



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
10.30pm Tuesday 16 July 2019.

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

10.30am 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

Apologies

Mr M Skinner

Visitors

Cr C Pavlovich (10.30am to 11.11am)

Staff

Mr R Stewart, Chief Executive Officer
Mr J Fathers, Executive Manager – Corporate Services
Mr G Moore, Saleyards Manager
Mrs E Henderson, Assistant Saleyards Manager

3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Moved Cr B Bell, seconded Cr J Moir:

That the Minutes of the Ordinary meeting of the Saleyards Advisory Committee, held on 18 June 2019 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.

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, Sport and Cultural Industries via a letter dated 30 April 2019, giving permission for Cr J Moir and Mr M Skinner to participate in the discussion and limited decision making at the Saleyards Advisory Committee on matters relating to the Mount Barker Regional Saleyards until 30 April 2020.

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 – 21 APRIL TO 16 JULY 2019****Waste Removal - Abbott's Visit**

On Tuesday 11 June 2019, representatives from Abbott's Liquid Salvage in Albany were on site to inspect our liquid and solid effluent waste products with a view to regular removal of our waste products. Sample results for effluent ponds were shown to them as requested to ascertain whether our product meets their specifications and requirements.

Early indications from our initial discussions were that they were not in a position to pay us for the waste given the work they were required to do to the waste before it can be sold as a compost product. They were going to have some discussions around how if at all our product can be used in their business and come back to me with their findings.

Abbott's has now advised that it is not in a position immediately to take manure due to limitations with their own DWER licensing. This may change in the future as it is planned to have a licence amendment to accept third party solids. In regard to waste water, a cost to the Council has been quoted to collect and dispose of excess water from the final irrigation pond, using their semi-tankers. This solution is not what was hoped for and is not a worthwhile alternative to irrigation.

Overhead Walkways

Some of the selling agents have expressed a need to fit some overhead walkways to some of the pens external to the 144 designated sale pens. Currently agents have been using these to sell cattle out of, but have expressed safety concerns with having to be in the pen with the cattle to sell them or stand up on a rail. To me both practices are an OH&S concern and I believe there are safer alternatives to be considered.

Concrete Receival Ramp 7

On Friday 14 June 2019 EMCS John Fathers, EMWS David Lynch and myself met with representatives from Hanson concrete services on site to inspect the concrete wear in the new receival ramp pens. A number of theories and suggestions were made as to how we fix this problem. Hanson concrete were going to go away and come up with some suggestions as to where we go next but they have given an indication that they will work with us to remedy the wear problem.

Core sampling was then done on the concrete 18 June 2019 and processed on 24 June 2019. Samples were taken from both pours as the slab was poured in two lots. Results show the strength of the concrete is below specification. The intention is to ask the contractor how it plans remedy the matter.

W Pens- Pen Reduction Size

Further to recent meetings with agents, it was brought to our attention that the large W – pens on the western side of the facility are too large and would be better served by being made smaller with a removable or foldout panel / gate arrangement. There is some logic to this proposal and is something I would consider supporting.

Aerators Automatic Controller Repairs

The new controller has now been fitted to the aerator electrical circuit allowing the aerators to be run on the automatic program, with the start and stop times for the agitators and the blower fans back to normal. This will hopefully power usage within its normal parameters and allow the aerators to do what is required of them.

DPIRD Audit

Jenni Westwood from DPIRD was onsite on 28 June to conduct our yearly audit and we were given the tick of approval with the final report in the mail.

Code of Practice for Animals at Saleyards in WA

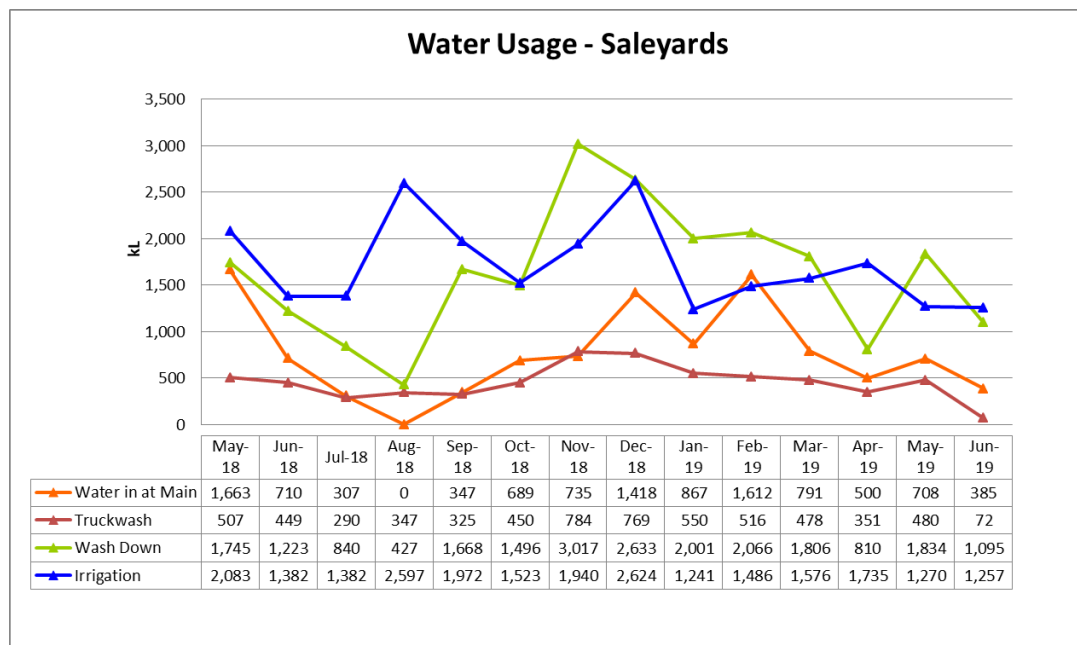
The code is now being updated to reflect new animal welfare standards. We had a meeting with Jenni Westwood from DPIRD and the three agents to go over what the process is going to be with introducing legislation pertaining to stocking/penning densities.

