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Saleyard News



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Farewell to Andrew Robinson

Council commits to funding upgrade works at the Millicent Saleyards

A formal Committee to be formed to assist with planning and operations at the Saleyards



FAREWELL AND THANK YOU ANDREW ROBINSON

Anyone who has visited the Saleyards in the last seven years has likely encountered our enthusiastic and dedicated Saleyards Manager, Andrew Robinson. "Robbo" has diligently worked the yards and paddocks like his own, and has worked tirelessly to ensure the continued provision of service for the farmers of the Wattle Range Region. Andrew will be missed at the Saleyards, however he is not going far, and you will likely spot him around town as he transitions to a role on our Parks and Gardens team.

Thank you Andrew for hard work, cheerful banter and commitment over the years.

Andrew will spend the next couple of sales handing his duties to Council's Engineering Department, where a number of staff will now be assigned to the Saleyards. The new contact for site users will be Tim Whennen, Mechanical Team Leader. Welcome Tim!

COUNCIL COMMITS TO FUND WORKS AT THE MILLICENT SALEYARDS

At the Special Council Meeting held in November 2021, Council was provided with a detailed report which outlined the hazards that were identified at the Millicent Saleyards during the site inspections, via the Safework Notices and in consultation with site users. Council also heard from a number of stakeholders and concerned community members via deputations and written correspondence. With all the information at hand, Council agreed to budget just over \$689,000 to upgrade the Millicent Saleyards to reduce the current risks at the site posed by ageing infrastructure.

The proposed upgrades are currently being scoped in detail and will be completed both internally and by external contractors. The proposed upgrades include:

- Upgrade to truck wash steps and bay
- Upgrade to 4x fixed loading ramps
- Replacement of 2x adjustable loading ramps
- Upgrade to electrical meter board
- Upgrade to lighting
- Replacement or upgrade to weighbridge office
- Upgrade to administration office
- Upgrade to workshop

This significant investment secures the longevity of the Saleyards infrastructure into the future.

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SECTION 41 COMMITTEE TO BE FORMED TO ADVISE COUNCIL ON THE SALEYARDS

At its January Meeting, Council endorsed:

"Establishing a Section 41 Committee to advise on the operational management and long-term planning of the Millicent Sale Yards. This Committee will consist of representatives from all stakeholder groups including at least one each of:

Stock Agents

Vendors

Carriers

Elected Members

Stock Contractors"



WHAT IS A SECTION 41 COMMITTEE?

Under Section 41 of the Local Government Act (1999), Councils may establish a committee to assist with providing advice and guidance in relation to Council functions, such as managing assets or special projects. A Section 41 Committee for the Saleyards will meet regularly and the meeting minutes, along with any recommendations from the committee will be put to Council for consideration following each meeting.

Council has other Section 41 Committees which undertake a similar role, such as the Lake McIntyre Management Committee and the Greenrise Lake Advisory Committee. It is envisaged that the Saleyards Committee will function in a similar way.

HOW OFTEN WILL THE COMMITTEE MEET?

The Terms of Reference for the committee will be the first thing to be developed. This will outline how often the committee will meet and what the functions and objectives of the committee will be.

HOW WILL THE COMMITTEE MEMBERS BE DETERMINED?

Council will publicly advertise for the committee positions in the newspapers and online. Any interested person may apply for the committee positions, Council will assess and appoint applicants to the available positions.

WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO THE EXISTING SALEYARDS WORKING GROUP?

The existing Saleyards working group has a similar composition to what the new Saleyards Committee is to have, however a formalised Section 41 Committee will ensure that meetings are regularly scheduled and that the group's recommendations get to Council regularly for consideration. Once the Section 41 Committee is appointed, the existing Working Group will dissolve.

Reporting maintenance at the Saleyards

Did you know that any site user is able to report any maintenance requirements or risks they see at the Millicent Saleyards?

We encourage input from all site users, because all users have different experiences at the site and will see different things.

If you see something that you think needs addressing, please contact Council by phone or email:

Phone: 08 8733 0900

Email: council@wattlerange.sa.gov.au

