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## KATANNING REGIONAL SALEYARDS

Members may recall the state Government media releases on the government's saleyard strategy.

Subsequent to this, a business plan for the Katanning Regional Saleyards was received from the Shire of Katanning<del>.</del>

Livestock Committee member Ms Bindi Murray has attended several consultative briefings. This has led to a request by the Council for additional funding from the Federal Government to make additions to and expand the saleyard plan.

There will be a public viewing, consultation for the new saleyards in the Katanning Saleyards Canteen on Wednesday the 25<sup>th</sup> of May.

## LIVE EXPORT

Federal Labour MP for the NSW seat of Page Janelle Saffin introduced a Private Member's bill into Parliament on Monday the 21<sup>st</sup> of March. The Bill urges Australia to shift away from the live export of cattle and sheep and ship more frozen and chilled meats instead. These bills typically garner support from unions and meat processors and left leaning political organisations.

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Anna Inglis, Livestock Export Program Communications Manager for MLA/LiveCorp prepared media briefing papers for the use industry of organizations and members of Parliament. In situations such as these, the ability of MLA to respond quickly and effectivelv by circulating credible information to key opinion makers is very valuable to producers.

### AWI

The Livestock Chairman attended he AWI Woolgrowers Forum held in conjunction with Wagin Woolorama. However, notice was very late and in fact, the time of the forum was changed at the last minute.

Although the Chairman of AWI Mr Wal Merriman attended, he did not address the forum.

He declined to answer questions unless they related strictly to board activities. Consequently, the AWI CEO Mr Stuart McCullough did most of the talking.

### SHEEP INDUSTRY LEADERSHIP COUNCIL INITIATIVE

Following a tele-conference between the PGA President, the executive officer and the DAFWA Executive Director - Livestock Industries Mr Kevin Chennell, the Chairman was invited to attend the announcement of Sheep Industry Leadership the Council Initiative by the Minister for Agriculture and Food, at Wagin Woolorama. Unfortunately, the announcement was made on Saturday and as Friday is the traditional business day at Wagin, the Chairman was unable to attend

#### **MEETINGS:**

Pastoral: Wednesday - 25<sup>th</sup> May Executive: Thursday - 26<sup>th</sup> May



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