
**SALEYARDS COMMITTEE
TO BE HELD IN THE MURRAY ROOM ON
TUESDAY, 28 APRIL 2026 AT 8:30 AM**

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

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

Quorum = 3

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Acknowledgement of Country

Griffith City Council acknowledges the Wiradjuri people as the traditional owners and custodians of the land and waters, and their deep knowledge embedded within the Aboriginal community.

Council further pays respect to the local Wiradjuri Elders, past, present and those emerging, for whom we acknowledge have responsibilities for the continuation of cultural, spiritual and educational practices of the local Wiradjuri people.

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

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.

CLAUSE **CL01**

TITLE **Endorsement of Committee Member**

FROM **Graham Gordon, Director Utilities**

TRIM REF **26/45663**

SUMMARY

Jim Binks from Nutrien Ag has been invited to become a member of the Saleyards Committee.

RECOMMENDATION

- (a) That Jim Binks be endorsed as a voting Committee member of the Saleyards Committee.**
- (b) The Saleyards Committee Terms of Reference be amended to allow 4 community representatives.**

REPORT

Not applicable.

LINK TO STRATEGIC PLAN

This item links to Council's Strategic Plan item 3.1 Undertake Council activities within a clear framework of risk management, strategic planning, policies, procedures and service standards to enhance accountability resilience and informed decision making.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

CLAUSE **CL02**
TITLE **Emergency NLIS Tags**
TRIM REF **26/45657**

Agenda item submitted by Kirsty Cordon (Narrandera Local Lands Services District Vet).

Kirsty Cordon and Temora District Vet, Lara Mitchell, will be attending to address the Committee in relation to Emergency NLIS Tags.

CLAUSE **CL03**

TITLE **Outcross System Software Technical Support Options**

FROM **Graham Gordon, Director Utilities**

TRIM REF **26/45447**

SUMMARY

As requested by the Committee, Council Staff contacted Luke Franklin from Outcross Systems on Wednesday 15 April 2026 regarding provision of technical support and training for agents. This report outlines available options.

RECOMMENDATION

The Committee note the report.

REPORT

Outcross Systems continue to provide the following training and support options for agents utilising the Stockyard software:

Support

Phone: 1800 799 107

Email: support@outcrosssystems.com.au

This line is actively manned between the hours of 8am AEST and 5pm AEST, with an after-hours option for genuine emergencies. This number is the best one to call for support. There is a team of staff who can provide answers or escalate complex issues to the right people. Our team log tickets to ensure the follow up happens.

Knowledge Base

Outcross Systems have a helpful knowledge base with documentation and how-to articles for agents and saleyard staff. <https://kb.outcrosssystems.com.au/portal/en/kb/stockyard>

Training

If further training is a required a quote can be provided, then billed on actual expenses.

LINK TO STRATEGIC PLAN

This item links to Council's Strategic Plan item 5.1 Be a location of choice for innovative agriculture and manufacturing.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

TITLE Outstanding Action Report

TRIM REF 26/45483

RECOMMENDATION

The report be noted.

ATTACHMENTS

(a) Action Report [↓](#)

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Saleyards Committee Action Report				
28 April 2026				
Date of Meeting	Item	Action/Recommendation	Officer	Comment
10 February 2026	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.	Graham Gordon	15/04/2026: Ongoing audit is being carried out and Council Staff advised that some posts have been replaced with urgent fences being repaired.
10 February 2026	CL01 Livestock Feed Curfew Before Transport	Council draft a Policy based on the Department of Primary Industries' (DPI) guidelines.	Graham Gordon	15/04/2026: Policy to be developed.
9 December 2025	7.2 Landscape of Saleyards	The Committee discussed creating a masterplan to improve the Saleyards by adding more trees and improving the landscape.	Graham Gordon	20/04/2026: Ongoing.
9 December 2025	3.2 EID Tagging System/Software Programs	Mr Gordon will contact a representative from the Outcross System software and report back at the next meeting.	Graham Gordon	20/04/2026: Report to Committee April 2026.
21 October 2025	CL03 Proposed New Water Troughs Design	(a) The Committee accept the 20 water trough design plus an additional 5 troughs. (b) Capital funding be reallocated to support the water trough project.	Graham Gordon	11/11/2025: At the Council Meeting held on 11 November 2025, the below recommendation was adopted from the Saleyards Committee Minutes. 20/04/2026: Water troughs have been delivered to the Griffith Saleyards week commencing 13 April 2026. Installation will commence as soon as practicable.

21 October 2025	CL02 Saleyards Solar Feasibility Report	<p>Mr Gordon to contact Essential Energy to confirm whether solar panels at the Saleyards could feed into the grid via the substation while still providing 100% energy credit to the Water Reclamation Plant. If feasible, he is to explore funding eligibility with OLG.</p> <p>Mr Gordon to enquire with Essential Energy to confirm whether the Saleyards solar panels can receive 100% energy credit for the Water Reclamation Plant.</p>	Graham Gordon	<p>2/12/2025: Letter sent to Essential Energy requesting response regarding 100% energy credit for the Water Reclamation Plant.</p> <p>20/04/2026: Another letter has been sent to Essential Energy requesting a response to the original letter dated 2 December 2025.</p>
22 April 2025	CL04 Griffith Livestock Marketing Centre - Electronic Identification (EID) Tagging System	<p>Mr Barbaro inquired about the timeline for when sales will begin to be officially recorded and when speaker systems will be installed. Graham has taken note of the matter and will investigate further.</p>	Graham Gordon	<p>16/07/2025: EID mandated for 1 Jan 2025. Speaker System to be installed in 2025.</p> <p>20/04/2026: Quotes received from suppliers. This will be reported to Council's SMT for approval.</p>
22 April 2025	4 General Business Fencing and Yard Maintenance	<p>Mr Barbaro reported that sheep had pushed against a back post, splitting the pole, which will likely need repairs. In response, Graham Gordon suggested conducting an audit of the fencing throughout the yards to identify other potential issues.</p>	Graham Gordon	<p>16/07/2025: Audit to be carried by December 2025.</p> <p>20/04/2026: Audit carried out by Council staff and damaged fences repaired. Continual inspections will be carried out to ensure fencing is secure.</p>