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Rhino Awards

On the 13 October it was announced at the Dubbo Chamber of Commerce Rhino Awards that DRLM won the SafeWork NSW Excellence in Work, Health, Safety Award, congratulations to all, the feedback has been appreciated.

This award is a reflection of the efforts of all users.



Chain of Responsibility – Heavy Vehicle National Law (HVNL)

The new Chain of Responsibility laws require risks to be managed in the same way as Work Health and Safety (WHS) laws do. This means that all parties in the chain need to proactively identify hazards related to transport activity and remove or reduce the risks as much as possible.

You are a party in the chain if:

- If the vehicle's driver is an employed driver – an employer of the driver
- If the vehicle's driver is a self-employed driver a prime contractor for the driver
- An operator of a vehicle
- A scheduler of the vehicle
- A consignor or consignee of any goods in the vehicle
- A packer of any goods in the vehicle
- A loading manager
- A loader or unloader

In short, if you are loading or unloading livestock, own the vehicle, drive the vehicle, consign the livestock or own the livestock you are part of the chain of responsibility.

For more information refer too: www.nhvr.gov.au



Local Land Services
Central West

Local Land Services (LLS) - Biosecurity Plans

Over the last couple of months farm biosecurity plans have become a hot topic due to the introduction of the Johne's Beef Assurance Score (J-BAS) and the addition of animal welfare and biosecurity requirements to the Livestock Production Assurance (LPA) program. With all the changes taking effect many producers are wondering what they need to do and how they do it.

Firstly producers need to put a biosecurity plan together and keep it on their property. There are many templates available - it doesn't matter which one you use or you can write your own from scratch using the JBAS and LPA guidelines.

Ultimately, your biosecurity plan should suit your property and how you work. If you have developed a biosecurity plan for the Johne's Beef Assurance Score you will not need to



complete another one for the LPA requirements.

To meet the requirements of the LPA changes producers will also need to have copies of the relevant animal welfare Standards and Guidelines, keep documentation and records, become familiar with the LPA learning content and finally complete your accreditation with the LPA when it falls due.

These changes are industry driven, initiated by Cattle Council and LPA and your Local Land Services staff are happy to answer any questions you may have.

Dubbo Regional Council Safety and Injury Management - David Matthews Team Leader

Keeping Everyone Safe In the Saleyards Environment – As a reminder to all people, the DRLM is a workplace and has inherent risks with unpredictable livestock, traffic movements and other aspects such as loading ramps which could be harmful.

Children must be supervised at all times while on the premises and not left to roam freely around the yards.

Children are not permitted to assist with loading, unloading or moving of stock within the saleyards.

Increased traffic on roads leading up to Christmas and during January with school holidays – take care on the roads and be aware of other road users, driver fatigue and increased penalties are in force over holiday periods for driving offences.



Sale Dates

Last Sales 2017

Prime Cattle - 14 December

Store Cattle - 15 December

Sheep and Lambs - 18 December

First Sales 2018

Prime Cattle Sale - 4 January

Sheep and Lambs - 8 January

Store Cattle Sale - 12 January



Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all, from DRLM

What is a dog's favourite Christmas carol?

Bark! The Herald Angels Sing...

How do sheep greet each other at Christmas?

A Merry-Christmas to Ewe!

For more information

If you have a questions about the Saleyards news, please contact Manager Saleyards and Showgrounds, Ross McCarthy:



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