



## 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 18 July 2017

Rob Stewart  
**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

#### Committee Members

*Cr J Moir, Cr B Bell, Cr J Oldfield, Mr M Skinner – Industry Representative – 226/15  
Cr L Handasyde – 105/17*



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**Membership**

Cr J Moir

Cr B Bell

Cr L Handasyde

Cr J Oldfield

Mr M Skinner

Cr M O'Dea (Deputy for any member)

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**1 DECLARATION OF OPENING / ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS**

9.30am The Presiding Member declared the meeting open.

**2 RECORD OF ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIES**Members Present

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

Apologies

Mr M Skinner

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 Cr J Oldfield, seconded Cr B Bell:**

**That the Minutes of the Ordinary meeting of the Saleyards Advisory Committee, held on 23 May 2017 as circulated, be taken as read and adopted as a correct record.**

**CARRIED**

**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

**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 29 March 2017, giving permission for Cr J Moir and Mr M Skinner to participate in the discussion on matters relating to the Mount Barker Regional Saleyards until 30 April 2018.

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 – 15 MAY 2017 TO 10 JULY 2017****SALE DATA**

- Total sale numbers 5,228 head.
- There have been no cattle eligible for MSA sales in this time.
- 72 cattle have received replacement NLIS tags over this time.
- Four animals have been put down, 1 (not fit to travel) to pet food 3 (down in trucks) to tip.
- 36 bales of hay have been fed out over this time.
- There have been 218 cattle processed for Private/Shipper Weigh.

