



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
10.00am Tuesday 29 January 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

10.00am 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 J Moir
Cr M O'Dea
Mr M Skinner

Staff

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

3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Moved Cr B Bell, seconded Cr M O'Dea:

That the Minutes of the Ordinary meeting of the Saleyards Advisory Committee, held on 20 November 2018 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 and Communities via a letter dated 4 June 2018, giving permission for Mr M Skinner to participate in the discussion and decision making at the Saleyards Advisory Committee on matters relating to the Mount Barker Regional Saleyards until 30 April 2019.

Mr J Fathers read aloud the letter, a copy of which is attached to these minutes.

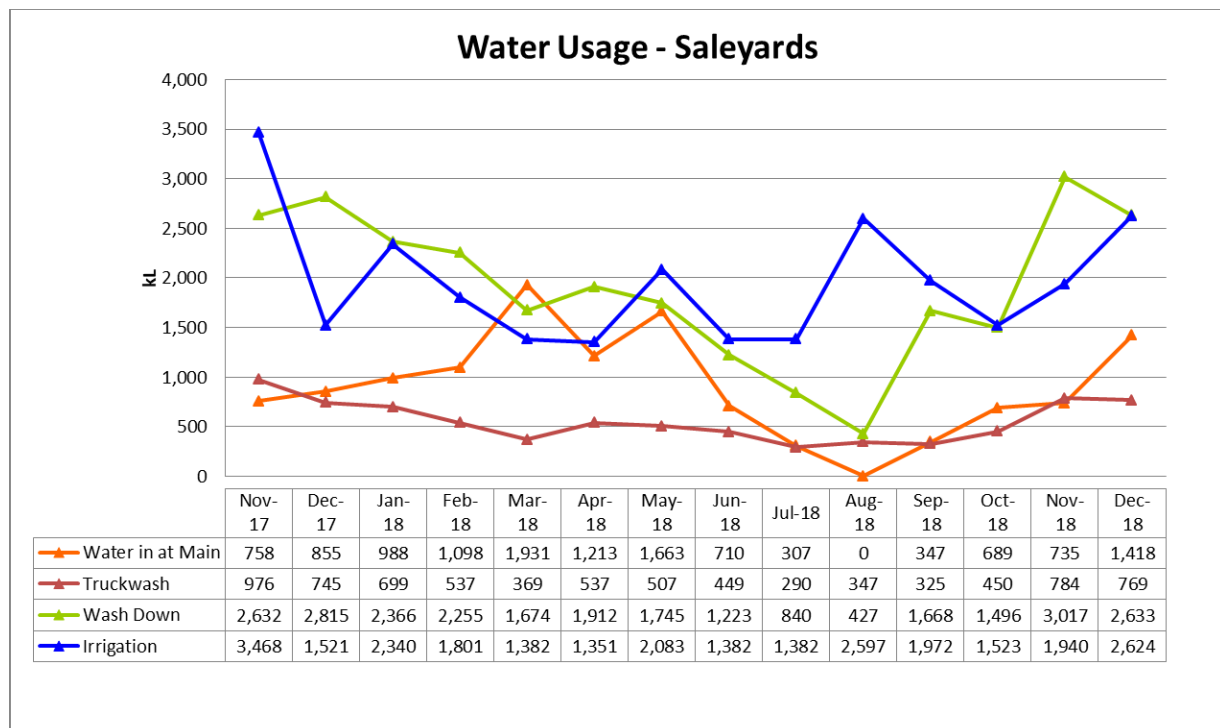
5 REPORTS OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND OFFICERS**5.1 MANAGER'S REPORT – 21 NOVEMBER 2018 TO 21 JANUARY 2019****SALE DATA**

- Total sale numbers 21,768 head.
- There have been 81 cattle eligible for MSA sales in this time.
- 152 cattle have received replacement NLIS tags over this time.
- 13 animals have been put down, 11 to pet food, 2 to tip.
- 23 bales of hay have been fed out over this time.
- There have been 1,522 cattle processed for Private/Shipper Weigh.

