



## 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  
12.45pm Tuesday 22 February 2022.

  
Cameron Woods  
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)

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

12.45pm The Presiding Member declared the meeting open.

**2 RECORD OF ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIES**Members 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 M O’Dea, seconded Cr B Bell**

**That the Minutes of the Ordinary meeting of the Saleyards Advisory Committee, held on 23 November 2021 as circulated, be taken as read and adopted as a correct record.**

**CARRIED**

**4 DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST**

Nil

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**5 REPORTS OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND OFFICERS****5.1 MANAGER'S REPORT – FEBRUARY 2022****WEANER / TRADE SALES**

It is expected that the 2 day selling season will wind up at the end of February and we will be back to single day sales commencing March 2022.

**SALEYARD CHRISTMAS FUNCTION**

The Saleyards Christmas BBQ was held on Thursday 16 December 2021, but was not well attended even though the usual advices were sent to stakeholders. Saleyards staff have requested that the date of this event be moved from late December to a more appropriate time of year when we are not in the double / triple sales period, or if the interest has subsided perhaps remove from calendar altogether.

**BUDGET ITEMS UPDATE****Additional Water Tank for Washdown Water**

The water tank has now installed by The Tankman and is awaiting the plumbers to install all pipe work and plumbing.

**Ride On Lawnmower**

The new ride on lawn mower has been delivered and is in use at the Saleyards.

**Washdown Pumps Controller Upgrade**

This installation has been completed and after some initial teething problems with some parameters and settings the pumps are operating as they should.

**Extra Dirt Pens**

This project had to be re-quoted by our 3 steel fabrication companies due to increased steel prices and availability of steel. At this point I only have 2 of the three quotes. I spoke with the third company yesterday and asked them again to re-submit quotes as this job is intended to be started after completion of double sales period.

**Ramp 3 Bugle Modifications**

It is envisaged that Plantagenet Sheds and Steel will commence work on this project after the completion of double sales period. This will be the final ramp to modify and will have all ramps at discharge end completed.

**Allflex (Aleis) Scanner Panel Upgrade**

I had recent discussions with the project manager and some delays have pushed the potential install date back to March 2022.

**Saleyards Ablution Block**

I have been informed that the install date for this project has also been pushed back to April 2022.

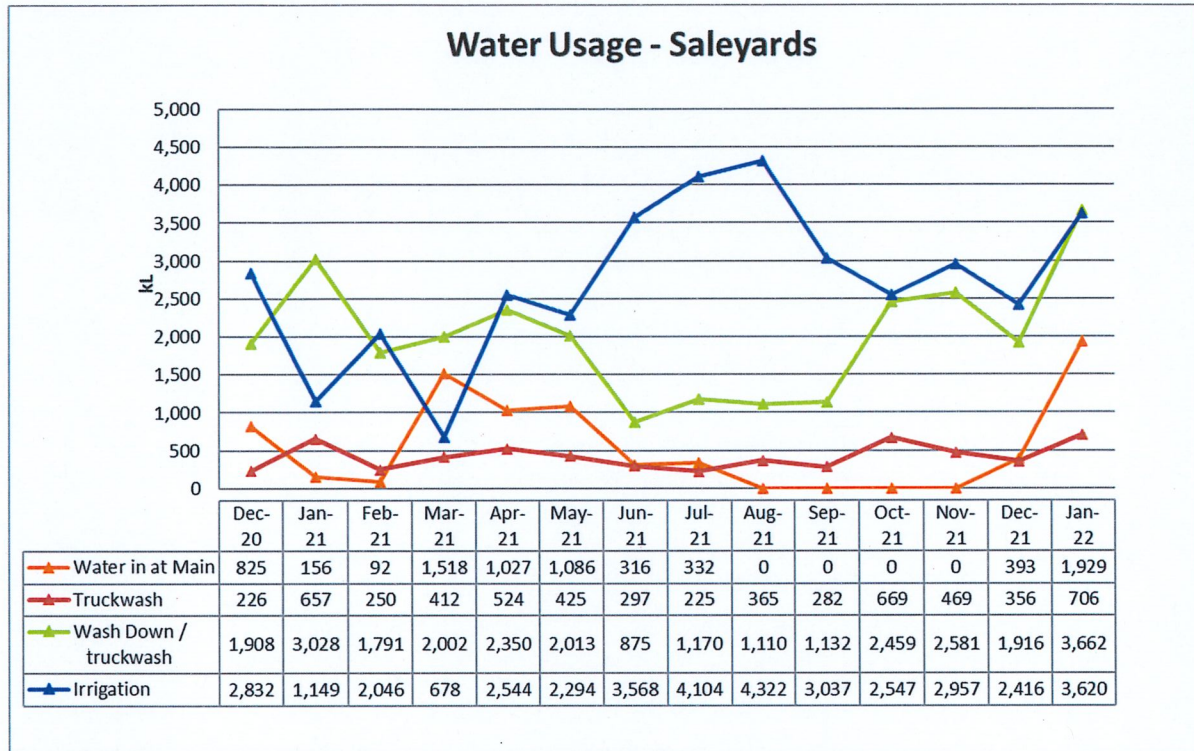
**Paddock Irrigator**

All quotes for this purchase have been received and being assessed against needs.

