



## DUBBO REGIONAL LIVESTOCK MARKETS RECOGNISED FOR EXCELLENCE IN WORK, HEALTHY AND SAFETY

Dubbo Regional Livestock Markets (DRLM) has been recognised for demonstrating outstanding excellence in Work, Health and Safety at the 2017 Regional Australia Bank Rhino Awards held by the Dubbo Chamber of Commerce and Industry Inc. on Friday, 13 October 2017.

Councils Manager Saleyards and Showground, Ross McCarthy, said he was delighted to see the facility recognised at the prestigious business awards and awarded the Rhino for Excellence in Work, Health and Safety, sponsored by SafeWork NSW.

“The DRLM has multiple health and safety hazards for its employees including animal handling, working at heights, confined spaces, hot works, heavy traffic, use of chemicals, cleaning and noise amongst others,” Mr McCarthy said.

“Operating a saleyard, especially a large 24-hour operation like DRLM required a concise but achievable Work Health and Safety (WHS) system,” Mr McCarthy said.

“The DRLM has developed an overarching Work Health and Safety Audit Checklist that combines the supplementary internal checklists from the various work groups.”

“The measures put into place with a series of self and independent audits is ensuring any potential hazards and risks are identified and acted on in a practical manner,” he said.

Mr McCarthy said all staff and stakeholders were provided with regular safety messaging through various channels including the DRLM quarterly newsletter and a maintained health and safety notice board.

“The culture of reporting and discussing issues in a positive and proactive manner, is seeing continuous improvement to make the facility a safer environment for all users,” Mr McCarthy said.

Councils Director Economic Development and Business, Natasha Comber, said the DRLM had one of the largest cattle and sheep selling complexes in the country.

“The Livestock Markets are one of the largest contributors to economic growth in the region. In the 2016/2017 financial year, 199,431 head of cattle and 1,437,030 sheep were sold, with 24,000 head of cattle and 156,000 sheep sold in September alone,” Ms Comber said.

“It’s important that we provide excellent facilities and work towards continuous safety measures and improvements for everyone who uses the saleyards”.

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