

CITY OF DANDENONG - SALEYARDS

PRESS RELEASE

In response to recently introduced amendments to the "Liveweight Selling Code of Practice" the City of Dandenong has instituted certain changes to the procedure for presenting cattle for weighing.

These changes will take effect from Monday, 3rd November, 1986, and largely concern the enforcement of a six hour "curfew" on cattle to be weighed.

The six hour curfew requires that all livestock to be weighed must be held in the Saleyards at least six hours prior to being weighed, during which period they cannot be fed although they must have access to water.

To ensure that the curfew requirements of the Code are rigidly enforced, Council will employ a Stock Auditor, whose task it will be to certify the arrival time of all livestock received at the Saleyards.

The Stock Auditor will "log" the arrival particulars of all cattle received during the period prior to the liveweight curfew cut off for each category of livestock on each sale day.

Cattle received during the six hour period between the curfew cut off and the closure of the Weighbridge for each category of livestock will be uniquely branded by the Stock Auditor to prevent their substitution into properly curfewed weigh lots.

To facilitate the movement of livestock and to maximise the efficient useage of limited curfew facilities, Council has engaged the services of an established Cattle Drafting Agency, who will have sole responsibility for drafting cattle from receipt through the six hour period across the weighbridge and on into the selling pens.

The Drafting Service will attend to all livestock receivals in the grown cattle selling area during the period from at least six hours prior to the opening of the weighbridge to the last closure of the weighbridge on each sale day.

Coincident with the introduction of the above outlined procedures, Council will introduce a revised schedule of fees, charges and dues that will account for normal C.P.I. increases over the last twelve months, the additional cost of employing livestock auditors and the cost of providing a Drafting Service.

As from the 3rd November, 1986, Council will charge vendors (through their Stock Agents) a composite fee of \$6.00 per head for all vealers and bullocks yarded at Dandenong, regardless of whether or not they are weighed, no additional weighing or drafting fee will apply.

Fat cows that are weighed will be charged \$6.00 whilst unweighed fat cows will be charged \$4.50.

Bulls will be charged a yard fee of \$8.00 regardless of whether or not they are weighed.

Other Yard Dues for unweighed livestock will be as follows :-

Store Cattle	\$4.50 per head
Dairy Cattle	\$4.50 per head (no additional charge for Cows that have to be milked out)
Cows and Calves	\$5.00 per unit
Calves Under Six Months	\$.70 per head
Calves Over Six Months	\$2.30 per head
Horses	\$3.20 per head
Sheep, Lambs and Goats	\$.25 per head
Pigs (including Sow and Litter)	\$.80 per head/unit
Grown Poultry	\$.14 per pair
Pidgeons	\$.80 per pair
Day Old Chicks	\$.08 per pair
Hens with Chicks	\$.20 per pair
Chicks Under 8 Weeks	\$.05 per pair

On delivery and overnight charges :-

Grown Cattle	\$2.30 per head
Horses	\$3.20 per head
Bulls	\$3.20 per head
Sheep, Lambs and Goats	\$.25 per head
Small Calves	\$.70 per head
Pigs	\$.80 per head

Weighbridge Fees for livestock weighed outside of scheduled weighing sessions

Weighbridge Opening Fee	\$15.00 per session
Reweigh Fee	\$15.00 per lot
Weighing Fee	\$ 2.40 for the first head thereafter additional .50c per head to five head, thereafter .20c per head.

Auctioneer's Fess

For Normal Sales Per Agent Per Day	\$32.00
Special Sales Held on Working Days	\$40.00 per Agent per day
Special Sale Loading For Sales conducted on Holidays and Weekends	\$145.00 per sale (in addition to Special Sale Fee)

27th October, 1986.

Office and Shop Rents

Rents for Offices and Shops to be \$45.00 per week per office/shop.

All aspects of the administration of the revised liveweight selling Code of Practice will be kept under constant review and on a week to week basis until such time as the new procedures stabilise.

The scale of yard dues outlined above will be reviewed in mid January, 1987, and changed trends in weighing and yard throughput as a result of the revised code of practice will then be taken into account.

Further details with regard to the implementation of the amended Code of Practice and the new scale of yard dues should be directed to the Saleyards Superintendent on telephone number 791 6500 (area code 03).



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TOWN CLERK

27th October, 1986.