



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
8.00am Tuesday 21 May 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

8.00am 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 M O'Dea
Mr M Skinner

Apologies

Cr J Moir

Staff

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

3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Moved Cr B Bell, seconded Mr M Skinner:

That the Minutes of the Ordinary meeting of the Saleyards Advisory Committee, held on 26 March 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

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 MANAGER'S REPORT – 20 MARCH 2019 TO 13 MAY 2019

BITUMEN RE-SEALING - Large areas requiring re-sealing have now been completed.

LIGHTING MODIFICATIONS - Lighting modifications and an upgrade to overhead light towers at southern end have now been completed with excellent feedback received from selling agents and stock handlers.

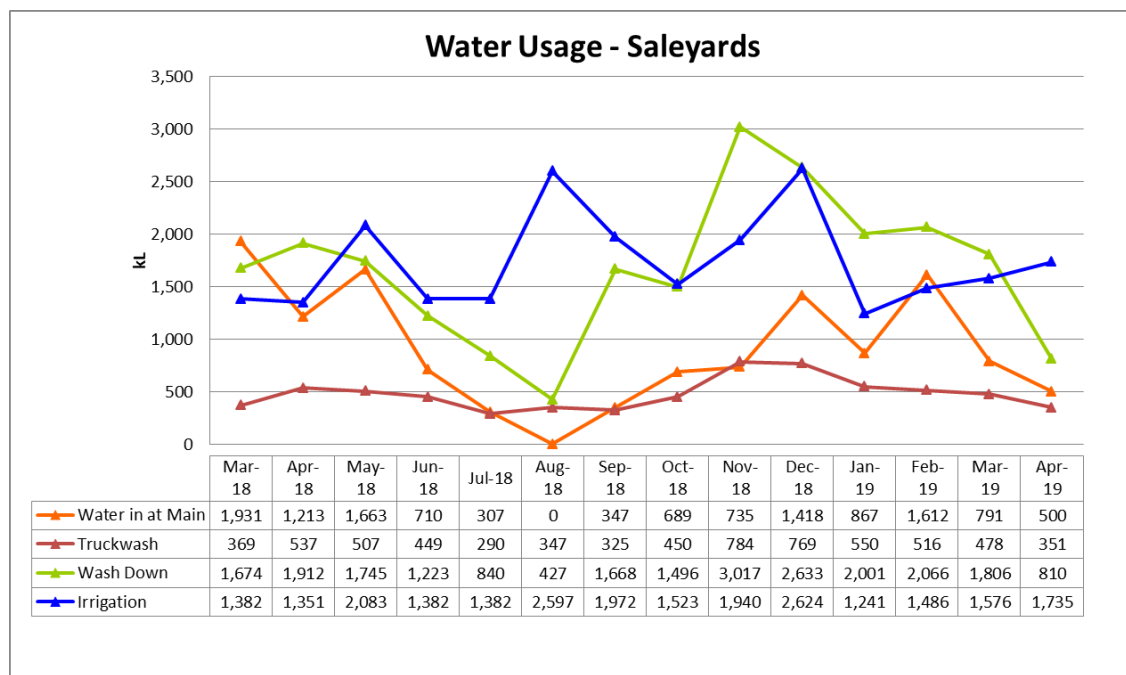
CATTLE SALES - Cattle numbers have been up and down over the last month of sales and the quality of the cattle offered for sale has been relatively good considering the season has not been too kind to many producers.

PADDOCK IRRIGATOR - A new diesel engine has been ordered and delivery is expected sometime in July.

WATER STORAGE TANK - Work has now been completed on the rust repairs to the main water storage tanks, and waiting on plumber to do pipework. The tank is now being used again.

PAINTING OF ROOF AND WALKWAYS - work on this project commenced over Easter with the bulk of the painting under the weighbridge roofs completed. The buyer's walkways are being done on weekends when there are no washdown activities to clash with.

The latest water usage graph is shown below.



VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Simple Majority

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION / COMMITTEE DECISION

Moved Cr M O'Dea, seconded Cr B Bell

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 APRIL 2019

File No: CA/126/1
Responsible Officer: Rob Stewart
Chief Executive Officer
Author: John Fathers
Executive Manager – Corporate Services
Proposed Meeting Date: 26 March 2019

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to review the financial position of the Mount Barker Regional Saleyards for the period ending 30 April 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 30 April 2019 position of operating and capital budget items is attached for information. Overall operating expenditure is \$ \$1,017,549.00, which is \$6,986.00 below the adjusted year to date (YTD) budget. The facility operating budget item is currently \$13,355.00 above YTD budget, mainly as a result of high power charges due to aerator issues and scheme water charges.

Year to date operating income is \$ \$647,987.00, which is \$ \$23,959.00 above YTD budget, mainly due to \$14,641.00 higher than projected income on weigh and pen fees.

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Simple Majority

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION / COMMITTEE DECISION

Moved Mr M Skinner, seconded Cr B Bell

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

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, 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.

6.2 NEW SALEYARDS ROOF – PHOTOVOLTAIC CELLS

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.

6.3 BUDGET ITEM - UNDERCOVER AREA - GENERATOR AND LUNCH SPACE

The Executive Manager – Corporate Services advised of the intention to modify the scope of this budget item such that the cover for the generator would be separate from the lunch area. The lunch area would include double doors from the canteen, opening to a covered and protected structure with a deck floor. The Committee was supportive of this proposal.

6.4 TV ADVERTISING

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.

6.5 AGENT APPROACH

The Executive Manager – Corporate Services advised that an approach had been made from a new agent to operate sales from the facility. It was intended to follow the established procedure. Other agents will be notified at forthcoming meetings with them.

6.6 WASTE WATER TREATMENT SYSTEM MODIFICATIONS

A query was raised in regard to the intentions to progress this project. The Executive Manager – Corporate Services advised that a waste water engineer had been engaged and had prepared a draft report. A preferred option had been selected and it was agreed to hold a special meeting of the committee to meet with the consultant to discuss the proposal.

7 NEXT MEETING

16 July 2019.

8 MEETING CLOSURE

8.57am The Presiding Member declared the meeting closed.

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