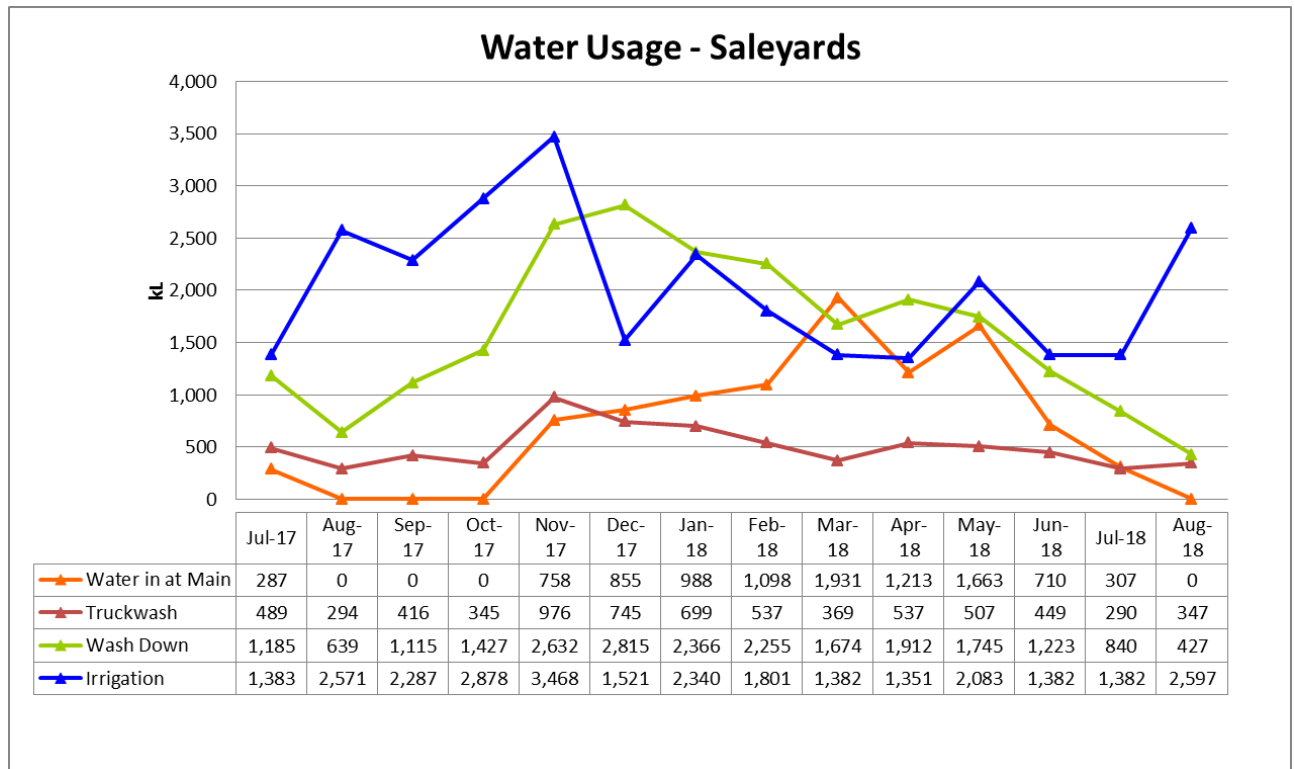
5 REPORTS OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND OFFICERS**5.1 MANAGER'S REPORT – 10 JULY 2018 TO 4 SEPTEMBER 2018****SALE DATA**

- Total sale numbers 3,353 head.
- There have been no cattle eligible for MSA sales in this time.
- 27 cattle have received replacement NLIS tags over this time.
- 5 animals have been put down, 4 to pet food, 1 to tip.
- 41 bales of hay have been fed out over this time.
- There have been 663 cattle processed for Private/Shipper Weigh.

GENERAL BUSINESS

- On 10 July, Thinkwater were on site to remove one aerator motor. On 17 July Thinkwater, put back the aerator motor with new bearings fitted.
- On 23rd – 27 July, Erika attended the ALMA Conference with Cr O'Dea. Stewart came back off annual leave to cover the week.
- On 24 July, Thinkwater were back on site, as the aerators were found to be pulling too much power (22amp).
- On 25 July, the power was out for 24 hours so when the compressor started, it kicked over the default alarm in office block. Stewart sorted resolved this issue.
- The Kaeser compressor stopped working. Mount Barker Electrics were called and advised that the mother board had failed. The backup generator was employed with no problems. Kaeser fixed the compressor the following week.
- On 2 August, Whale plumbing attended to clean the grease trap at canteen door.
- The 9 August sale was very small with only 144 head.
- On 14 August, RCD testing was carried out.
- On 15 August Brian from Aleis was on site to service and fix panel scanners. He indicated that the technology in Weighbridge A is 13 years old and weighbridge B is not far behind. Will need to budget in the next two years to start upgrading to newer software and hardware. Quotes to come. A better servicing schedule was established for the future with yearly visits to WA planned.
- On 16 August, following the previous week's low numbers sale and only 298 this week, all three agents agreed to cancel that week's sale allowing for a buildup of numbers. All necessary stakeholders were notified and a notice went up on the Shire electronic board.
- On 21 August, a new bucket from Himaac skidsteer loader was picked up. The old one is now used only for pen clean out.
- The 30 August sale achieved 892 head with strong bidding.

