



**Southern Grampians**  
SHIRE COUNCIL

# Hamilton Regional Livestock Exchange Advisory Committee Meeting

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## 1. ATTENDEES

Councillor Mary-Ann Brown (Chair)  
Councillor Greg McAdam  
Mr John Wyld (Independent member)  
Mr David Byrd (Independent member)  
Ms Marg Scanlon (Council Director Infrastructure)

## 2. FACILITY TOUR

Led by Chris Dahlenburg, HRLX Superintendent

## 3. MEETING NOTES

Observations shared following the facility tour.

David Byrd

- Effluent management presents an opportunity
- Further use of the canteen and office spaces
- Presentation/cleanliness of the facility needs consideration such as the toilets, disused temporary infrastructure (operational items)

John Wyld

- The majority of the items included in the master plan have been delivered.
- HRLX has taken a solutions-based approach as demonstrated by the scanning equipment and facility maintenance
- Regional public facility with scope for some minor improvements such as remove disused temporary facilities, complete landscaping, improve the effluent ponds, building maintenance such as painting, cleaning and kick boards in canteen.

Cr Greg McAdam

- Very good regional facility
- Items for further consideration in the review of the masterplan and development of the draft forward program;
  - further extension of the roof would benefit all stakeholders
  - convert 1 or 2 of the dirt yards into a draft to avoid cattle on the concrete floor for significant time (particularly in the summer heat).
  - Wood chips appear to be working (no complaints received so far).
  - Car park, line marking (trees not necessarily a priority)

Cr Mary-Ann Brown (Chair)

- Line marking and trees in the car park
- Rotunda: digital screen, clean-up, live stream the sales.
- What are the property opportunities within both the Council owned and Wannan Water leased area?
- Is there merit in extending the roof?

- Timber rail pens – do these need to be replaced or upgraded, would this enable facility flexibility?

### Committee discussions:

Other potential uses of HRLX for further consideration:

- Trade/operating on sales days to complement sales days
- Farmers market
- Field days/exhibition – facilities would need to be cleaned/prepared. Single focus for a trade day.
- Use of the rotunda for the purposes of live streaming, potential to explore a pilot with Market Plus (need to upgrade the building and amenity).

Engagement:

- Need to engage with the buyers (Principals of the respective companies)
- Stock agents and Stock Agent Association

Catchments

- Throughputs: what is the aim? Increase or to hold our own?
- What are the throughputs for Mortlake/Casterton/Mt Gambier Exchanges and what is their catchment?
- What is the total capacity and demand across the region?

### Actions

- Engagement: Angus Street, CEO at Auctions Plus to join a meeting to discuss current arrangements/trends.
- Map the catchment including regional Exchange facilities in addition to HRLX
- Collate available data (sourced from the postcodes, numbers/density)
- Define the roles and responsibilities specifically between HRLX staff and agents.

(Refer to attached draft program)

## **4. FORWARD MEETING DATES**

- Tuesday 3 May 2022 – tour of Mortlake Livestock Exchange
- Tuesday 31 May 2022, 2pm – 5pm
- Tuesday 28 June 2022, 2pm – 5pm

Meeting closed: 4.30pm