GENERAL BUSINESS

- On 3 December, new manager Greg Moore commenced work at the facility.
- On 4 December, the Elders Special Weaner sale was held with 938 on offer. Average cents 305.25 and average \$/head \$954.06.
- On 10 December, Plantagenet Sheds & Steel started setting up the area for start on the new 7th receival ramp.
- On 11 December, Thinkwater finish replacing the 3rd stack on washdown pumps. The system is now running efficiently.
- On 13 December, one heifer escaped off the run through gates on a Trac Transport truck. All parties were notified (police, ranger, Main Roads). The heifer returned the next day, was re-yarded and sold.
- On 17 December, the Elders Ray Norman Memorial Breeders sale was held, with 513 on offer. Top price was PTIC heifers \$3,250.00 for an average of \$1,526.51.
- On 21 December, the Christmas break began.
- On 27 December, we returned from the Christmas break.
- On 2 January 2019, the No. 1 aerator was re-positioned from pond 3 to pond 1 with Mount Barker Electrics wiring up the following week.
- On 3 January, steel, concreting supplies and preparation gear was delivered for ramp 7.
- On 7 January, the ramp 7 receivals project was commenced.
- On 8 January, a Landmark Special Black Angus Weaner sale was held with 1,696 head on offer. Average cents \$300.94 with average \$/head \$975.28.
- On 10 & 11 January, Gate 2 Plate cattle started coming in for induction. The facility was cleaned up and made ready for the Saturday field day, which went very well. Approximately 130 people came through the facility over the Saturday 12th. Cattle were very even this year with no issues and no cattle rejected out of the competition.

- On 15 January, the Landmark Blue Ribbon Breeder and Bull sale was held. A total of 723 breeders were on offer with the top price being \$2,550.00 for a pen of PTIC Heifers. Average was \$1,581.24. Fifty bulls were presented for the bull sale with five being passed in. Top price was for a Simmental Bull from the Hard Family which was bought by a South Australian which went for \$16,500.00 +. The average was \$5,888.89.
- By 16 January, we have now had all but one concrete trough ring repaired by Plantagenet Sheds & Steel. Ten were commissioned to alleviate the need to clean them out so frequently. They are also now removable for animal welfare purposes.
- On 21 January, Mettler Toledo was on site to calibrate weighbridges with no issues.
- By 21 January, the dam is getting low so will probably be reliant on scheme water from next week.
- 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 – 31 DECEMBER 2018

File No: CA/126/1
Responsible Officer: Rob Stewart
Chief Executive Officer
Author: John Fathers
Deputy Chief Executive Officer
Proposed Meeting Date: 29 January 2019

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to review the financial position of the Mount Barker Regional Saleyards for the period ending 31 December 2018.

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 31 December 2018 position of operating and capital budget items is attached for information. Overall operating expenditure is \$654,476.00, which is \$93,094.00 above budget. This is due to an over-expenditure on Depreciation – Infrastructure, which is \$73,555.00 over YTD budget (due to recent infrastructure revaluations). This has been raised in the December budget review.

The salaries budget is currently \$34,896.00 over YTD budget, which is due to long service leave and annual leave for the former Saleyards Manager as well as higher duties payments and staffing cover. This variance is expected to reduce over time.

Unbudgeted repairs to the wash-down pump resulted in expenditure totalling \$7,800.00. One of the pump 'stacks' (the part of the pump that creates the pressure) had worn out. It has been recommended in the budget review that a capital expenditure item for this expenditure be established, to be offset by a transfer from the Mount Barker Regional Saleyards Capital Improvements Reserve.

Year to date operating income is \$325,785.00, which is \$52,577.00 above YTD budget, due to a corresponding level over the YTD estimate on weigh and pen fees.

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Simple Majority

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION / COMMITTEE DECISION

Moved Cr B Bell, seconded Cr J Moir:

That the report of the Deputy Chief Executive Officer, 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.
- 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.

6.2 MEDIA RELEASE - PROGRESS ON SOUTH-WEST SALEYARD SOLUTION**7 NEXT MEETING**

26 February 2019

8 MEETING CLOSURE

10.56am The Presiding Member declared the meeting closed.

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