



CVLX Newsletter - June 2019 Edition



CVLX has now been operating for eight months and our key focus has been on the continual improvement of operational practices, community engagement, public information events and the roll out of the Community Grant Funding Program.

Both Prime and Store cattle are presented in a state-of-the-art facility that incorporates soft flooring, non-bruise panelling and undercover selling pens.

Feedback from facility users on the presentation of their livestock in the new facility has been extremely positive and widely acknowledged as being a vast improvement compared to the LaTrobe Street facility that was over 100 years old.

Cattle numbers continue to increase particularly in the weekly prime market and as a result more buyers are attending and participating in the weekly sales creating greater market competition.

The lamb market has been front and centre in both the state and national media in the past two months, demonstrating the outstanding results for vendors at CVLX.

Congratulations to Andy Maher, K P Maher and the Guthrie family who sold heavy cross bred lambs for \$320/head in May breaking a CVLX record, all three Vendors are clients of TB White & Sons.

If you want to catch the LIVE action of any sale at the site, you can watch by visiting www.rlx.com.au.

Online Bidding is also available for our monthly store market should you not be able to attend and wish to participate. For more information on the bidding platform visit www.rlx.com.au or get it touch with us.

Meet our Manager

CVLX is delighted to announce that Jarrod Koch was appointed Senior Operations Manager in April 2019.

Jarrod came to us after spending time working in the grain and machinery industries, a time in his career that fueled his passion and commitment to Australian Agriculture.

Jarrod has brought great enthusiasm to the role and has already delivered a number of improvements which are clear for all to see. Jarrod has a passion to improve and expand the service offering to clients at CVLX and we are excited to have him on board.

Jarrod can be contacted on manager@cvlx.com.au or 0419 584 159.



(L - R) CEO Tim Gallagher, General Manager - Operations Ben Wratten and Senior Operations Manager, Jarrod Koch

Community Grants Program

CVLX is part of a larger portfolio of regional livestock exchanges with a footprint in major livestock producing areas along the Eastern seaboard of Australia.

As part of RLX's commitment to the regions and communities within which we operate a community grant funding and sponsorship program has been operating for the past five years. These programs are targeted at projects and initiatives seen as being relevant to the needs of the broader agricultural and regional community.

CVLX had an extremely successful launch of the Community Grants Program in 2018, where funds were directed to areas of high importance to our customers, neighbours and stakeholders. The program focuses on the following priorities;

- Quality Food Production and Agriculture
- Community Safety and Participation
- Environmental Improvement



The Clunes Showground pavillion improvement works were completed in 2019.

During the inaugural round of grant funding, we received a total of 12 applications and 5 of these were successful. The first round of grant funding achieved the following initiatives;

- safeTALK sessions through the Ballarat region coordinated by Ballarat & District Suicide Prevention Network
- Provision of local indigenous trees to local landholders through the Upper Mount Emu Creek Landcare Network
- Development of shade infrastructure at the Learmonth Bowling Club
- The purchase of a new defibrillator and first aid kit for the Ballarat Agricultural and Pastoral Society
- Infrastructure improvements to the sheep and lamb pavilion at the Clunes and District Agricultural Showground.

CVLX has have been keeping up to date on the use of grants awarded and are pleased to see that we are able to contribute to communities through this program.



The Learmonth Bowls Club will use grant funding to install shade for the club users and wider competitions.

Ballarat Suicide Prevention

The Ballarat & District Suicide Prevention Network was successful in receiving Grant funding. The Network is focusing on holding three free "safeTALK – Lets Have a Conversation" workshops within the areas of Ballarat, Golden Plains, Pyrnees, Moorabool and Hepburn Shires. The workshop will run for three to three and a half hours and will be delivered by a Lifeline trainer.

The workshop is limited to 30 people per session. One session will be held at the Central Victoria Livestock Exchange (CVLX). The Network is focused on educating individuals within rural communities in the hope that participants are empowered to be alert to suicide risk and may consider undertaking further suicide prevention or crisis support training.

