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

PRESENT

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

By invitation: Local Land Services, Lara Mitchell and Dionne Howard

Quorum = 3

STAFF

Director Utilities, Graham Gordon, Team Leader - Saleyards, Les Warren and Minute Secretary, Leanne Austin

1 APOLOGIES

An apology was received from Kirsty Cordon (Local Land Services).

2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RECOMMENDED on the motion of Doug Curran and Rodney Evans that the minutes of the previous meeting held on 10 February 2026, 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 ENDORSEMENT OF COMMITTEE MEMBER

RECOMMENDED on the motion of Rodney Evans and Mayor Doug Curran that:

- (a) 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.

CL03 OUTCROSS SYSTEM SOFTWARE TECHNICAL SUPPORT OPTIONS

The Committee discussed issues agents have been experiencing with the Outcross system. The report outlined available training and support options which agents are encouraged to utilise. Electronic Identification (eID) tags for sheep moving off any property will become mandatory from 1 January 2027.

Mr Evans advised there is an issue with WiFi connectivity in some areas such as inside the kiosk. Mr Gordon advised Council's IT department would look into this.

RECOMMENDED on the motion of Rodney Evans and Jim Binks that the Committee note the report.

CL02 EMERGENCY NLIS TAGS

Representatives from Local Land Services, Lara Mitchell and Dionne Howard provided information to Committee members regarding eID Tags (refer to presentation attached).

Agents must keep emergency tags available to attach to any untagged stock, as animals cannot be sold without proper tagging. The cost of these tags can be recouped by charging the producer a service fee. Additional emergency tags can be requested by contacting Local Land Services via email.

All transactions must be recorded on the Sheep EID Emergency Devices sheet and submitted to Local Land Services after the sale day. Agents must also advise farmers on the correct completion of required documentation and reinforce that ensuring all stock are properly tagged is the farmer's responsibility.

RECOMMENDED on the motion of Rod Evans and Jim Binks that the Committee note the information presented.

6 OUTSTANDING ACTION REPORT

The Committee discussed items on the Outstanding Action Report including the following updates:

Fencing and yard maintenance – Mr Warren updated the Committee regarding fence maintenance issues. Agents are encouraged to report any broken posts to staff.

Installation of water troughs – 25 water troughs have been delivered and installation has commenced. Agents to provide feedback after Friday's sale. Mr Warren asked the agents to ensure electronics are secured at the end of the day.

Saleyards Solar Feasibility Report – Mr Gordon reported that another letter had been sent to Essential Energy regarding options to place solar panels as a roof over the selling pens

of the Saleyards.

Councillor Groat enquired about the Warnambool livestock exchange roof and supporting structure which has been advertised through an expression of interest. Mr Gordon responded that procurement of this would be dependent on Council receiving a favourable funding response however this could be considered as an option if it is still available.

Landscaping of Saleyards – Council staff to determine the type of vegetation or trees that would be most suitable for the site.

Lara Mitchell left the meeting at 9:25 am.

7 GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil.

8 NEXT MEETING

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

There being no further business the meeting terminated at 9:31 am.

ATTACHMENTS

(a) Local Land Services Presentation

Riverina Local Land Services – Saleyard eID update

RLLS District Veterinarians

Dione Howard
Lara Mitchell

28th April 2026



Importance of eID in livestock traceability



Disease and residue management



Product integrity

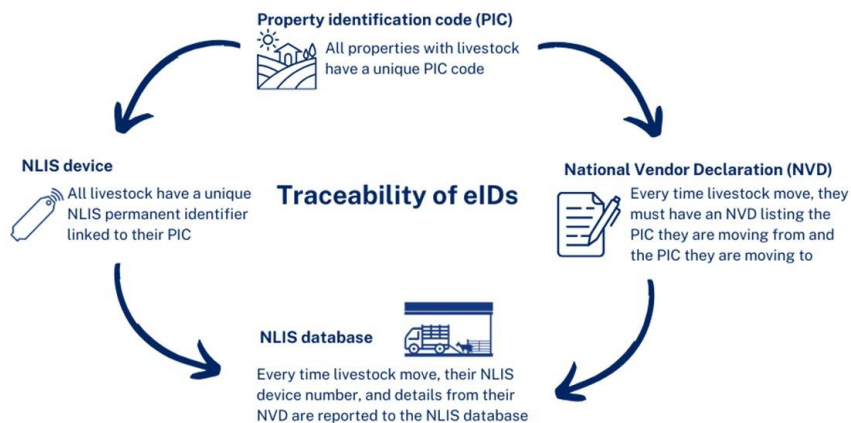


Market access



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Traceability of eID's



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How will missing eID devices be managed in saleyards?



