



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
12.00noon Tuesday 18 June 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

12.00noon The Presiding Member declared the meeting open.

2 RECORD OF ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIESMembers Present

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

Apologies

Cr L Handasyde

Visitors

Cr C Pavlovich - 12.00noon to 12.40pm
Dr D Burkett

Staff

Mr R Stewart, Chief Executive Officer
Mr J Fathers, Executive Manager Corporate Services
Mr G Moore, Saleyards Manager
Mr D Lynch, Executive Manager Works and Services

3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Moved Cr J Moir, seconded Mr M Skinner:

That the Minutes of the Ordinary meeting of the Saleyards Advisory Committee, held on 21 May 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.

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, 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 AUSTRALIAN LIVESTOCK MARKETS ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETING AND EXPO – ATTENDANCE BY CR M O'DEA**

File Ref: N48678
Attachment [2019 National Saleyards Expo delegate prospectus](#)
Responsible Officer: Rob Stewart
Chief Executive Officer
Author: John Fathers
Executive Manager Corporate Services
Proposed Meeting Date: 18 June 2019

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to authorise Cr Marie O'Dea to attend the Australian Livestock Markets Association Inc. (ALMA) Board meeting and Expo to be held in Roma on 24 and 25 July 2019.

BACKGROUND

At its meeting held on 17 July 2018, the Council resolved to confirm the nomination of Cr Marie O'Dea to the board of ALMA. Cr O'Dea was successfully appointed to the Board at ALMA's annual general meeting in that month.

Cr O'Dea previously attended the ALMA Board meetings held in Sydney in September and November 2018. The costs were reimbursed by ALMA. She also attended the Adelaide board meeting in February 2019 and was reimbursed direct for portion of travel. She also phoned into the recent board meeting for a small portion of the time.

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

There are no statutory implications for this report.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The registration for the conference is \$910.00 and accommodation for four nights will be approximately \$600.00. Air fares to and from Brisbane and then to Roma will be approximately \$1,200.00. Other costs will apply such as airport parking, meals and taxis.

ALMA has advised that it will not cover the costs associated with this attendance, as the board meeting component is very minor.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Policy implications do not apply for this report and it is the opinion of the author that policy development is not required.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

The Shire of Plantagenet Strategic Community Plan 2016-2026 provides at Outcome 3.5 (Appropriate infrastructure that supports sustainable economic development) the following Strategy:

Strategy 3.5.5:

'Manage and maintain the Saleyards to ensure that the facility is successful and self-sustaining'

Accordingly, the recommended outcome for this report aligns with the Strategic Community Plan.

OFFICER COMMENT

ALMA is a national body representing saleyards. It regards itself as a peak national industry body in relation to conducting saleyards business and lobbying with interest groups and governments.

The annual ALMA Expo is a key event on the livestock industry calendar. It provides a forum for the livestock industry across the nation to share ideas, knowledge and information. A full conference program is attached, however some of the highlights include:

- Looking over the fence - Muchea Saleyards;
- The role of saleyards in a livestock standstill;
- Biosecurity and emergency animal disease awareness training;
- Trespass and the role of saleyards in solving livestock thefts;
- Online selling interface for saleyards;
- What consumers want and expect - sustainable megatrends;
- Developing the livestock effluent code of practice;
- Transport chain of responsibility - where are we at?
- Tour to Brindley Park Feedlot and Roma Saleyards. The Roma Saleyards is the largest cattle selling centre in the Southern Hemisphere and has throughput 400,000 cattle each year.

Previous attendees have benefitted and the knowledge gained from exposure to industry trends has resulted in improvements at Saleyards.

Saleyards Manager Greg Moore will also attend the expo.

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Simple Majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

Moved Cr J Moir, seconded Mr M Skinner:

That it be a recommendation to the Council:

That:

- 1. Cr Marie O'Dea be authorised to attend the Australian Livestock Markets Association Inc. Board meeting and Expo to be held in Roma on 24 to 25 July 2019; and**
- 2. The expenditure be charged to Budget Item Saleyards – Conferences and Training – 21320.0029.**

CARRIED

6 GENERAL BUSINESS

6.1 WASTE WATER TREATMENT PROPOSALS

Dr Danny Burkett, Principal Engineer – Hydrology & Hydraulics at WSP was invited to make a presentation to the Committee about the proposal for effluent management. A copy of the draft report is attached.

Dr Burkett presented on:

- A brief explanation of the problems we're trying to solve.
- The options he has looked at.
- The benefits of the preferred option.
- Other things that are being considered in a works approval such as changes to ponds.

During discussion, there was general agreement that the weeping wall option was the most appropriate option to progress to a detailed design.

The Shire President, Cr C Pavlovich departed the meeting at 12.40pm.

6.2 MEETINGS WITH AGENTS – REQUESTS

During recent meetings with agents, some suggestions for improvements were raised. Examples are making the large W pens smaller (making two out of one), which will make them more useful as there large pens of cattle are not usually required.

In busy times, there are sometimes cattle sold in walkways and this requires the auctioneer to sell standing on the rails, which is claimed to be an occupational health and safety issue. The Saleyards Manager is considering those suggestions and will make a recommendation, which may result in a change to the draft budget.

For information, from an operational perspective, Elders asked the Shire not to wash down so soon on a Friday as it can interfere with outloading. They also suggested that the pen allocation take into consideration the number of large and small cattle. Having it based on numbers alone was suggested to result in a less optimal allocation of pens.

During discussion, members agreed that the proposal to make the large W pens smaller had merit and should be costed, with a view to that being undertaken in 2019/2020.

6.3 CONCRETE AT NEW RECEIVAL RAMP

The Executive Manager Works and Services outlined the problems with the concrete at the new receival ramp, which is showing signs of excessive surface wear. It was advised that the strength was above the level specified and the wear was thought to apply to the surface layer, which may have been 'creamed' up too much. A meeting had been held with Hansons and some advice was expected to be received about possible treatments. Core samples would also be taken and evaluated.

6.4 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 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, the guidelines to be put in place in the event of a request from a 4th agent to utilise the facility should be reviewed. In addition, biosecurity should also be discussed.
- During discussion 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.
- During discussion at the meeting held on 21 May 2019, the Executive Manager – Corporate Services advised that the TV advertising had been running for two years and was due for renewal. It was proposed that options be sought from GWN7 to take a break and then target busy seasons instead. Further, the suggestion was made that the advertisement be refreshed with new features that have been implemented since the advertisement was made and perhaps including customer endorsements. The Committee was supportive of this approach.

7 NEXT MEETING

16 July 2019.

8 MEETING CLOSURE

1.01pm The Presiding Member declared the meeting closed.

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