



**KEMPSEY**  
Shire Council

## **DIRECTOR CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT**

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<b>DCCS16</b>	<b>SALEYARD SIX MONTHLY REPORT</b>
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### **SUMMARY:**

Reporting on Saleyard operations over the past six months.

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### **DESCRIPTION:**

Providing an overview for Council of activities relating to the Kempsey Regional Saleyards.

### **FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

A copy of the Financial Statement for the period to 30 June 2007 is attached at [\(Appendix T – Page J79\)](#). The revised 2006/07 operating surplus was \$25,391 and after taking capital movements into account the total deficit is \$68,126.

### **UPGRADE AND IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM**



*Final Portion of northern end to complete*

The 2007/08 improvement program for the saleyards is underway, quotes are being sought and a project management plan is presently being drafted.

The work will encompass the demolition of 28 holding pens to replace with 52 holding pens which will complete the upgrades to the northern holding area.

This will lead to increased security measures giving consideration to locking all sections of the yards with the exception of pens dedicated for stock in transit and will enable us to implement usage charges.

Further benefits will include

- improved safety,
- reduction of effluent
- better control of stock movement.
- Improve drainage and car parking facilities in the southern area, and
- Improved stock watering facilities.

## **SALEYARD OPERATORS ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

Following Kempsey Shire Council's successful bid to host the Annual Saleyard Operators Conference and AGM 2008 a committee has been formed to oversee the planning for the event which is scheduled for 23 – 25 July 2008.

Details of the organisation of this years event are being sourced from Deniliquin Shire Council and we are working closely with Ron Penny as Executive Officer of the Saleyard operators Association NSW.

## **EFFLUENT SYSTEM**

Quarterly water sampling of the effluent ponds is ongoing. Recent tests conclude that levels of Total Nitrogen, Total Phosphorous, BOD, pH, Electrical Conductivity and Faecal Coliform were within the EPA requirements.

Biannual maintenance was completed on the Secondary Treatment Ponds 1 & 2. Excess vegetation was removed and sedimentation depth was found to be within acceptable means.

Council are reseaching extra control measures for reducing the amount of waste solids with the saleyards complex. Quotes have been sought to trial a product that naturally breaks down waste solids. This will be implemented in the near future.

Kempsey Regional Saleyards received a visit from an officer of the Department of Environment & Climate Change on the 30<sup>th</sup> August 2007. He was interested in looking at the facilities and procedures to manage the waste solids at the saleyards complex.

An inspection of the effluent ponds, the truchwash facility and the drainage system with the complex was undertaken.

The officer was very pleased with the procedures and the amount of capital works the Council has completed in the management of the waste

solids. He commented that the yards were much improved from his previous inspections.

## SIGNAGE

A site map of the saleyard is being developed see [\(Appendix U – Page J81\)](#) to help properly illustrate the functional properties of the complex. This will help users locate pens, lighting controls, quarantine and special holding areas.

Furthermore it will be used as a training tool to help stock workers improve cattle stacking and movement procedures.

## ACCREDITATION AND RANKING

Kempsey Regional Saleyards will have their annual NSQA Audit by AUSMEAT LIMITED in late September and an internal Audit will proceed in early September in line with the NSQA regulations.

The National Livestock Reporting Service has released the 'Cattle Saleyard Survey' of NSW Saleyards which indicates that the Kempsey Regional Saleyard has retained its ranking of 22<sup>nd</sup> of 58. This ranking is measured on throughput of cattle, and has moved up from 25<sup>th</sup> in 2002 / 03.

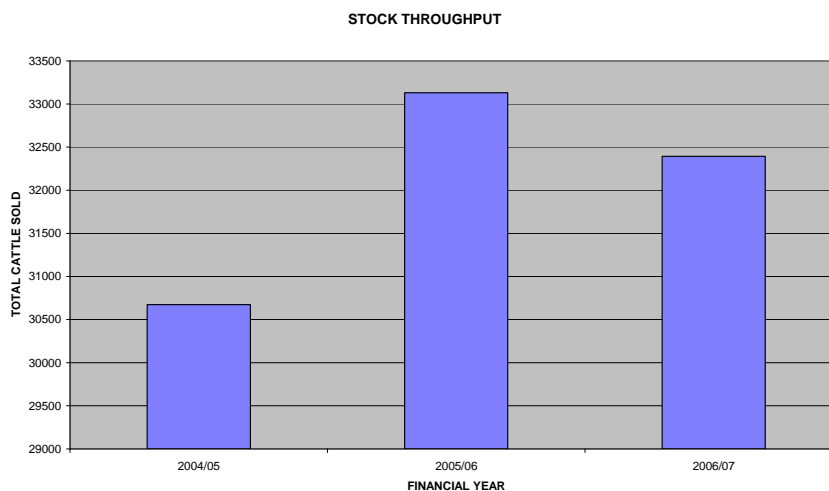
## STOCK THROUGHPUT

Cattle throughput decreased to 32,394 which was a 2.75% decrease from the previous year.

There has been a decrease in total cattle sales for the Financial year 2006 / 2007 almost 916 less head of cattle than the previous year.

- 04/05 – 30,673
- 05/06 – 32,394

This reduction is largely the result of the drought conditions and the fluctuations in export trade markets.



***Stock Throughput Financial Year (last 3 financial years).***

## TRUCKWASH USAGE

Usage data for the truckwash facility follows:

Monthly usage	truckwash	Number of uses	Charge \$
January		72	\$572.75
February		69	\$624.75
March		76	\$742.00
April		58	\$434.00
May		78	\$802.75
June		70	\$563.25
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>423</b>	<b>\$3739.50</b>

**REPORT IMPLICATIONS:**

- *Environmental*

*No known environmental implications*

- *Social*

*Kempsey Regional Saleyards are a community facility providing service to businesses and residents of the Macleay Valley and surrounding Shires.*

- *Economic (Financial)*

*Included in the report.*

- *Policy or Statutory*

*Nil implications*

- *Directors Review*

*Council's continued upgrading of facilities and promotion of the Saleyards has been positively supported by the community.*

**RECOMMENDATION:**

**That the information be noted.**

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