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South Gippsland Stock Agents Association

We now have the opportunity to build something great at VLE Leongatha.

Set-up the saleyards complex as the busiest in Australia, by building infrastructure for future generations.

It's a 30-year plan.

That's why it is imperative we get things right now.

There has been a lot of discussion about VLE's ability to cope with cattle numbers while new infrastructure is built.

There is no doubt this time will be challenging but with cooperation, the VLE is confident cattle numbers can be managed efficiently.

With this in mind, the VLE has decided that the best way to manage the throughput, particularly store sales, is to split the sales between agents.

Extensive discussions with agents, transporters and all saleyards' stakeholders has led to this decision.

Agents made it very clear that their business model was built around yarding cattle at store markets on a fortnightly basis.

Animal welfare was paramount in this decision.

Starting in August, the store sales will be split along the following lines –

- Nutrien/SEJ
- Elders/Alex Scott & Staff/Baw Baw Livestock/Phelan & Henderson & Co and ESB

The group of 5 agents will start on the first store sale in August, on August 1.

The following week Nutrien/SEJ will sell, on August 8.

Sales will continue to rotate on a fortnightly basis.



Splitting the store markets is the best way to ensure consistent cattle numbers at the yards on a weekly basis.

It will also help stock agents manage their workloads and the VLE with maintenance and staff rostering.

VLE trusts this arrangement will be respected by all agents and everyone can get down to business.

Any questions should be directed to me.

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