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1. Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to outline Council's requirement that livestock at the Mount Gambier and District Saleyards are handled and drafted in a responsible manner to enhance livestock health and wellbeing.

2. Scope

This policy applies to all livestock presented for sale at a Mount Gambier and District Saleyards.

3. Definitions

Definitions are to be taken as consistent with relevant legislation as referenced in section 6.

4. Policy

Livestock at the Mount Gambier and District Saleyards are to be handled and drafted in a manner which promotes health and wellbeing.

4.1 Animal Safety

The Council and its staff are dedicated to adhering to all relevant legislation to promote livestock health and wellbeing.

All dogs must remain muzzled at the Mount Gambier and District Saleyards.

4.2 Prodders and guiding tools

- Electric prodders are banned for use on sheep and lambs.
- Electric prodders are allowed for use with cattle (excluding bobby calves) but restricted to the absolute minimum necessary to complete loading.
- Electronic prodders must not be applied to the face or genitals of any animal.
- Handheld livestock guiding implements shall not be used to hit animals.
- Prodding of animals which have little or no room to move ahead is not permitted.
- The excessive use of livestock canes, whips, or lengths of plastic piping is not permitted as methods of encouraging livestock to move.
- Lengths of metal piping and heavy leather belts must not be used.

4.3 Curfew

National Saleyards Quality Assurance Program and EU Cattle Accreditation Scheme Guideline curfews must be adhered to at all times.

4.4 Biosecurity

Council is committed to compliance with legislative requirements for biosecurity. For any incidents or outbreaks, Council will follow the advice from the lead agency.

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4.5 Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

Council employees are required to comply with all PPE requirements on site. As a minimum they will wear enclosed shoes and long pants and shirts.

Users of the saleyard must comply with all reasonable directions of Council staff.

5. Responsibilities

The Saleyards Manager is responsible for compliance with this policy.

6. References / Other Documents

References to legislation and/or documents include as amended, supplemented, updated and/or augmented from time to time.

6.1 Legislation

Biosecurity Act 2025 (SA) (Livestock Act 1997 (SA) until repealed).

Livestock Regulations 2013 (SA).

Animal Welfare Act 2025 (SA) (Animal Welfare Act 1985 (SA) until repealed).

Animal Welfare Regulations 2012 (SA).

6.2 Council Policies / Procedures

Non-Compliant Livestock Tagging Policy.

6.3 Other

National Standard for the Operation of Australian Saleyards.

Mount Gambier and District Saleyards Agents Licence Agreement.

Australian Animal Welfare Guidelines.

European Union Cattle Accreditation Scheme – Rules for Saleyards.

7. Review

This Policy shall be reviewed by the District Council of Grant at a minimum, once within every four (4) year Council term (or on significant change to legislation or other matters which could affect this policy).

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Adopted by Council	04 August 2014	14092
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