

Welcome to the third edition of the Central Victoria Livestock Exchange (CVLX) newsletter. Future editions will continue to be distributed biannually to keep you abreast of the operations, projects, and initiatives at CVLX.

The last six months has seen unprecedented challenges for our country with everyone needing to adapt in the face of COVID-19. As you are no doubt aware agriculture continues to be deemed an essential service. As such, CVLX has been doing its part for the Ballarat region, Victoria and the broader national community by continuing to operate through the COVID-19 pandemic, ensuring the uninterrupted and essential transaction of livestock as part of the national food supply chain.

This period has not been without its challenges, and we could not have done this without the relentless support of our staff, agents, buyers, vendors, and transporters. To you all, CVLX says "Thank you"!

At the start of October, we said good-bye to Jarrod Koch, the CVLX Site Manager since late 2018. We wish to take this opportunity to thank Jarrod for his significant contribution and wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

Rob Modistach has stepped up to the role of acting Site Manager. Rob has been with CVLX since July 2019 and is dedicated to ensuring the facility is clean, safe, operating efficiently and continues to provide a high-quality outcome for the producer and buyer alike. Rob is well versed in the operational aspects of the business and has contributed extensively to the many operational and environmental improvements that have been implemented over the last twelve months.

The CVLX Community Grant Scheme is running again in FY21 and is available to local community groups for projects that focus on quality food production and agriculture, community safety and participation and environmental improvements.

Whilst applications remain open until April 2021, CVLX is already pleased to announce that it will be supporting the following community projects:

- The Upper Emu Creek Landcare Network for their Trees for Change Program, where 4,000 native trees will be planted locally, and
- The Clunes District Agriculture Society for the ablation block replacement project

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CVLX has a number of contact platforms for you to seek information and provide feedback.

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If you have been to CVLX recently, you will have noticed the digital screen that was installed in September. This provides state of the art community promotion opportunities and perhaps one day, a place to watch the Geelong Cats claim victory at the AFL Grand Final.

Should you have any queries in relation to the community grant funding programing or would like to utilise the big screen for promotional activities or community notices at CVLX, please get in touch with us.

CVLX is proudly hosting the first of two First Cross Ewe Sales on 11th December 2020, which will be a display of high quality locally bred livestock. COVID-19 permitting, it is hoped the site will welcome trade displays with an opportunity for local businesses to showcase their products and services.

On the day a range of activities will be organised including site environmental tours, and as such all members of the public and community are welcome to come and see some of the initiatives we have been working on.

If you would like to be involved, please contact Rob Modistach, or you can simply keep abreast of these activities by following the CVLX Facebook Page for further details about events and activities at the site.

We wish you and your family a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, and we look forward to seeing you in 2021.

NEIGHBOURHOOD REFERENCE GROUP

The NRG is a collaborative alliance consisting of community members from all areas surrounding the site, including members of local organisations, and representatives from the EPA Victoria, the City of Ballarat Council, and CVLX.

The most recent NRG meeting was held on 25th August 2020 via zoom due to COVID-19 restrictions. The meeting provided members with an update on CVLX operations, environmental matters including the two Pollution Abatement Notices (PAN) relating to operational improvements and processes initiated by CVLX management, and the community grants program.

The next NRG meeting is scheduled on Tuesday 24th November 2020 at the local Miners Rest Community Hall. If we are unable to go ahead with this meeting, in person due to COVID-19 restrictions, the meeting will be held again via zoom.

CVLX SERVICES

Did you know that CVLX offers additional services outside of what happens on traditional sale days?

Services we offer for both sheep and cattle include:

- Private weighing of non-sale day livestock with certified weights
- Pre-and-post-sale feeding
- Transhipment and short-term spelling

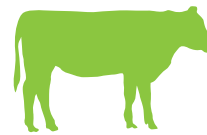
You do not need to be selling livestock to access the state-of-the-art services on offer at CVLX.

Please contact Rob Modistach if you are interested in seeing how we can help you.

THE RESULTS

CVLX continues to attract strong prices, with the recent store sale being reported as the “dearest sale ever” for Ballarat. CVLX congratulates the agents and their vendors on achieving these great results and it is fantastic to see the positive difference the facility is making to the Victorian livestock industry.

At a recent special sale held at CVLX on 23rd October 2020, Ayrvale Angus Final Dispersal Sale also saw a fantastic result where quality genetics were on offer by vendor Richard White. The sale attracted some intense bidding with just over 50% of the bids coming from the Stocklive platform online and 84% of the lots going to online buyers.



PRIME CATTLE

2,334 head



SHEEP

256,838 head



STORE CATTLE

11,069 head

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CVLX has seen a monumental shift during COVID-19 to a materially increased level of buyer participation and activity via the StockLive online platform utilised at CVLX sales.

In the last two monthly store sales alone, StockLive has facilitated 616 online viewers with 548 bids, resulting in over 630 head being purchased online at a value of \$770,250. More information about buying online at CVLX using StockLive is available at www.stocklive.com.au.

For further information on sales and CVLX operating agents, visit the CVLX website - www.cvlx.com.au.



COVID-19 UPDATE

Sale days have looked a little different lately as we continue to operate within prescribed government guidelines. Anyone attending site has been required to wear a facemask and it was pleasing to see the auctioneers and agents led the way in embracing these changes.

RLX will always prioritise public health and monitor the most current State and Federal Government advice on the COVID-19 situation and provide regular communications regarding any further changes to onsite procedures when and where required.

CVLX management would like to extend our thanks to all the CVLX clients and the broader community for their cooperation with these important matters as we continue to work hard to maintain an active and transparent marketplace in these unprecedented times.



ENVIRONMENTAL UPDATE

CVLX has successfully met the commitments made in both EPA PAN's. This included the following projects, completed by local contractors:

- A full-scale sheep yard gate modification project that allows for better access for larger cleaning equipment
- Planting of approximately 2,200 native saplings and 50 mature gum trees around the site. A further 2,100 trees will be planted as part of Stage Two works commencing early next year. This vegetation planting is in addition to the Upper Emu Creek Landcare Network's 'Trees for Change Program', proudly sponsored by the CVLX Community Grants Program

In the May 2020 CVLX Newsletter, CVLX advised consideration was being given to trialling a deodorising system to neutralise fugitive odour emissions from the site. Following consultation with the NRG and feedback provided by the EPA and Ballarat Council, the decision was made not to progress with the trial, due to further investigations occurring relating to the use of this technology.

A revised Environmental Improvement Plan and a revised Odour Management Plan have been submitted to the EPA for review prior to submission to the City of Ballarat Council for endorsement. These documents will be published on the CVLX website once approved.

The team at CVLX is always looking at more ways to improve our operational efficiencies and to that end, a recently trialled modified washdown process has provided a material reduction in water usage and reduced the time taken to complete each washdown, when required.

CVLX values community input. If you have any specific environmental questions or comments, please contact us directly as it makes it easier to identify and address queries if they are received in a timely manner.



KEY DATES



PRIME CATTLE SALES

Second and fourth Monday of each month*
8:30 am



SHEEP SALES

Every Tuesday
9:00 am



STORE CATTLE SALES

Third Friday of each month
10:00 am



FEATURE SALES

First-Cross Ewe Sale on 11th December 2020

First-Cross Ewe Sale on 8th January 2021

Annual Weaner and Grown Store Sales held every Friday in February 2021
(7th, 14th, 21st and 28th)

* The traditional weekly prime cattle sale moved to a fortnightly sale in July



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