

# MEDIA RELEASE

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## WRLE LOOKING FOR CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Due to the introduction of Electronic Identification for sheep and goats (EID) and the need for scanning equipment to be installed (eg. fixed, portable and handheld), changes to the operation and layout of the **Warracknabeal Regional Livestock Exchange** are required.

March 31<sup>st</sup> 2018 is the deadline date for the EID hardware/software to be installed and operating.

Consequently, Council would like to invite interested users of the WRLE to become members of a consultative committee to discuss these changes, along with other plans for the future of the WRLE. Ideally, this voluntary committee will include a combination of Producers, Agents, Transport Operators and Council.

Currently Council has completed Phase 1 and Phase 2 grant submissions to the Department of Agriculture for the supply and installation of the required hardware and software needed to operate the scanning equipment and the storage and uploading of the electronic data gathered. Brendan Carey from Scanclear was employed on Council's behalf as the consultant to oversee this process with his costs covered under Phase 1 of the grant submissions.

In addition to the EID grant submissions, Council are also looking for other grant opportunities to carry out long awaited major works including upgrades to the loading/unloading ramps, lighting, concrete and stormwater drainage, to name but a few. The Consultative Committee would be involved in the planning phases of these works so that all users have input in developing the best possible outcome for all involved, while ensuring the WRLE remains the best facility for all producers in this part of the state to sell their livestock.

If you would like to become involved as a member of this Committee, a meeting will be held at the Council Offices, 34 Lyle Street Warracknabeal on Tuesday December 5<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm. For more information please contact Tony Brennan on 5398 0111 or 0427 515 238.

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