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## **Community support for Corryong Saleyards under spotlight**

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The future of the Corryong Saleyards will be on the agenda at Towong Shire Council's August meeting, following a disappointing response to calls for Expressions of Interest for the Committee of Management.

Towong Shire Council Mayor, Cr David Wortmann, explained that the Council would need to reconsider the future of the saleyards.

"Council made the decision to invest in the Corryong Saleyards and to operate the facility with the assistance of a community based Committee of Management. Local community representatives had met with us and indicated that they were prepared to get involved and work with Council to drive the development of the facility," said Cr Wortmann.

While support for the facility appeared strong, only two Expressions of Interest for the Committee of Management were received. Both of those submissions were from local Agents. The Expression of Interest process was extended through May and early June, but the extension did not result in any additional applications being made.

"While we are grateful for two individuals who expressed an interest in being on the Committee of Management, we need community members and producers to put their hands up as well, to make sure that the Committee can be established," said Cr Wortmann, "We are seeking two producer representatives and two community representatives, as well as an independent Chairperson."

The Expression of Interest process for the Corryong Saleyards has now been extended for a final time and will close on Monday 18 July 2016. Following this, a report will be prepared for Council for consideration at the August Council meeting.

"If we aren't able to form a Committee of Management, Council will have to reconsider what the future might look like for the Saleyards, taking into consideration the community support for the operation and our current financial situation." said Cr Wortmann.

Anyone interested in submitting an Expression of Interest for the Committee of Management is advised to contact Towong Shire Council on 02 6071 5100 or email [admin@towong.vic.gov.au](mailto:admin@towong.vic.gov.au) for a copy of the Expression of Interest form. The form is also available from Councils website at [www.towong.vic.gov.au](http://www.towong.vic.gov.au).

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