- All sheep and farmed goats born from 1 January 2025 must have an eID before leaving the property of birth
- From 1 January 2027 all farmed sheep and goats must be fitted with an eID
- If sheep or goats are missing eID at the saleyard
 - Small number – fit with emergency tags (charge cost of tag and fitting to producer)
 - Entire consignment
 - Stock cannot be sold, return to vendor under permit (from AO)
 - Hold stock until sufficient emergency eID devices can be obtained and attached, then sell



Sourcing emergency tags?



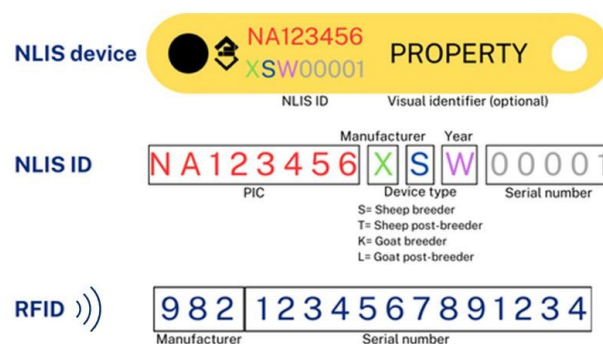
- Email admin.riverina@lls.nsw.gov.au requesting tags. We will facilitate a staff members providing them to you.
- Pick up at LLS office Hanwood
- Record eID tags on sheet. Email sheet back post-sale.

[illegible]

For replacement emergency tags please email admin.riverina@lts.nsw.gov.au or call 1300 795 299



What is an eID?



NATIONAL VENDOR DECLARATION (SHEEP AND LAMBS) AND WAYBILL S0720 38888888

Part A To be completed by the owner or person who is responsible for the husbandry of the sheep or lambs.

Owner of sheep or lambs: [Name] [Address] [Postcode] [State] [Country]

Property Identification Code (PIC) of this property: ABCD1234

Description of sheep or lambs: [Details] [Comments]

Number of electronic NLS tags in this consignment: [Number]

Hours off feed and water before transporting: [Hours]

Consigned to: [Name] [Address] [Postcode] [State] [Country]

Destination (if different of sheep or lambs): [Name] [Address] [Postcode] [State] [Country]

Destination PIC (REC, WA & TAS): [PIC]

Details of other statutory documents relating to this movement e.g. health statement: [Details]

1. Have these sheep or lambs been raised consistent with the rules of an independently audited QA program on the property the PIC of which is shown above?

2. Have all the sheep or lambs in this consignment been treated with a Scabby Mouth Vaccination either at marking or at least 14 days prior to their presentation for sale?

3. Were all of these sheep or lambs bred by the owner or vendor?

4. Are any of the sheep or lambs in this consignment still within a Withholding Period (WHP) or Export Slaughter Interval (ESI) as set by APVMA or SAFEEMAT, following treatment with any veterinary drug or chemical?

5. In the past 60 days, have any of the sheep or lambs in this consignment consumed any material that was still within a withholding period when harvested, collected or first grazed?

6. Have the sheep or lambs in this consignment ever in their lives been fed feed containing animal fats?

7. Please include any additional information below (vaccination programs, animal health certification, additional declarations, etc.)

Declaration: [Signature] [Date] [Tel no.] [Fax no.] [Email]

Part B To be completed by the person in charge of the sheep or lambs while they are being moved.

Completion of this part is optional in SA and VIC.

Movement commenced: [Date] [Time] (am/pm)

Vehicle registration number(s): [Number]

I, [Name], am the person in charge of the sheep or lambs during the movement and declare all the information in Part B is true and correct.

Signature: [Signature] Date: [Date] Tel no.: [Tel no.] Fax no.: [Fax no.] Email: [Email]



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safeHerd Integrity Systems **The LPA NVD is your declaration and guarantee to buyers.**

Make sure it is complete and correct, so you can stand by what you sell.

Who is responsible for completing the LPA NVD?

Part A: The sheep or lambs owner or the person responsible for the husbandry of the sheep or lambs.

Part B: The livestock carrier.

Who keeps the copies?

Top sheet: (White) goes with the sheep/lambs to the purchaser.

