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Transformation underway at the Mount Gambier and District Saleyards

Works are well underway to install two new state of the art electronic loading ramps at the Mount Gambier and District Saleyards.

The \$964k project has been jointly funded by the State Government's Regional Growth Fund (\$385k) and Council, and marks the first stage of the Saleyards redevelopment. The project will see the installation of two adjustable cattle ramps with both rear and side loading options that will cater for both B Doubles and A Doubles which will greatly assist stock transportation. The new ramps will provide increased efficiencies and productivity when loading and unloading cattle, leading to less downtime with reduced waiting periods and quicker turnarounds.

Mayor Richard Sage said that the project marks the start of Councils plan to transform the Saleyards.

"As part of our Saleyard Masterplan we have secured funding to install new electronic loading ramps which will allow for more efficient and safer loading of cattle at the yards. We want our yards to be the go to destination for the sale of cattle and sheep in the region and to do this we need to provide facilities that meet the needs of the users" he said.

Council is awaiting the outcome of a federal government funding application, which if successful will allow for a total transformation of the Saleyards including roofing, major upgrades to the pens and installing softfall, and solar panels.

Futureproofing our Saleyard is Councils next priority said Councillor Barry Kuhl, Presiding Member of the Mount Gambier and District Saleyards Strategy Committee.

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"There are major economic benefits brought about through the Saleyards. People come to sell cattle and then use services across the area which puts money back into the local economy. By redeveloping the Saleyards we are confident that the investment will payoff through increased sales and bringing more people into the region. We will also be improving the energy efficiency of the facility by installing solar panels and increasing our water catchment".

It is expected that the new electronic ramps will be completed by August 2021.



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