



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
12.00noon Tuesday 25 October 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)

1 DECLARATION OF OPENING / ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS

12.00 pm 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
Mrs E Henderson, Assistant Saleyards Manager

Apologies

Mr G Moore, 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 23 August 2022 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 – SEPTEMBER / OCTOBER 2022

Prime Sales

Prime sales are expected to finish at end of November 2022 and we then will move into double/triple sales. We still have a shortfall in numbers compared to this time last year and will be interesting to see if numbers return.

Three Extra Dirt Pens

This project has now been completed and the yards are currently in use, with positive feedback received from operating agent.

Ablution Block Staff Canteen

The building is still incomplete with numerous tasks required before the building is ready to be put into service. An expected completion date has not been advised so far.

Saleyards Machinery Storage

The need for more secure storage at the saleyards has long been identified. With that in mind I would like to purchase a 20' sea container which can be positioned alongside the existing feed storage sea container. A roof can then be fitted between the two containers to provide an undercover park up bay for our tipper truck. We have sourced two quotes from local suppliers approx. \$4000 to \$5000 +GST range. It is considered that this can be accommodated within the operating expenditure budget.

Saleyards OSH Audit

Tribal Safety Solutions conducted an OSH audit of the facility on Tuesday 27 September, with minimal issues or non-compliance. They were minor obstructions to fire extinguisher/fire blanket access and some electrical cables on floor of weighbridges.

Sustainable Built Design

A consultant acting on behalf of the South Coast Alliance will be conducting an energy audit of the saleyards on Tuesday 18 October 2022. (This facility and Sounness park will be audited).

This project builds upon the recent Roadmap to Zero work completed by the Alliance, which has enabled the identification of a variety of council owned built assets that have large ecological footprints based on their operational carbon footprint. This project will allow SCA member councils to accelerate the learning of know-how needed to fully capture the mitigation potential of retrofit actions in buildings.

Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development Weather Station

A request has been received from DPIRD to install a weather station at the saleyards. Personally I am reluctant to support the proposal on Shire property as it will increase the amount of people and or traffic coming and going and I also believe there will be a connection to heat stress modelling in Saleyards that may hinder our ability to conduct sale during the summer months.

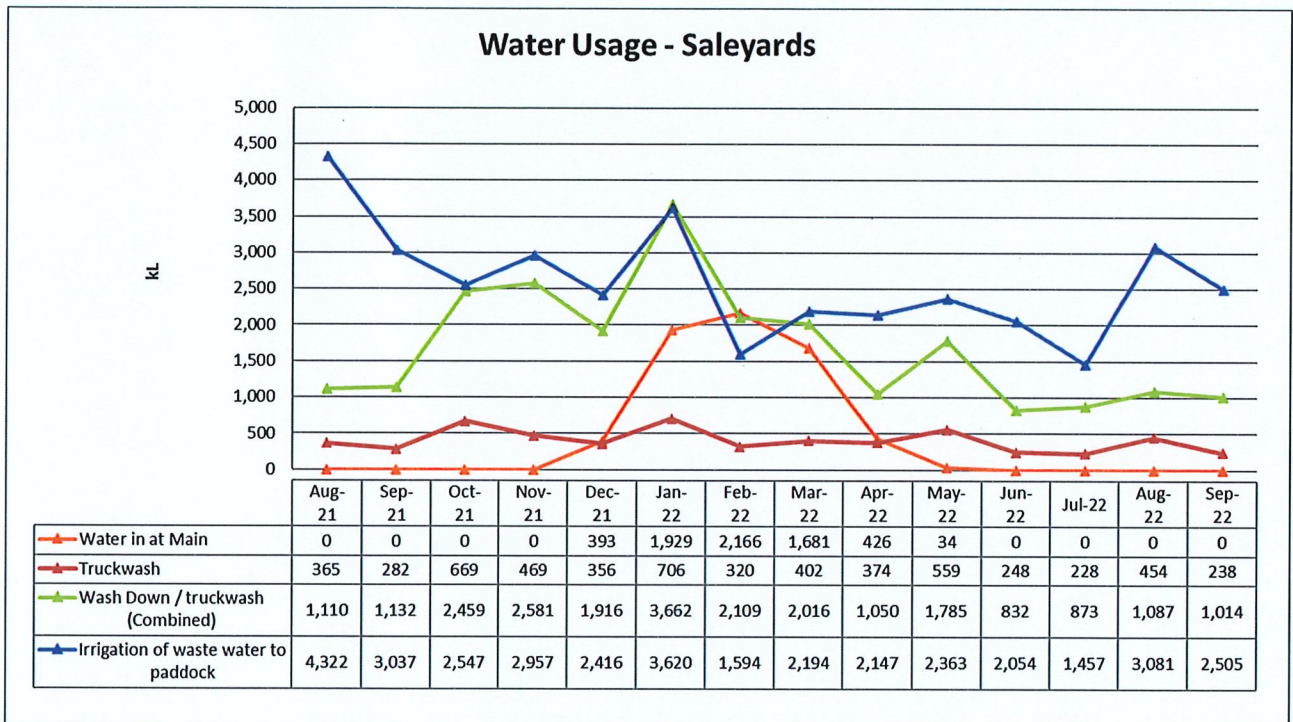
The DCEO does not share quite the same view. DPIRD staff have had many staff visit the facility recently anyway. In discussion with the saleyards manager, it is apparent that there are many factors that can influence heat stress. The DCEO is of