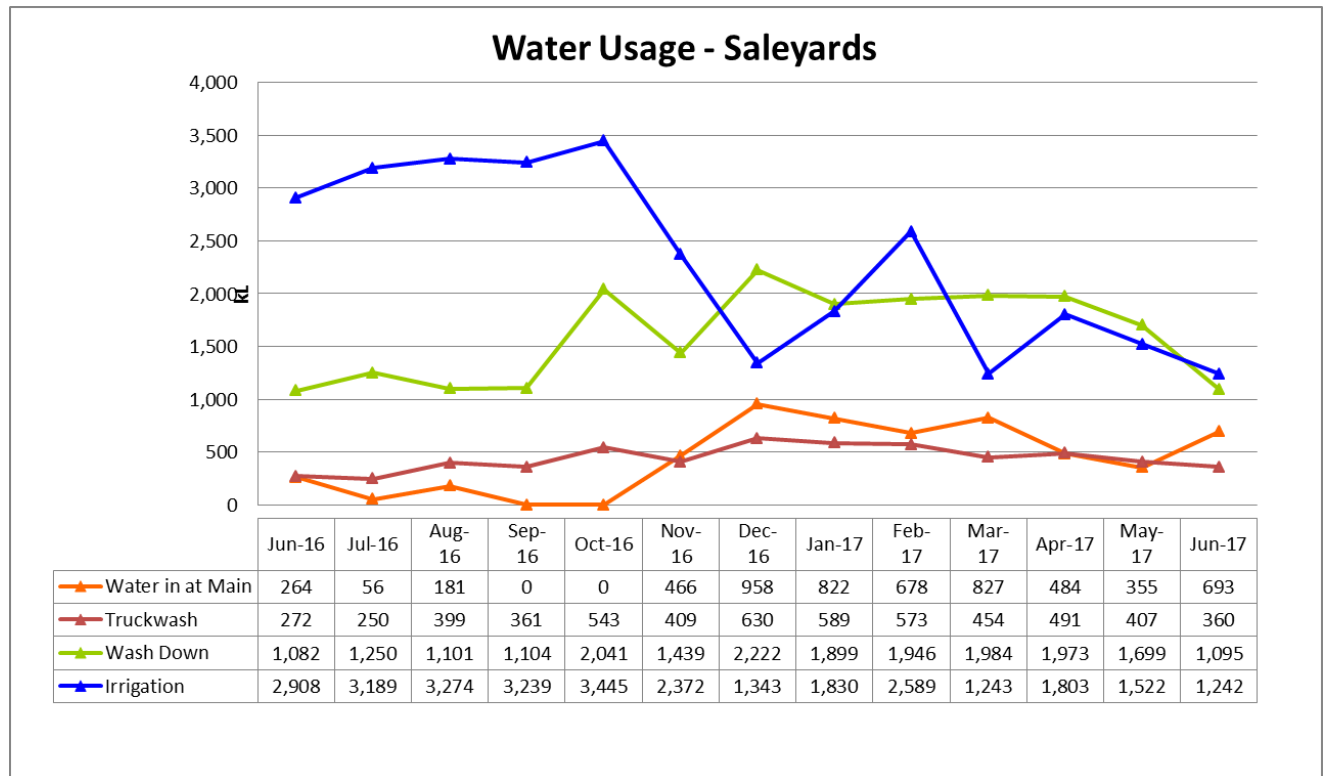
**GENERAL BUSINESS**

- Some of the chains on the lift gates of the weighbridges have been replaced. A number of dirt pens have been cleaned and gravel reapplied and compacted where needed (gateways etc).
- Due to the lack of rainfall, the soak and washdown dam are dry so we have used more scheme water than anticipated for this time of year.
- On Monday 22 May, Plantagenet Concrete was onsite to dig holes and concrete anchor plinths down at the ponds for installation of the aerators from pond 3 to pond 1. Aerators have been removed from pond 3. Thinkwater have removed motors for servicing and all is waiting for them to return pumps to reinstall in pond 1.
- On Thursday 25 May, Ray Norman (Elders) conducted his last sale as auctioneer, finishing his stint to a rousing applause from spectators and buyers. We wished Ray well in his forthcoming treatment plan and retirement. David Lindberg has taken over the reins as Territory Livestock Sales Manager.
- On Tuesday 30 May, the main wash down pipe from the pump shed to the compound failed and was repaired by Thinkwater Albany. It had clearly been leaking for some time under the ground behind the white dam.
- On Friday 2 June, concrete pads were installed for the new generator, ramp for canteen access and chemical drum.
- The genset has now been lifted into place and hard wired by Mount Barker Electrics and is all working well.
- On Friday 23 June, Rachel Williams resigned and left to relocate to Wandering. We thanked Rachel for her efforts over the last four years and wished her well.
- On Monday 26 June, Brodie Mann commenced work for the yards replacing Rachel.
- On Sunday 25 June, all hard stand manure was removed from the compound.
- Stewart has now completed the reinstatement of his animal welfare accreditation.



- Stewart will be attending the ALMA conference in July. Erika felt that even though it would be a good opportunity, and would love to go, the Saleyards Manager’s AGM is also on which Stewart needs to attend. Maybe next year.
- The latest water usage graph is shown below.

*During discussion, the Committee noted that a leak had developed in the main pvc water pipe between the water tank / pump and the selling area. A range of remedial options was discussed and it was agreed that it would be appropriate to monitor that line for ongoing leaks and get a preliminary idea of costs to replace it.*



**5.2 SALEYARDS FINANCIAL REPORT – 30 JUNE 2017**

**File No:** CA/126/1  
**Responsible Officer:** Rob Stewart  
Chief Executive Officer  
**Author:** John Fathers  
Deputy Chief Executive Officer  
**Proposed Meeting Date:** 18 July 2017

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**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 2017.

**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 June 2017 position of operating and capital budget items is attached for information. Overall year to date (YTD) operating expenditure is \$1,002,071.00, which is \$107,430.00 below YTD budget. Of this, \$37,593.00 relates to non-cash expenditure. There are no significant operating variances. Overall YTD operating income is \$705,002.00, which is \$12,352.00 above YTD budget. Weigh and Pen Fees are \$6,477.00 below YTD budget.

Variances exist for transfers from reserve funds and trade-in of the Saleyards Manager's vehicle. Transfers from reserve funds will be finalised in the coming weeks when final expenditure is known. The purchase of a new vehicle will be carried forward in the 2017/2018 budget.

## **6 GENERAL BUSINESS**

### **6.1 CATTLE TALES**

Further to discussions with agents earlier in the year, an information sheet which summarises matters dealt with by the Saleyards Advisory Committee at its recent meetings has been sent to the three agents (see attached). This was one of the requests from agents at those sessions. This publication will be continued and distributed following meetings of the Committee.

### **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 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 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 6 December 2016, members requested that a copy of this report be provided for the next meeting, so that the cost benefit of the likely water yield can be examined. The report is attached for information. During discussion at the meeting held on 31 January 2017, members considered that it was worthwhile to undertake drilling to assess the yield.

- 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.
- 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.

### **6.3 GATE TO PLATE EVENT**

*During discussion, the Committee agreed to support a similar involvement in the Gate to Plate event in 2017/2018.*

**7 OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS / VOTING****VOTING REQUIREMENTS**

Simple Majority

Cr J Moir withdrew from the meeting at 10.24am.

Deputy Presiding Member Cr B Bell assumed the Chair.

**Moved Cr L Handasyde, seconded Cr J Oldfield:**

**That:**

- 1. That the report of the Saleyards Manager, relating to current activities at the Mount Barker Regional Saleyards, be received.**
- 2. The report of the Deputy Chief Executive Officer, relating to the current financial position of the Mount Barker Regional Saleyards, be received.**

**CARRIED**

**8 NEXT MEETING**

12 September 2017 – Venue to be the Saleyards

**9 MEETING CLOSURE**

10.25am The Deputy Presiding Member declared the meeting closed.

**CONFIRMED: PRESIDING MEMBER \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_ / \_\_\_ / \_\_\_**