



KEMPSEY
Shire Council

DIRECTOR CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT

14th March 2006

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SUMMARY:

Reporting on Saleyard operations over the past four (4) months.



At Council's meeting of 15th November 2005, it was resolved –

"That the Kempsey Regional Livestock Committee be disbanded and the Director Corporate Services provide a six monthly report to Council in relation to the Saleyards operations and that Mr Harry Borger be sent a letter of thanks for his nomination."

The following report provides an overview of Council's activities relating to the Kempsey Regional Saleyards over the past 4 months.

Financial Statement

A copy of the Financial Statement for the period 1st July 2005 to 3rd March 2006 is attached at [\(Appendix E\)](#).

Stock Throughput

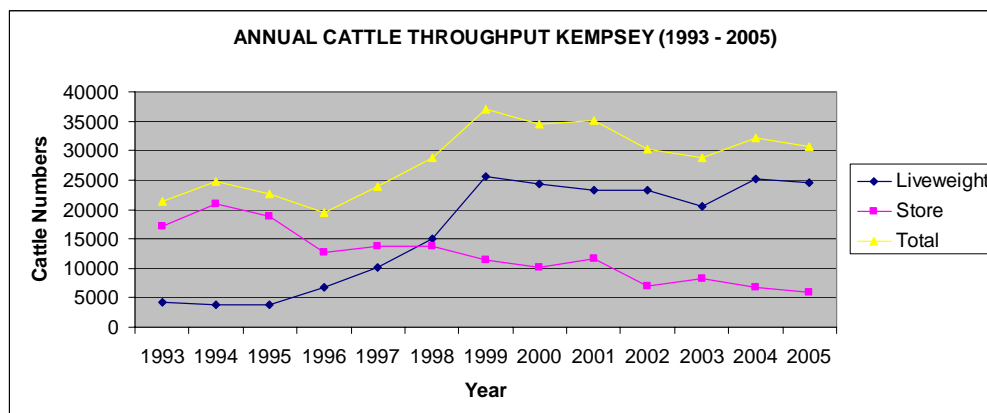
Set out below is a graph showing cattle throughput over the preceding 12 years. This spreadsheet shows a pleasing trend in sales throughput.

When comparing the figures for the first half of this financial year with the 2004 / 05 financial year we show significant increase of almost three thousand head of cattle.

- Jul / Dec 04 / 05 – 13816
- Jul / Dec 05 / 06 – 16520.

Throughput since 1993

- Cattle



- Calves

Average of 1,350 p.a. over last 12 Years

ANNUAL CATTLE THROUGHPUT KEMPSEY (1993 - 2005)

	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Liveweight	4236	3890	3772	6860	10059	15065	25564	24251	23307	23320	20532	25270	24654
Store	17244	20875	18922	12625	13856	13681	11392	10205	11740	6934	8174	6797	6019
Total	21480	24765	22694	19485	23915	28746	36956	34456	35047	30254	28706	32067	30673

Accreditation and Ranking

Kempsey Regional Saleyards has met and maintained NSQA accreditation. The sale yard is now ranked 23rd of 58 in NSW (25th in 2002 / 03). The ranking is measured on throughput of cattle.

Maintenance Program

A new maintenance program has been introduced that provides Councils sale yard staff with a day to day working program. This has been designed to incorporate the effluent management program, the upgraded areas and the old sale yard complex into one comprehensive yet streamlined program.

Kempsey Stock and Land, as agents for the saleyard also have obligations for regular cleaning and maintenance. It is expected that maintenance and repair costs will drop considerably with the new program. The program is designed to do two things;

1. Cut down on routine maintenance time
2. Reduce the need for repair on infrastructure.

The program takes time management concerns away from maintenance staff setting out a step by step, day by day procedure for routine maintenance. The program also ensures that every

aspect of the complex's infrastructure is maintained according to a schedule thus preventing breakdowns.

Spraying for Parramatta Grass and Lantana in the lease hold paddocks began on 23.1.06. The program was carried out in two stages and is now complete.

Safety

A safety inspection was carried out in early December. As a result of this a new Standard Operating Procedures manual has been drawn up for any sale yard staff but mainly for Stock and Land employees. It is still in the draft stages but should be introduced soon. This mainly deals with the running of the complex on sale days.

Advertising

Expressions of Interest were sought for the rental of advertising space within the saleyards. Michaels Metal Mart and the Kempsey Agricentre have both installed signs measuring 4.8 metres by 1.2 metres at an annual rental of \$1,200 for each sign. Negotiations with other prospective advertisers are in progress.

Effluent System

Environment Resources Management Pty Ltd were contracted to prepare a management program for the truck wash and effluent ponds. This has been completed and implemented as of 23.1.06. A trial has commenced with Thurgoods Haulage whereby they have agreed to clean out the truck wash and primary settlement pond of solid waste free of charge, in accordance with the maintenance program. Thurgoods will make use of these solids in their landscaping business. Previously Council had contracted this work at an annual cost of approximately \$2,500.

Canteen Upgrade

Quotes are being sourced from four (4) builders for the proposed upgrade of the canteen facility which, subject to Budget, will allow a commencement of the internal upgrades before the end of the financial year.

Upgrade and Improvement Program

Upgrades are proceeding although the original program has been altered to ensure that the project stays within the budget. During the period the bull selling pens have been completed, as well as the drafting ring, sale ring and adjoining lanes, several split pens behind the sale ring, modified paint pens, and repaired and modified gates to OH&S requirements. A new diversion lane was constructed from the sale ring to the eastern laneway.

Work previously scheduled for the Northern unloading ramps has now been deferred to 2006 / 07 in favour of the Northern holding pens. This roadside section is now complete (end of February), and progress on the re-building of the remaining northern holding pens will continue subject to budgetary provisions.

The old truck wash facility has been removed and the new unit has been commissioned. The truck wash is monitored by Avdata Australia who collects fees on Council's behalf. To date over \$900 has been billed to users.

REPORT IMPLICATIONS:

- *Environmental*

Nil

- *Social*

Nil

- *Economic (Financial)*

Nil

- *Policy or Statutory*

Nil

- *Directors Review*

Nil

RECOMMENDATION:

That the information be noted.

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DIRECTOR CORPORATE SERVICES