If legislated, these penning densities will have a huge impact on the amount of cattle that we can have on the premises in the future so Jenni needs everybody on board in the initial consultation process to get the wording right for all concerned so it has minimal impact on the saleyard process. The attached penning densities have been calculated by DPIRD for the facility.

DPIRD Non Compliance

DPIRD is introducing infringements for non-compliance within saleyards to try and end the NLIS non-compliance issues that cause staff a lot of time sorting out i.e. incorrect NVDs, earmarks, NLIS in wrong ear etc. Mike Donaghy (DPIRD) will visit the facility on 15th July and industry stakeholders have been invited to attend this meeting.

The latest water usage graph is shown below.



VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Simple Majority

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION / COMMITTEE DECISION

Moved Cr J Moir, seconded Cr M O'Dea

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 JUNE 2019

File No: CA/126/1
Responsible Officer: Rob Stewart
Chief Executive Officer
Author: John Fathers
Executive Manager Corporate Services
Proposed Meeting Date: 16 July 2019

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to review the preliminary financial position of the Mount Barker Regional Saleyards for the period ending 30 June 2019.

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 preliminary 30 June 2019 position of operating and capital budget items is attached for information. Overall operating expenditure is \$1,203,072.00, which is \$9,802.00 below the year end budget. The facility operating budget item is above budget, mainly as a result of high power charges due to aerator issues and scheme water charges. There was also some unexpected maintenance issues with repairs to the aerator motor (\$4,100) additional 'suredock' cushions (\$2,298) and installation of safety gates (\$2,120).

Capital budget items for the long wand and data logger, waste water treatment system modifications and diesel motor for the irrigation pump have been carried forward

Year end operating income is \$ \$758,465.00, which is \$ \$29,500.00 above year end budget, mainly due to higher than projected income on weigh and pen fees.

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Simple Majority

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION / COMMITTEE DECISION

Moved Cr B Bell, seconded Cr M O'Dea

That the report of the Executive Manager – Corporate Services, relating to the current financial position of the Mount Barker Regional Saleyards, be received.

CARRIED

5.3 SALEYARDS AGENTS AGREEMENT – WEST COAST LIVESTOCK PTY LTD

Cr Pavlovich left the meeting at 11.11am

File Ref: N48900
Responsible Officer: Rob Stewart
Chief Executive Officer
Author: John Fathers
Executive Manager Corporate Services
Proposed Meeting Date: 16 July 2019

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to consider entering into an Agent's Agreements with West Coast Livestock Pty Ltd (WCL) for operation at the Mount Barker Regional Saleyards.

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION / COMMITTEE DECISION

Moved Cr J Moir, seconded Cr M O'Dea

That it be a recommendation to the Council:

That authority be granted to the Shire President and the Chief Executive Officer to affix the Common Seal of the Council to an Agent's Agreement with West Coast Livestock Pty Ltd, permitting it to conduct livestock sales at the Mount Barker Regional Saleyards.

CARRIED

6 GENERAL BUSINESS

6.1 PROPOSALS FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION

- 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 at the meeting held on 29 November 2018, there was consensus on waiting to see how the Australian Livestock Markets Association tackles this issue at a national level.

- 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.

At the meeting held on 26 February 2019, the Chief Executive Officer advised that he intended to authorise expenditure of approximately \$5,000.00 to expand the Saleyards dam, subject to weather and availability of a contractor. This has now been included in the 2019/2020 budget as weather prevented the action being taken.

- 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.

During discussion at the meeting held on 29 November 2018, the view was expressed that grant funding avenues be explored for this project.

A proposal was raised at the meeting held on 26 February 2019 for an extension to the building, which would include two showers, two toilets and a larger office. The suggestion was made that grant funding for a new roof over the eastern dirt pens could incorporate this project as well.

- During discussion at the meeting held on 26 March 2019, members considered that at a forthcoming separate planning day, biosecurity should be discussed.
- At the meeting held on 21 May 2019, a query was raised in relation to a proposal for installation of photovoltaic cells on the new roof. It was confirmed that this was listed as a medium priority in the Shire's list of future projects. It was suggested that this matter could be progressed and that grant funding be sought. It was agreed that the project be listed for consideration at the forthcoming planning day.

7 NEXT MEETING

10 September 2019.

8 MEETING CLOSURE

11.20am The Presiding Member declared the meeting closed.

CONFIRMED: PRESIDING MEMBER_____ **DATE:**____/____/____