- On 4 September, Erika attended a Stirlings to Coast Field day at the Narrikup Hall in regard to managing beef and sheep in a dry season. We are now seeing a few cattle come into the yards in poorer condition.
- The latest water usage graph is shown below.



VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Simple Majority

During discussion, members noted the ongoing problems with the aerators and that options were being explored for modifications to the waste water treatment system to remove further solids and improve water flow within the system.

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

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

COMMITTEE DECISION

Moved Cr B Bell, seconded Mr M Skinner:

That:

- 1. The report of the Acting Saleyards Manager, relating to current activities at the Mount Barker Regional Saleyards, be received.**
- 2. The Committee notes the intention of the Chief Executive Officer to progress investigations into the effectiveness of the waste water disposal system.**

CARRIED

5.2 SALEYARDS FINANCIAL REPORT – 31 AUGUST 2018

File No: CA/126/1
Responsible Officer: Rob Stewart
Chief Executive Officer
Author: John Fathers
Deputy Chief Executive Officer
Proposed Meeting Date: 11 September 2018

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to review the preliminary financial position of the Mount Barker Regional Saleyards for the period ending 31 August 2018.

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 31 August 2018 position of operating and capital budget items is attached for information. Overall end of year operating expenditure is \$177,226.00, which is \$31,094.00 below budget.

There are no significant operating variances.

Overall end of year operating income is \$49,769.00, which is \$3,205.00 below budget. Weigh and Pen Fees are \$93.00 below budget.

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Simple Majority

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION / COMMITTEE DECISION

Moved Cr B Bell, seconded Cr J Moir:

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 REPORT OF ACTING SALEYARDS MANAGER – ALMA CONFERENCE**

See attached.

6.2 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 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 provided a report in this regard, which provides some drilling options. The Saleyards Manager will arrange for the drilling tests to be carried out. During discussion at the meeting held on 31 January 2017, members considered that it was worthwhile to undertake drilling to assess the yield.

On 5 and 6 April, Albany Irrigation and Drilling were onsite to test bore for ground water with hydrologist Ruji Fedowsian. Three bores were identified as possible water sites with one very promising. The first bore was to 10 metres where the drillers hit granite so was stopped with this bore having an estimated recharge of 18 litres per minute (ms\m:170). The other two bores turned out to be unsuitable due to poor water yield.

During discussion at the meeting held on 22 May 2018, members noted that the water flow from the test bores might not be sufficient to make installation of a bore worthwhile. Costs were sought for a solar pump and Airwell pump. It was agreed to await the report from hydrologist, Ruhi Ferdowsian, which will provide more advice in this regard.

The report from Mr Ferdowsian has been attached, which is provided for discussion.

During discussion, members agreed that the underground water source would likely not deliver enough water when required and could pump dry in summer. It was agreed not to progress the proposal further. The Acting Saleyards Manager commented that the dam is currently full and having a secondary storage tank near the irrigation pond would be useful.

- At the meeting held on 14 November 2017, Mr Skinner advised that the Shire of Dubbo was installing new moulded bar soft floor matting into 220 new pens. It was requested that we attempt to get a sample of the new matting, which may be appropriate for the paint box areas.
- At the meeting held on 30 January 2018, a query was raised about the Shire's obligations in respect to new Chain of Responsibility laws and how this might relate or conflict with animal welfare requirements. Some direction was sought in this regard.

During discussion, the Acting Saleyards Manager provided some information from the ALMA conference regarding this matter and also in terms of the responsibilities of those involved in the process under WA requirements. It is the view of the Acting Saleyards Manager that the facility is meeting its responsibilities in this regard.

- Following the discussion at the meeting held on 14 November 2017, at the meeting held on 30 January 2018, Mr Skinner advised that Katanning Saleyards Manager has endorsed the idea of advocating for the 2019 ALMA conference to be held in WA and he will raise that with the Shire of Katanning administration. The Shire of Katanning could cater for it (Dome Hotel). There would be a focus on cattle and sheep. It was suggested that an ideal date would be later than normal, say late September 2019. Depending on the interest, Mr Skinner suggested that a joint working group be formed with the Shire of Katanning to co-ordinate.

This matter has been discussed with Kate McGilvray - Executive Officer at ALMA and Andrus Budrikis from the Shire of Katanning and a meeting between Shire representatives has been held with a view to putting together a joint expression of interest.

An expression of interest was put together and is attached for information.

- During discussion at the meeting held on 27 March 2018, the view was expressed that additional water tanks should be installed to harvest as much water as possible. The administration was requested to provide advice on what has overflowed since the new roof and tank was installed, and what is the cost benefit of additional tanks, given what we know at the moment.
- During discussion at the meeting held on 27 March 2018, the Committee requested pricing for modular and permanent toilet options, for consideration in 2019/2020.

6.3 CATTLE MORTALITY STATISTICS

Graphs showing recent cattle mortality statistics were tabled.

During discussion, a request was made for information to be presented in spreadsheet format at future meetings, with some commentary on the circumstances of each case.

7 NEXT MEETING

6 November 2018.

8 MEETING CLOSURE

2.37pm The Presiding Member declared the meeting closed.

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