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**SALEYARDS COMMITTEE  
HELD IN THE MURRAY ROOM ON  
TUESDAY, 10 FEBRUARY 2026 COMMENCING AT 8:30 AM**

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**PRESENT**

Councillor Scott Groat (Chair), Mayor Doug Curran, Donald Barbaro (Community Representative), Grant Elwin (Community Representative), Rodney Evans (Community Representative)

Quorum = 3

**STAFF**

Director Utilities, Graham Gordon, Team Leader - Saleyards, Les Warren and Minute Secretary, Jessica Bertacco

**BY INVITATION**

Jim Binks (Nutrien Harcourts)

**1 APOLOGIES**

**RECOMMENDED** on the motion of Grant Elwin and Donald Barbaro that an apology be received from Councillor Christine Stead.

**2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**RECOMMENDED** on the motion of Mayor Doug Curran and Rodney Evans that the minutes of the previous meeting held on 9 December 2025, having first been circulated amongst all members, be confirmed.

**3 BUSINESS ARISING**

NIL

**4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

**Pecuniary Interests**

There were no pecuniary interests declared.

**Significant Non-Pecuniary Interests**

There were no significant non-pecuniary interests declared.

**Less Than Significant Non-Pecuniary Interests**

There were no less than significant non-pecuniary interests declared.

## **5 ITEMS OF BUSINESS**

### **CL01 LIVESTOCK FEED CURFEW BEFORE TRANSPORT**

Mr Gordon presented and explained the Department of Primary Industries' (DPI) guidelines for Livestock Feed Curfew before transport and discussions were held.

**RECOMMENDED** on the motion of Mayor Doug Curran and Grant Elwin that Council draft a policy based on the Department of Primary Industries' (DPI) guidelines.

### **CL02 ITEMS RAISED BY COUNCILLOR SCOTT GROAT**

Councillor Groat raised the following items and the Committee discussed:

#### **2.1 The repairing and replacing of fences**

Ongoing operational works.

#### **2.2 Larger paddocks to be split into smaller paddocks**

Currently being carried out by Council staff.

#### **2.3 More water troughs in paddocks and larger troughs for large amount of sheep**

To be organised by Council staff.

#### **2.4 Main highway fence to be made a security fence**

Committee discussed this item and determined it wasn't required.

#### **2.5 Cattle yards can be utilised for smaller groups of sheep**

This is currently already being done for suitable areas.

#### **2.6 Shade trees and shelters for western paddocks**

To be investigated by staff and trees planted when weather is suitable.

#### **2.7 Shade coverings in holding yards**

Council is applying for grant funding under the NSW Sustainable Communities Program to support the construction of a roof structure and amenities upgrade.

The Committee considered the option of purchasing a pre-fabricated amenities block, with any remaining funds potentially allocated to upgrading the existing office building and providing additional outdoor seating.

#### **2.8 Update on water troughs in the front yards**

These have been ordered and will be installed when they are delivered.

**RECOMMENDED** on the motion of Rodney Evans and Mayor Doug Curran that the report be noted.

## **6 OUTSTANDING ACTION REPORT**

**RECOMMENDED** on the motion of Rodney Evans and Mayor Doug Curran that the report be noted.

## **7 GENERAL BUSINESS**

### **7.1 Fenced area on western side**

Mr Barbaro suggested to the Committee that a fenced area be installed on the western side of the Saleyards where there are trees to hold sheep for a short period of time. Mr Barbaro and Mr Warren are to look at the yard and discuss.

### **7.2 Recycled Water**

Mr Gordon sought the Committee's views on using recycled water from the reclamation plant at the Saleyards. The Committee suggested that the use of recycled water will not be required in the holding paddocks and therefore the recycled project is not to be progressed any further.

### **7.3 Outcross Software**

The Committee discussed whether the Outcross software is still to be used. Majority of the Committee were happy to continue with Outcross as long as more training and support was made available.

## **8 NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Saleyards Committee is to be held on Tuesday, 28 April 2026 at 8:30am.

There being no further business the meeting terminated at 9:48am.