



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;*
- *Make recommendations to the Council regarding development works on the site;*
- *Make recommendations to the Council regarding the Saleyards Annual Budget; and*
- *Monitor the performance of the Saleyards and report back to the Council.*

A meeting of the Saleyards Advisory Committee
was held in the Committee Room,
Lowood Road, Mount Barker WA 6324
3.00pm Tuesday 22 August 2023.

Gary Clark
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Committee Members

Cr J Oldfield, Cr B Bell, Cr L Handasyde and Cr M O'Dea - 178/21

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Membership

Cr L Handasyde (Presiding Member)

Cr J Oldfield

Cr B Bell

Cr M O'Dea

Cr A Fraser (Deputy for any member)

1 DECLARATION OF OPENING / ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS

3.00pm The Presiding Member declared the meeting open.

2 RECORD OF ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIESMembers Present

Cr L Handasyde – Presiding Member
Cr B Bell
Cr M O’Dea
Cr J Oldfield

Visitors

Cr A Fraser

Staff

Mr J Fathers, Deputy Chief Executive Officer
Mr G Moore, Saleyards Manager
Mrs 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 27 June 2023 as circulated, be taken as read and adopted as a correct record.

CARRIED

4 DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

Nil

5 REPORTS OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

5.1 MANAGER'S REPORT – JULY TO AUGUST 2023

SOFT FLOOR MATS - This project has now been completed. Feedback has been very positive.

LIGHT TOWER REPLACEMENT - This project has also now been completed; all looks good and working correctly.

STAFF CANTEEN - Work is continuing to bring the canteen to completion. The Shire Building Maintenance Officer has given his assurance that this will be his priority until the canteen is suitable for use.

ABLUTION BLOCK CONCRETE – Job still to be done, building maintenance will be doing the job and are awaiting fine weather to allow for concrete pour.

DISABLED PARKING BAY – Job still pending, to be done in conjunction with above job, awaiting fine weather and staff.

ALMA AGM & CONFERENCE – This year's conference and AGM were held on the Gold Coast. Erika Henderson attended on behalf of the Saleyards and has provided a report detailing her experience that is provided as an attachment.

AGENTS MEETINGS – Some actions coming out of the recent agents' meetings have been addressed.

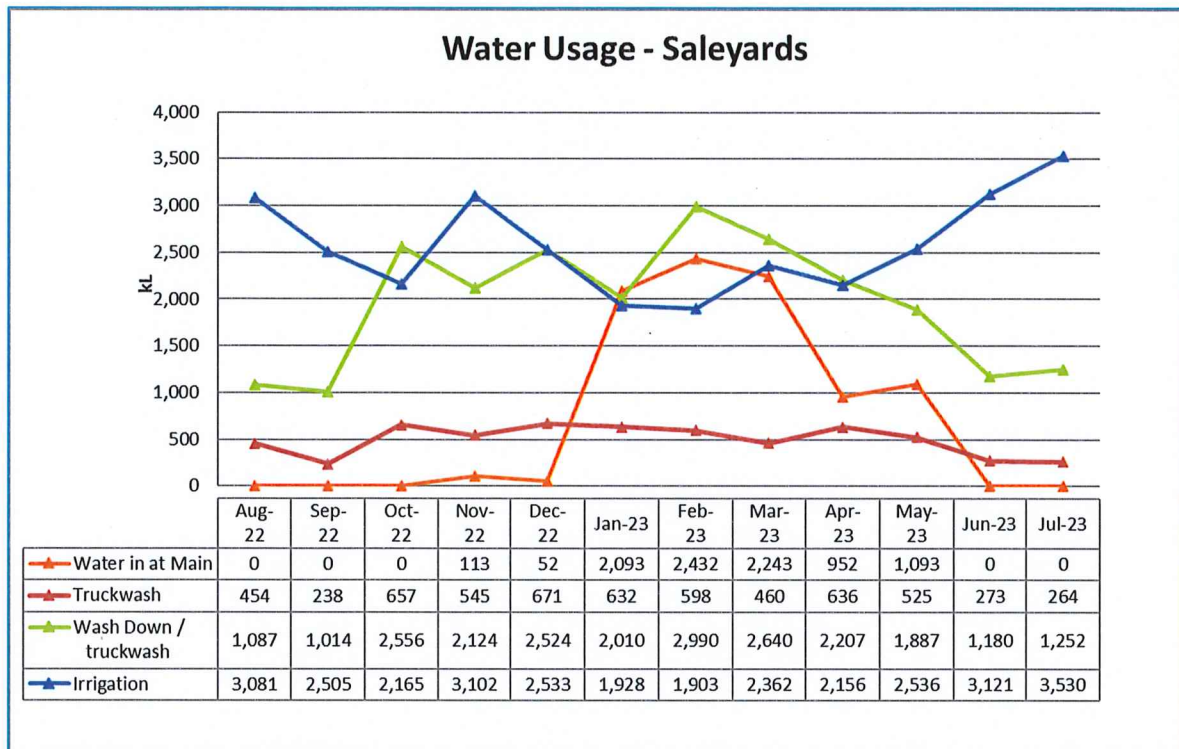
- **ELDERS** – Heavy duty gate at access laneway on west side of yards. This has been completed.
- **NUTRIEN** – Change over computer program to Agri-nous. Some research has been done and we have spoken with other saleyards re software programs and submitted a lengthy report to DCEO regarding our findings and recommendations.

ANODES – At the June saleyards advisory committee meeting Cr Bell raised the question on fitting Anodes to the new and existing lighting towers. Wes Sounness from The Tankman is going to give us a quote to purchase and fit sacrificial anodes to the towers.

Cattle Mortality Statistics

2016/2017	45
2017/2018	62
2018/2019	41
2019/2020	48
2020/2021	29
2021/2022	25
2022/2023	25
2023/2024 (to date)	2

The latest water usage graph is shown below:



VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Simple Majority

During discussion, it was noted that the remaining light towers are likely to be rust affected below ground and action should be taken to pre-empt and prevent the remaining ones falling over.

There was also a discussion in regard to the investigations into the saleyards software replacement. For a number of reasons, the current preferred option is to upgrade the existing software to 'Stockyards,' rather than move to the software preferred by one agent, namely AgriNous. It was noted that further information would be presented to the Committee for formal support of this option.

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 – 31 JULY 2023

File No: CA/126/1
Responsible Officer: John Fathers
Deputy Chief Executive Officer
Author: John Fathers
Deputy Chief Executive Officer
Proposed Meeting Date: 22 August 2023

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to review the financial position of the Mount Barker Regional Saleyards for the period ending 31 July 2023.

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 July 2023 position of operating and capital budget items is attached for information. There is not a lot of activity to report on at this early stage.

Overall operating expenditure is \$92,200. This is \$5,631.00 above the YTD budget, somewhat due to \$8,524.00 over budget on July administration allocation.

There has been expenditure of \$16,500.00 on capital budget items to date, being the replacement light pole.

Operating income is \$16,444.00, which is \$4,972.00 below YTD budget.

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Simple Majority

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION / COMMITTEE DECISION

Moved Cr B Bell, seconded Cr J Oldfield:

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 Presentation by Assistant Saleyards Manager, Erika Henderson on her attendance at the Australian Saleyards Conference and Expo, held on the Gold Coast in July 2023.

7 NEXT MEETING

October 2023

8 MEETING CLOSURE

3.51pm The Presiding Member declared the meeting closed.

CONFIRMED: PRESIDING MEMBER _____ DATE: ___ / ___ / ___