Middle sheet: (Green) goes to the carrier.

Bottom sheet: (Pink) stays in the book and should be kept for auditing purposes.

How do I order copies of the LPA NVD?

1 Go to www.integritysystems.com.au/lpa

2 Phone 1800 653 111

Where do I go for more information?

Go to www.integritysystems.com.au/lpa

Do not amend the pre-printed PIC. This NVD can ONLY be used for sheep/lambs located on this PIC.

Complete all details about the livestock. Use a separate line for each different group, split by breed and sex.

Complete this section if any of the livestock do NOT have an electronic NLS tag. Choose either A or B in the section below and fill in the required details.

Enter number of livestock tagged with electronic NLS tags (if all have them, PIC or WA brand details are not needed above).

Contact receiver, agent or saleyards to find out correct destination PIC. The consignee can be different to the destination. When selling at a saleyard the consignee will be the agent and the destination (and PIC) will be the saleyards.

Do not send sheep and lambs to slaughter if they are still within Withholding Periods (WHP) or Export Slaughter Intervals (ESI). Information about ESI and WHP for all livestock species can be found at www.apvma.gov.au/ESI

Make sure you read and understand what you are signing, including that sheep or lambs must not have been fed Restricted Animal Material (RAM). An unsigned LPA NVD is invalid.

The carrier should fill in Part B.

Only tick Yes or No in questions 1 to 6. Do not tick both. If some of the consignment require you to tick Yes then this applies to the entire consignment.

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CLAUSE **CL01**

TITLE **Essential Energy Response - Solar Panels**

FROM **Graham Gordon, Director Utilities**

TRIM REF **26/85220**

SUMMARY

Council has written to Essential Energy - Solar Panel Power Connection to Substation and Energy Audit. Refer to the attached documents.

RECOMMENDATION

That the information be received.

ATTACHMENTS

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| (b) | Essential Energy - Solar Panel Power Connection to Substation and Energy Audit Response   | 12 |



15 April 2026

Essential Energy
PO Box 5730
PORT MACQUARIE NSW 2444

Dear Sir/Madam

SOLAR PANEL POWER CONNECTION TO SUBSTATION AND ENERGY AUDIT – 2ND REQUEST

We are writing to advise that we have not yet received an answer to our letter that was sent to yourselves on 1st December 2025 (as per attached) on exploring an option to put solar panels as a roof over the selling pens of the Griffith Livestock Marketing Centre (Griffith Saleyards).

Council requires the solar energy credit from the Griffith Saleyards solar system to be directed to the adjacent substation and then have 100% of these energy credits credited to the Griffith Water Reclamation Plant to enable this project to be viable.

Please advise at your earliest convenience if the proposal can be approved and formalised.

Thank you

Yours faithfully


GRAHAM GORDON
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1 December 2025

Essential Energy
PO Box 5730
Port Macquarie NSW 2444

Dear Sir,

SOLAR PANEL POWER CONNECTION TO SUBSTATION AND ENERGY CREDIT

Griffith City Council operates a Saleyard facility (Griffith Livestock Marketing Centre) adjacent to your substation on the Kidman Way, Griffith NSW. Council also operates another facility, the Griffith Water Reclamation Plant adjacent to the saleyard facility. Please see attached map for your reference.

Council is exploring an option to put solar panels as a roof over the selling pens of the saleyards. To enable this project to be viable, Council requires the solar energy credit from the Saleyards solar system to be directed to the adjacent substation and then have 100% of these energy credits credited to the Griffith Water Reclamation Plant.

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Kathleen Calabria

From: TE_Technical Enquiries [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, 19 June 2026 6:57 PM
To: GCC Admin Mailbox
Subject: Attn: Graham Gordon - INCOMING MAIL - Griffith City Council
Attachments: 0898_001.pdf

OFFICIAL: Sensitive

Hi Graham,

We apologise for the delayed response regarding your enquiry.

The site for the Saleyards on Lot 4 DP1260127 and the Water Treatment Plant on Lot 862 DP751709 have their own NMI's and are supplied from separate transformers.

New South Wales Service and Installation Rules (NSWSIRs) do not allow wiring systems to cross between lots as per the caution in clause 4.2 attached below.

An application for the solar system would need to be lodged on the Saleyards NMI and approval conditions issued for the Griffith City Council to gain information about any export limitations to be applied to the site. Essential Energy looks at the sites as totally separate identities and therefore electrically any crossing of boundaries would not be approved. However, the council could investigate options available via retailers as there are several that offer renewable energy sharing or transfer which I believe is what the council are looking to do.