CVLX is closely working with the Network to finalise the dates and the location of the safeTALK events. It is likely to be late July or early August. Further information will be provided on the CVLX Facebook page once finalised. If you or anybody you know is interested in participating in the safeTALK events please contact Lifeline Ballarat – Lifeline.Ballarat@vt.uniting.org or feedback@cvlx.com.au.

2019 CVLX Community Grant Funding

IMPORTANT DATES

14th July 2019: Submit Grant Funding applications

28th July 2019: Formal communication to successful applicants

1st August 2019: Public announcement of successful applicants

Email feedback@cvlx.com.au for application form

Upper Emu Creek Landcare

The Upper Mount Emu Creek Landcare Network was successful in receiving Grant funding. Their project will provide Landcare members and local landholders with local indigenous trees to plant on their properties.

The focus area has been on Miners Rest and surrounding landholders who own small acreage to larger areas of land.

The trees will be used to create native shelter belts and habitat corridors and assist in mitigating many environmental impacts. The grant funding purchased 4,000 trees for Landholders and the trees will be provided to the landholders at the start of July.

A date has yet to be finalised by the Upper Emu Creek Landcare Group but a planting day will be taking place at the Miners Rest Reserve. This is likely to be late July or early August.

Further information will be provided on the CVLX Facebook page once finalised.

Odour Management Update

Since commencing operations in October 2018, CVLX has been focusing on improving all operational processes so as to ensure optimal outcomes for users of the site and the surrounding community.

Odour management systems and procedures have been consistently reviewed, monitored and upgraded where needed, resulting in a number of changes being made to the operational process undertaken at the site on a weekly basis.

During the first 2-3 months of operations, CVLX have placed a greater focus on refining all aspects of the cleaning processes.

Mechanical sweeping is used to dry clean the sheep yards. This process removes the majority of the waste material allowing it to be separated and used in landscaping and composting products.

By early February, the new machinery was in place and cleaning processes on site have continued in this manner over the subsequent months.

Other upgrades that have been made include but are not limited to;

- Increased daily monitoring systems
- Regular solid waste removal from the site
- Erection of a paling fence along the southern boundary of the solid stockpile area
- Commissioning of the full waste water treatment system that allows water to be recycled on site
- Regular and ongoing odour surveillance in the surrounding area

CVLX aims to continually improve site operations and ensure that our neighbours are not unacceptably impacted by site activities.

Constructive comments and feedback are always welcome and can be provided by emailing feedback@cvlx.com.au or calling the CVLX hotline on 03 8657 0069.

CVLX is working with its expert consultants and will be providing the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) with an update to the odour modeling by the 17th June, 2019 which incorporates obtaining actual measured odour emission rates from various portions of the site. Once the odour monitoring is complete and feedback has been received from the EPA, an updated Odour Management Plan (OMP) will be developed.

The OMP will be included in the Environmental Improvement Plan (EIP) for the site. The OMP will incorporate best practise management processes which will assist in reducing the potential for odour impacts from the CVLX site.

Various inputs were used to inform the updated OMP, including:

- The experiences of odour the local community has reported
- The experiences of odour the EPA and site management have reported
- Odour modeling prepared by an independent expert
- Advice from independent experts and the EPA

We are looking forward to working with all involved on refining processes and achieving the best outcomes.

You're Invited...

CVLX will be hosting an information evening to discuss the OMP which forms a part of the EIP. This information event will be held at the Ballarat Turf Club on Tuesday 18th June, 2019 from 6:00 pm.

This information evening will provide members of the public and facility stakeholders the opportunity to comment on the OMP draft and provide feedback where applicable. If you require further information regarding this event, please email feedback@cvlx.com.au

