



Animal Welfare is central to managing operations at the Dubbo Regional Livestock Markets. To ensure high standards of Animal Welfare are maintained the following programs are in place:

- Staff Training and Development
- Animal Welfare Policy and Procedure
- Communication and Implementation of Policy
- Water and Feeding systems
- Facility and Infrastructure Maintenance and Development
- Management of injured (unfit) stock
- Certification to ensure DRLM meets and exceeds industry best practice standards
- Innovation to continually improve livestock handling
- Winner, 2016 Animal Welfare in Saleyards and Cairages Award presented by Australian Livestock Markets Association.

LOCATION

- The DRLM is located on Boothenna Road 5km north of Dubbo
- Heavy vehicles including road trains and B-doubles are able to use Boothenna Road from the Newell Highway to access the DRLM
- Easy access from the Mitchell Highway via Bunglegumbie Road and the Golden Highway via Boothenna Road means the DRLM is linked by three major highways.

SALES

- Sheep and lamb sales take place from 11am on Monday
- Prime cattle sales are on Thursday from 8am
- Store cattle sales are on Fridays from 11am as required (generally every two weeks)
- Goat sales are also held as required
- The canteen is open on sale days
- DRLM is an Accredited Saleyards eligible to transact EU eligible cattle.

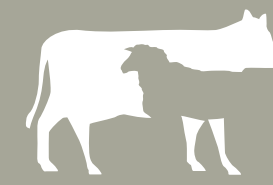
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DUBBO REGIONAL LIVESTOCK MARKETS

The Dubbo Regional Livestock Markets (DRLM) is considered one of the largest selling centres in Australia in terms of combined sheep and cattle numbers. In the financial year 2015/2016 1,382,335 sheep and 236,651 cattle were sold through the facility.

The facility is owned by Dubbo Regional Council. Producers buy and sell stock on sale days at the Dubbo Regional Livestock Markets (DRLM). 12 licensed stock and station agents operate at DRLM, ensuring a maximum of efficiency and service to clients. The sales are supported by meat companies, butchers, farmers and feedlot operators.

The DRLM provides a total contribution of \$75.6M in total output and supports 320 full time equivalent positions to the local economy.

Some of these jobs include seven council employees, stock agents, buyers, carriers, suppliers and livestock handlers.

The DRLM contributes a return to Dubbo Regional Council Rates and General Revenue fund. In 2016/2017 this contribution is forecast to be \$287,000.

BUILDING A PREMIER MARKET

The DRLM has been undergoing some exciting upgrades designed to secure the facility as a premier market Australia wide.

In 2015 a \$4.1M upgrade of the sheep selling facilities created yards with additional carrying capacity and a complex designed and constructed with ease of use and animal welfare in mind.

In 2016 construction started on a \$6.6M upgrade and expansion of the cattle facilities. This upgrade provides:

- an additional weighbridge
- new wagon wheel delivery pen to scales
- provision of an additional delivery lane
- provision of double deck loading ramps
- an additional 126 selling pens
- upgrade of pre-sale drafting yards and crush
- additional feed yards

The upgrade to the cattle facilities are funded from the Australian Government's National Stronger Region fund matched dollar for dollar with contributions from Council.

All these improvements are geared towards better animal welfare, a safer working environment, greater efficiency and capacity.



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HOW DOES A SALE WORK?

Livestock are sold at DRLM by auction. The farmer will have booked their stock in with an agent to be sold before the sale. The buyers know when the sale is on, and because the DRLM is so large they know they will be able to have a choice of stock and be able to buy them by the truckload, keeping their transport costs down.

The agent auctions the stock, and the highest bidder arranges to transport the stock they have purchased away. Prime cattle (generally ones the butchers buy) are sold by live weight, which means that you bid on them on a c/kg basis. For example if the winning bid is \$2.80 and the beast is weighed after the auction at 500kg, it will cost the buyer \$1,400 plus GST.

Store cattle (which generally need to be grown out or may include breeder cows) are sold on a per head basis which means that if the winning bid is \$1,400, you will pay \$1,400 plus GST. Sheep and lambs are also sold on a per head basis.

Yard dues are paid to DRLM on stock sold. In 2016/2017 these fees include \$8.56 per head for cattle and \$0.83 per head for sheep. The seller, generally the farmer, pays this fee out of the value of the livestock sold. This is collected by the agent who also charges a commission to the farmer for selling the stock.

KEY FEATURES

The Dubbo Regional Livestock Markets is located on 39 hectares of land north of Dubbo on Bootherba Road. The land and facilities are owned by Dubbo Regional Council. Heavy vehicles including road trains and B-doubles are able to use Bootherba Road from the Newell Highway to access the DRLM.

This map shows the location of the facilities and some of the features of the DRLM.

1. Irrigation using reclaimed water
2. Newly developed sheep sales area featuring dust suppression, water to yards and young trees
3. Newly developed sheep sales area including

textured concrete to reduce slip and shaded drafting areas

4. Large feed-out pens
5. Offices, amenities and canteen (open sale days only)
6. Cattle sales area includes shade sails and non-slip rubber flooring
7. Shaded, dry, no-contact draft and weigh facilities
8. Older sheep sales area with extensive shade trees
9. Electric winch loading ramps for safer adjustment and loading/unloading
10. Truck wash bays for large and small trucks
11. Effluent screens and recycling ponds