CAUTION

Whenever a property or building is of a type which may be subdivided, care should be taken to ensure the meters and wiring are located within the area which would be set aside as common property or within the individual lot supplied thereby. Wiring installed within an individual lot shall be associated only with that lot.

We also advise that if you require further information in the future, it is preferred that you submit an enquiry via the [Essential Connections Portal](#). This will help us provide a response without significant delays and if needed refer it to relevant internal stakeholders.

If you have any further questions, please call our Technical Enquiries Team on 13 23 91.

Regards,
Technical Enquiries
Essential Energy



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Outages & Faults (24hrs): 13 20 80



CLAUSE **CL02**

TITLE **Items raised by Councillor Scott Groat**

FROM **Scott Groat, Councillor**

TRIM REF **26/87735**

SUMMARY

See attached items received from the chair, Councillor Scott Groat for discussion by the committee.

RECOMMENDATION

For the Committee to discuss.

REPORT

See attached items received from the chair, Councillor Scott Groat for discussion by the committee.

LINK TO STRATEGIC PLAN

Nil

ATTACHMENTS

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| (a) | Items raised by Councillor Scott Groat ↓  | 14 |
| (b) | B4 reversing image ↓  | 16 |

Jessica Bertacco

From: Cr Scott Groat
Sent: Tuesday, 14 July 2026 7:02 PM
To: Jessica Bertacco
Subject: Fwd: SkyMesh Webmail :: 20260501_103744.jpg

Hi Jessica

Please find attached B triple that is trying to reverse onto ramps at the Griffith saleyards.

Saleyards committee agenda items:

I have included this photo to highlight the problems with this size vehicle attempting to reverse onto the loading ramps at Griffith saleyards.

Saleyard access has got to be improved for B triple access as this size trucks are becoming more prevalent at the saleyards.

The truck reversing area needs to be extended past the old cattle yards on left and right hand sides. The left side will cater for two loading ramps and the right side will cater for one loading ramp. The left will need the removal of some trees and the downsizing of a holding paddock.

I have communicated with a number of the B Triple drivers and they have indicated that to reverse efficiently the trucks have to have enough distance to drive forward until the whole truck is straight onto the ramp, the drivers can maneuver the vehicles in reverse with ease if they keep the vehicle straight.

I have also been approached by the agents expressing the need for basic fencing to be maintained. Paddock J has consistently let sheep out and basic fencing has not been kept to a Minimum standard.

regards

Scott

Scott Groat
Councillor



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Begin forwarded message:

From: Cr Scott Groat <sgroat@griffith.com.au>
Date: 14 July 2026 at 6:27:36 pm AEST
To: Cr Scott Groat <sgroat@griffith.com.au>
Subject: SkyMesh Webmail :: 20260501_103744.jpg

https://webmail.skymesh.net.au/?_task=mail&_action=get&_mbox=INBOX&_uid=25463&_part=2&_frame=1&_extwin=1

Sent from my iPad

Scott Groat
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TITLE Outstanding Action Report

TRIM REF 26/88530

RECOMMENDATION

The report be noted.

ATTACHMENTS

(a) Outstanding Action Report [!\[\]\(898a81de9c4aff71234b2158571b7213_img.jpg\)](#)  18

Saleyards Committee Action Report 28 July 2026				
Date of Meeting	Item	Action/Recommendation	Officer	Comment
28 April 2026	CL03 Outcross System Software Technical Support Options	Mr Evans advised there is an issue with WiFi connectivity in some areas such as inside the kiosk. Mr Gordon advised Council's IT department would look into this.	Graham Gordon	13/07/2026: Council's IT department has investigated the WiFi connectivity. Users are to advise staff when issue is occurring.
10 February 2026	CL01 Livestock Feed Curfew Before Transport - Policy	Council draft a Policy based on the Department of Primary Industries' (DPI) guidelines.	Graham Gordon	15/04/2026: Policy being 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. 28/04/2026: Council staff to obtain advice regarding suitable vegetation / tree types.
22 April 2025	CL04 Griffith Livestock Marketing Centre - Electronic Identification (EID) Tagging System	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.	Graham Gordon	16/07/2025: EID mandated for 1 Jan 2025. Speaker System to be installed in 2025. 20/04/2026: Quotes received from suppliers. This will be reported to Council's SMT for approval.