
**SALEYARDS COMMITTEE
TO BE HELD IN THE MURRAY ROOM ON
TUESDAY, 27 OCTOBER 2026 AT 8:30 AM**

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

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 JULY 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)

Quorum = 3

STAFF

Director Utilities, Graham Gordon, Saleyards Coordinator, Les Warren and Minute Secretary, Jessica Bertacco

Absent: Christine Stead

1 APOLOGIES

Mr Barbaro moved a motion to remove Jim Binks' membership following his resignation with Nutrien.

2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RECOMMENDED on the motion of Rodney Evans and Donald Barbaro that the minutes of the previous meeting held on 28 April 2026, having first been circulated amongst all members, be confirmed.

3 BUSINESS ARISING

3.1 Outcross Upgrade

Mr Warren advised that the EID system is now fully up to date following the completion of software upgrades. A small number of tablets requiring updates will be identified and followed up, with manual action required where necessary. It was also noted that some previously identified upgrades were only relevant to agent functions and not Saleyard operations.

3.2 Water Troughs

Mr Warren advised that 20 of the 25 new water troughs have been installed and are fully operational. The remaining five troughs, requested by the agents for installation along the front of the drafting sheds, have been purchased and will be installed as soon as practicable.

4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Pecuniary Interests

Members making a pecuniary interest declaration are required to leave the meeting during consideration of the matter and not return until the matter is resolved.

There were no pecuniary interests declared.

Significant Non-Pecuniary Interests

Members making a significant non-pecuniary interest declaration are required to leave the meeting during consideration of the matter and not return until the matter is resolved.

There were no significant non-pecuniary interests declared.

Less Than Significant Non-Pecuniary Interests

Members making a less than significant non-pecuniary interest declaration may stay in the meeting and participate in the debate and vote on the matter.

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

5 ITEMS OF BUSINESS

CL01 ESSENTIAL ENERGY RESPONSE - SOLAR PANELS

Mr Gordon outlined Essential Energy's advice that solar energy cannot currently be transferred between sites. The Committee noted the new roof will be designed to accommodate future solar panel installation if feasible and that concept designs, structural planning, and tender documentation for the new roof will be progressed in line with funding and procurement requirements.

RECOMMENDED on the motion of Rodney Evans and Councillor Doug Curran that the information be received.

CL02 ITEMS RAISED BY COUNCILLOR SCOTT GROAT

The Committee discussed improving road train access and manoeuvrability within the saleyards, with several options considered, including changes to parking arrangements, access points, and the future use of the cattle yards. It was agreed that these matters should form part of a broader Saleyards master plan, with the roof project remaining the immediate priority.

RECOMMENDED on the motion of Grant Elwin and Donald Barbaro that the information be received.

6 OUTSTANDING ACTION REPORT

The Committee updated the action report.

7 GENERAL BUSINESS

7.1 New Speaker System

The Committee noted that the new public address system is operating well, with minor adjustments to announcement length to be made, and that manual sale announcements can be broadcast when required. Additional operational improvements, including installing

additional power outlets and formalising procedures for managing injured livestock after hours, will also be investigated.

7.2 Additional Power in Saleyards

Mr Evans requested additional power outlets in the first drafting area to allow iPads to be charged without relying on double adapters, improving safety and functionality.

7.3 Process for Injured Livestock

The Committee discussed arrangements for the humane euthanasia of injured livestock after hours. The Committee also discussed the purchase, storage, and management of the equipment, with Council to explore suitable arrangements.

8 NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Saleyards Committee is to be held on Tuesday, 27 October 2026 at 8:30 am.

There being no further business the meeting terminated at 9:17 am.

CLAUSE **CL01**

TITLE **Letter of Support**

FROM **Graham Gordon, Director Utilities**

TRIM REF **26/127637**

SUMMARY

The Committee to write a letter of support for DPI to continue providing ongoing support in the form of a Industry Liaison Officer – Sheep & Goat Traceability in Agriculture & Biosecurity.

RECOMMENDATION

The Committee to write a letter of support for DPI to continue providing ongoing support in the form of a Industry Liaison Officer – Sheep & Goat Traceability in Agriculture & Biosecurity.

REPORT

Under the eID implementation and commissioning DPI provided support with a Liaison Officer – Sheep & Goat Traceability in Agriculture & Biosecurity. Given the eID's are now fulling implemented this role is being removed. Council and livestock agents request this position is retained.

LINK TO STRATEGIC PLAN

This item links to Council's Strategic Plan item 1.1 Provide clear, accessible, relevant information.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

CLAUSE **CL02**

TITLE **Saleyards Masterplan**

FROM **Graham Gordon, Director Utilities**

TRIM REF **26/128141**

SUMMARY

Attached to this report is the Master Plan for the Committee's information, review, and consideration.

RECOMMENDATION

For the Committees Recommendation.

REPORT

The Master Plan for the Committee's information, review, and consideration. The Master Plan shows the proposed roof structure, size and orientation as well as the location and style of the amenities block. These are currently funded under the Sustainable Communities Program.

Council proposes to go to tender in early 2027 to enable construction to commence in 2027.

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ATTACHMENTS

- (a) Griffith Saleyards Master Plan (under separate cover) (confidential)

TITLE Outstanding Action Report

TRIM REF 26/124982

RECOMMENDATION

The report be noted.

ATTACHMENTS

(a) Outstanding Action Report [↓](#) 

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Saleyards Committee Action Report 27 October 2026				
Date of Meeting	Item	Action/Recommendation	Officer	Comment
28 July 2026	7.3 Process for Injured Livestock	Purchase, storage and management of bolt gun.	Graham Gordon	20/10/2026: Being investigated.
28 July 2026	CL02 Items raised by Councillor Scott Groat	Cattle Yards – expression of interest to remove.	Graham Gordon	20/10/2026: Included in the Saleyards Master Plan and will be actioned once the Master Plan is approved.
28 July 2026	CL02 Items raised by Councillor Scott Groat	Improve road train access, car parking, sort of master planning	Graham Gordon	20/10/2026: Included in the Saleyards Master Plan and will be actioned once the Master Plan is approved.
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.