**Cattle Mortality Statistics**

2016/2017	45
2017/2018	62
2018/2019	41
2019/2020	48
2020/2021	29
2021/2022 (to date)	18

The latest water usage graph is shown below:



**VOTING REQUIREMENTS**

Simple Majority

*During discussion, the Committee agreed that December is a bad time of year for staff to organise a function and requested the Saleyards Manager to provide a recommendation on a more appropriate date for a get together with stakeholders and to confirm who the function is for. Councillors suggested that they could provide some assistance with cooking for the event.*

**OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION / COMMITTEE DECISION**

Moved Cr M O'Dea, seconded Cr J Oldfield

That the report of the Saleyards Manager, relating to current activities at the Mount Barker Regional Saleyards, be received.

**CARRIED**

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**5.2 SALEYARDS FINANCIAL REPORT – 31 JANUARY 2022**

**File No:** CA/126/1  
**Responsible Officer:** Cameron Woods  
Chief Executive Officer  
**Author:** John Fathers  
Deputy Chief Executive Officer  
**Proposed Meeting Date:** 22 February 2022

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**PURPOSE**

The purpose of this report is to review the financial position of the Mount Barker Regional Saleyards for the period ending 31 January 2021.

**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 preliminary 31 January 2021 position of operating and capital budget items is attached for information.

Overall operating expenditure is \$505,627.00. This is \$41,880.00 below the YTD budget.

There has been some expenditure totalling \$65,831.00 on capital budget items to date, including new lawnmower, pump shed controller and a deposit on the staff canteen/ablutions block.

Operating income is \$484,567.00, which is \$19,480.00 above 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 2022/2023 BUDGET AND FEES

It is intended to present the budget proposals at the next meeting. In the interim, the usual information is provided, with options at 1% and 2% increases. The main items under consideration at the moment are:

- Continuation of painting of galvanised elements - roof and walkways - \$25,000.00
- Continuation of bitumen repairs – Cost to be assessed.
- Container load of replacement Surefoot mats - \$40,000.00 (Estimate).
- Begin a program of replacing sale pen lighting.

The Consumer Price Index (All Groups Perth) has increased by 5.7% from December 2020 to December 2021.

WALGA forecasted the Local Government Cost Index (LGCI) to increase 3.9% in 2021-22 as the increased demand from Government stimulus arrives at the same time as labour supply is constrained by closed interstate and international borders, and supply issues continue for materials from both domestic and global challenges.

Recent throughput, CPI and fee increases are shown below:

Year	Throughput	CPI	Fee Increase
2013/14	69,010	2.5% (2012/13)	4%
2014/15	69,661	3.3% (2013/14)	3%
2015/16	62,657	1.2% (2014/15)	3%
2016/17	65,039	0.5% (2015/16)	2%
2017/18	67,711	0.7% (2016/17)	2%
2018/19	68,230	1.3% (2017/18)	1%
2019/20	75,943	1.6% (2018/19)	2%
2020/21	71,817	0.1% (2019/20)	2%
2021/22	47,032 to February 2022	4.2% (2020/21)	

Overall, each 1% fee increase would result in approximately \$8,000.00 more in income. Guidance is sought on appropriate fee movements, given continued strong pricing and recent fee increases. Last year, the main cattle weighing and penning fees increased by around 2%. Most of the fees have increased by either 1% or 2% over the last few years.

*During discussion, the Committee agreed that scenarios for fees increases be done at 2% and 3%, for presentation at the next meeting.*

### 6.2 UWA INVESTIGATION – WASTE WATER TREATMENT

The Saleyards Manager and Deputy CEO spoke to UWA recently about the progress of their report. There is a delay on finalising it and we are expecting to hear from UWA again shortly with an update.

UWA have since advised that they expect the report to be completed in around one month.



**6.3 GATE TO PLATE**

The Committee expressed its appreciation for a job well done on the Gate to Plate event, during a busy time after Christmas.

**6.4 2023 ALMA CONFERENCE**

Cr O'Dea advised that the 2022 ALMA conference would be held in Cairns. The 2023 conference is open to applications and suggested the Shire could make a bid for that to be held in Albany. It was requested that a report be prepared for the next meeting along these lines.

**7 NEXT MEETING**

In approximately one month, aiming to coincide with the receipt of the UWA report.

**8 MEETING CLOSURE**

1.30pm The Presiding Member declared the meeting closed.

**CONFIRMED: PRESIDING MEMBER** \_\_\_\_\_ **DATE:** \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_