



## **GREAT SOUTHERN REGIONAL CATTLE SALEYARDS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**

# **MINUTES**

**SECTION 5.9(2)(a) LGA 1995**

### Committee Brief

*The duties of the committee shall be to:*

- *Make recommendation to the Council regarding the strategic direction of the Saleyards;*
- *Make Recommendation 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 recommendation to the Council regarding development works on the site.*

An Ordinary Meeting of the  
Great Southern Regional Cattle Saleyards Advisory Committee was  
held in the Committee Room, Lowood Road, Mount Barker WA, 6324  
11.30pm Tuesday 22 September 2009.

**Rob Stewart**  
**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

### Committee Members

*Cr K Forbes AM, Cr M Skinner, Cr S Grylls 373/07*

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**Chairperson:**

Cr M Skinner

**Deputy Chairperson:**

**Membership**

Cr K Forbes AM- Rocky Gully / West Ward - Shire President

Cr M Skinner - East Ward

Cr S Grylls - Rocky Gully / West Ward

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

11.40pm The Presiding Member declared the meeting open.

## **2 RECORD OF ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIES**

### Present

Cr M Skinner Presiding Member  
Cr K Forbes, AM

### Leave of Absence

Cr S Grylls

### Staff

Mr J Fathers Deputy Chief Executive Officer  
Mr S Smith Manager – Saleyards

## **3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**Moved Cr K Forbes AM, seconded Cr M Skinner:**

**That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Great Southern Regional Cattle Saleyards Advisory Committee, held on 25 August 2009 as circulated, be taken as read and adopted as a correct record.**

**CARRIED**

## **Matters Arising**

*During discussion, the Saleyards Manager, Mr Smith advised that the water re-use chlorination system had been set up and could be switched on when required. The application rates had also been determined. Members requested that Mr Smith investigate the most cost effective supply of chlorine.*

## **4 DISCLOSURE OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS**

A Financial Interest was disclosed by Cr M Skinner  
Nature and Extent of Interest: Farming - 400 head of cattle

A Financial Interest was disclosed by Cr K Forbes, AM  
Nature and Extent of Interest: Cattle Producer - 300 head of mixed cattle

### **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 Regional Development via letter dated 14 November 2008, giving permission for Cr K Forbes AM, Cr M Skinner, Cr B Hollingworth, Cr J Moir and Cr D Nye-Chart to participate in matters relating to the Great Southern Regional Cattle Saleyards until October 2009.

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 - AUGUST 2009

#### Sale Data

(1/8/09 – 31/8/09)

Total August numbers including MSA were 1891 head.

25 cattle have received replacement NILS tags over this time.

One animal has been put down or removed.

Eight bales of hay have been fed out.

There have been no cattle gone through for Private/Shipper Weigh.

#### General Business

(18/8/09 – 15/9/09)

Gary Edwards from Livestock Exchange Consultancy attended on 19 August 2009 and updated the computer software. His leaving comment was we need to update the main computer before it crashes, which is budgeted for this year.

Dirt pen gravelling on east side and north side is happening when we can organize the gravel up from the pit. We have had a large amount of gravel pushed up.

Steve Player has been painting canteen hall, tea room and managers office. He also repaired the leak in the roof beside the rangehood in the canteen, and replaced fly screens on doors.

Casual employee Howard Hickman departed on the 1 September 2009, so we are looking for someone else to do wash down.

Jodie Elson will start early October to be Clarie's replacement. She has been appointed on a casual basis at this stage.

Steve and Amanda Brown have been vaccinated for Q fever.

L. H. Air Tools have serviced the two compressors at the weighbridge and have confirmed they are in good working order.

Steve and myself attended a firearms training course in Perth, along with Ray Parry and Steve Player. We also took this opportunity to look over the new yards at Muchea.

We have repaired leaking pipes under the concrete on the washdown line .

Minor maintenance jobs are still being carried out.

*During discussion, the Saleyards Manager, Mr Smith advised that the Stock Squad had been having a few issues at yards in the region with regard to ear notches and weighbills not being completed properly. Cr Forbes advised that an informal discussion with a representative of the RSPCA at the yards had indicated that they were satisfied with the current operations. At the request of Cr Forbes, the Committee agreed that it would be appropriate to hold a function at the yards in March 2010 to recognise its ten years of operation.*

## COMMITTEE DECISION

**Moved Cr K Forbes, AM, seconded Cr M Skinner:**

**That the monthly report of the Saleyards Manager, be received.**

**CARRIED**

**5.2 SALEYARDS FINANCIAL REPORT – 31 AUGUST 2009**

**File No:** CA/126/1  
**Responsible Officer:** Rob Stewart  
Chief Executive Officer  
**Author:** John Fathers  
Deputy Chief Executive Officer  
**Proposed Meeting Date:** 22 September 2009

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**Purpose**

The purpose of this report is to review the financial position of the Great Southern Regional Cattle Saleyards (GSRCS) for the period ending 31 August 2009.

**Statutory Environment**

There are no statutory implications for this report.

**Consultation**

There has been no consultation in relation to this report.

**Policy Implications**

There are no policy implications for this report.

**Financial Implications**

This report identifies the current operating position of the GSRCS.

**Strategic Implications**

There are no strategic implications for this report.

**Officer Comment**

A spreadsheet showing the current position of operating and capital budget items is attached for information. Operating expenditure is \$14,977 below budget and operating income is \$16,272 below budget. Insurance costs are again higher than budget. The expenditure on the water monitoring system and associated works will require a journal and some accrual transfers between financial years, when all the invoices have come in and been paid.

**Voting Requirements**

Simple Majority

**COMMITTEE DECISION**

**Moved Cr K Forbes, AM, seconded Cr M Skinner:**

**That the report of the Deputy Chief Executive Officer, relating to the current financial position of the Great Southern Regional Cattle Saleyards, be received.**

**CARRIED**

## **6 GENERAL BUSINESS**

### **6.1 LEASE - MITCHELLS YARDS**

The Deputy Chief Executive Officer, Mr Fathers advised that a lease document had been sourced from the City of Albany for Mitchells yards, which had expired. A new lease was to be drawn up. Discussion ensued in regard to the possible rateability of that portion. It was the view of the Committee members that being a lease of agricultural land, the Shire (as owner) should be responsible for rates.

### **6.2 GRAZING OF CROP AREAS**

The Saleyards Manager, Mr Smith raised the possibility of coming to an agistment arrangement with an adjoining landowner to reduce the fire risk and raise some income. The Committee agreed with this suggestion in principle, which would need to be further investigated and a report presented to the Council.

### **6.3 PROPOSAL FOR ROOFING OF DIRT PENS**

Cr Forbes suggested that quotes be obtained for the erection of some flat roofing over the dirt pens, incorporating plumbing to the water tanks, with a view to a grant application being made to the Great Southern Development Commission (GSDC). The Committee agreed that there were merits in protecting the cattle in hot weather, particularly those that remain in the yards the longest. The Committee considered that the GSDC may look favourably at this project.

### **6.4 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF CR FORBES, AM**

The Chairman noted that this was Cr Forbes' last meeting at the Committee and acknowledged that he had been involved with this project from its inception approximately 15 years ago and had been a member of this Committee ever since.

Cr Forbes responded that the Saleyards were something he was very proud of and he was very happy that he was leaving with the yards being as run as well as they ever had.

## **7 NEXT MEETING**

To be advised

## **8 MEETING CLOSURE**

12.25 pm The Presiding Member declared the meeting closed.

**CONFIRMED:**  
**CHAIRPERSON** \_\_\_\_\_ **DATE:** \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_