



## Meetings



**Want to give back to your community? Have time to spare? Keen to meet new people? Then volunteering could be for you!**

The South West Volunteer Expo showcases the work of our region's leading volunteer groups.

The Expo will be held on **Saturday August 20 from 10am - 2pm at the Emmanuel Centre on Botanic Road.**

Find out which groups might be a good fit for you, many are on the lookout for new members.

So if you've been thinking of giving some time to a worthy cause, or are keen to join a community group, head along to the Volunteer Expo.

Admission is FREE and there'll be face painting, giveaways, coffee van and BBQ available and live performances.

## Get Involved

### South West Victorian Livestock Exchange

**Warrnambool City Council is consulting with the entire community about the future of the South-West Victorian Livestock Exchange, often referred to as the Warrnambool saleyards.**

At its meeting on August 1, Council was faced with a decision on whether to invest close to \$6 million to upgrade the saleyards which would make them competitive, meet contemporary expectations for a modern saleyards and provide them with a life expectancy of perhaps 20 years.

Council voted against the major upgrade with the factors behind this decision including the long payback period, other Council priorities and the establishment of an alternative saleyards at nearby Mortlake.

To inform a decision on the future of the saleyards, which could now include a prompt closure or a transitional closure of the saleyards, Council needs to fully understand the impact on the community of a saleyards closure.

Given the potential investment of Council funds that would be required to keep the saleyards operating, Council wants to have feedback from a broad range of people including the general community.

The consultation will begin with a survey which is available at [www.yoursaywarrnambool.com.au](http://www.yoursaywarrnambool.com.au)

Print versions of the survey will also be available at the Civic Centre, 25 Liebig Street, Warrnambool or call 5559 4800.

**The survey closes on August 26.**

Council also welcomes general written feedback. Letters should be addressed to:

**Saleyards Feedback  
Warrnambool City Council  
PO Box 198  
Warrnambool 3280**

Once the survey is finalised, Council will analyse the results before holding focus group discussions in mid-September.

Council will discuss the consultation outcomes and the future of the saleyards at its meeting in November.