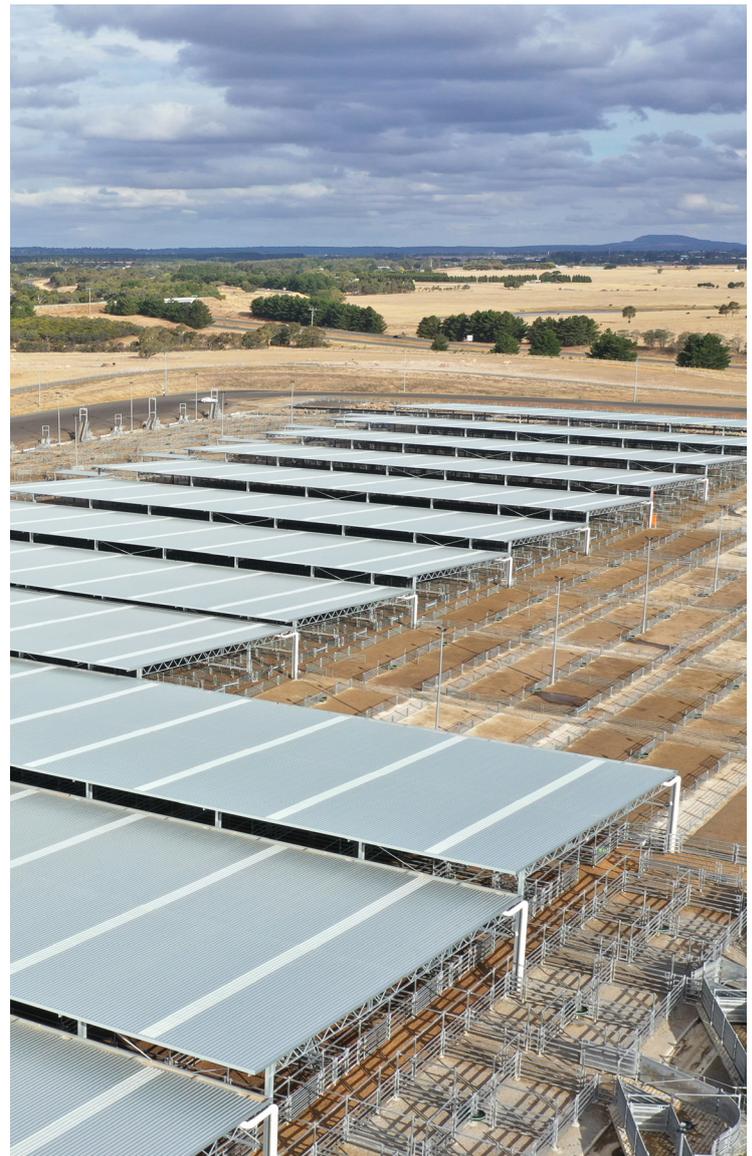
Central Victoria Livestock Exchange (CVLX)

Odour Management Plan Information Evening

Tuesday 18th June 2019

6:00 pm

Ballarat Turf Club, Miners Rest



Central Victoria Livestock Exchange (CVLX)

Municipal Association of VIC (MAV)

On the 30th May CVLX welcomed 55 delegates of the Municipal Association of Victoria's Rural and Regional Planning Conference for a tour of the facility.

The tour was part of a two-day conference program, which was held in Ballarat this year.

Participants included local government planning staff, councillors, state government agencies and authorities and consultants from across Victoria. The tour of CVLX was a highlight of the conference program and great feedback about the site was received.

Southern Regional Manager, James Thompson, led the tour through all areas of the facility and gave commentary on operational aspects.



Southern Regional Manager, James Thompson with the MAV Tour Group



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CVLX Farmer Safety Day

On the 15th February, CVLX ran a farmer safety day. The purpose of the day was to increase awareness of farmer health and safety and to offer attendees the opportunity to access different services and information.

During the day Simon from WestAg provided information on rollover safety on farm vehicles and machinery. Noel and Dallas from WorkSafe Victoria covered all things workplace health and safety and the team from the National Centre for Farmer Health conducted free health checks.



The team from the National Centre for Farmer Health at CVLX.

CVLX & Ballarat Regional Industries



BRI offer recycling services to help us reduce impact on the environment.

Ballarat Regional Industries (BRI) aim to provide employment and training opportunities for people with significant permanent disabilities that would prevent or hinder them from undertaking other employment.

BRI offer employment through many commercial services including their recycling plant and have a number of key initiatives including sustainable recycling and reducing the impact on the environment.

CVLX is teaming up with BRI and becoming a drop off point for damaged truck mud guards. CVLX is an ideal location for transporters to drop used mud guards and management saw this as a fantastic opportunity to contribute to the great work BRI are doing with sustainable recycling and disability support.