the view this is a proactive move from the government department with oversight on animal welfare and therefore should be supported. Some perspectives from the Committee would be helpful.

Cattle Mortality Statistics

2016/2017	45
2017/2018	62
2018/2019	41
2019/2020	48
2020/2021	29
2021/2022	25
2022/2023 (to date)	4

The latest water usage graph is shown below:



VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Simple Majority

During discussion, no objection was raised in regard to a sea container for temporary storage purposes, with proposals for a container dome roof to be sought and submitted for consideration. A longer term proposition would be to install a shed and on-sell the sea containers. In regard to DRIRD’s request for a weather station to be installed at the facility, there was cautionary endorsement.

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 SEPTEMBER 2022

File No: CA/126/1
Responsible Officer: Cameron Woods
Chief Executive Officer
Author: John Fathers
Deputy Chief Executive Officer
Proposed Meeting Date: 25 October 2022

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to review the financial position of the Mount Barker Regional Saleyards for the period ending 30 September 2022.

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 September 2022 position of operating and capital budget items is attached for information.

Overall operating expenditure is \$195,653.00. This is \$83,158.00 below the YTD budget. Note that the 2nd tranche of insurance payments (approximately \$21,000.00) has not yet been made. Further, depreciation is currently \$25,184.00 below YTD budget, although this will change when updated valuation figures are imposed.

There has been expenditure totalling \$122,477.00 on capital budget items to date, being the outloading bugle ramp (\$18k), canteen / ablution block (\$83K) and new pens (\$21k).

Operating income is \$63,765.00, which is \$20,423 below YTD budget; saleyards fees are \$17,835.00 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 UWA INVESTIGATION – WASTE WATER TREATMENT**

During discussion at the meeting held on 23 August 2022, the Deputy CEO advised that he would seek advice from the Shire's environmental analyst as to whether he is in a position to carry out any of this testing.

Mr Williams from West Coast Analytical Services has been provided with the materials and has advised that he is keen and able to do the work. His schedule has not permitted it at this stage, however, he will be able to carry it out by the end of the year. He does need to purchase some additional equipment such as the correct size beakers.

6.2 NATIONAL LIVESTOCK REPORTING SERVICE

During discussion at the meeting held on 23 August 2022 in regard to the National Livestock Reporting Service, members were generally of the opinion that market report has outlived its usefulness and had been taken over by electronic advice services provided by stock agents. Nevertheless, it was agreed to write to agents to seek their advice prior to a decision being made.

The comments received have been distributed to members separately.

During discussion, the view was expressed that the Shire should retain the service for now, but ask MLA whether a streamlined service could be available. Further, as this data is utilised for the compiling of the WA Young Cattle Indicator, the query was made as to whether the Boyanup saleyards also be represented. Therefore it was agreed that clarification be sought from MLA on the formulation of the 'WYCI'.

7 NEXT MEETING

TBA.

8 MEETING CLOSURE

12.40 pm The Presiding Member declared the meeting closed.

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