

Impounding Stray Stock On Your Land

Occasionally, stock may stray onto your property and create a risk to your property and stock. Risks include affecting biodiversity, livestock health or damage to fencing and infrastructure. Stray stock on private property is the responsibility of the landholder, not Mid-Western Regional Council.

STOCK THAT IS NOT YOURS

Stock that strays onto your land is not your property and belongs to the owner to whom they are registered through the Meat and Livestock Authority Property Identification System.

You should attempt to find the owner at first instance. If you cannot find the owner, contact Customer Service on 6378 2850, and they will put you in contact with an Impounding Officer. The Impounding Officer can assist with advice on tracking down the owner or organising transport if you wish to impound the animals.

WORK WITH YOUR NEIGHBOURS

Unfortunately, Council cannot contact, disclose contact details or mediate between the person impounding stock and the stock owners.

Once stock is impounded Council will then attempt to contact the owner.

FERAL LIVESTOCK

Some livestock that wander onto your property may be feral and not belong to an owner. The most common animal that this relates to are goats. Rangeland goats are animals that have been captured from a wild state and not been born as a result of farm management practices. For more information on rangeland goats refer to the MLA website at mla.com.au/news-and-events/industry-news/do-i-need-to-tag-rangeland-goats/

OWNER OF STOCK NOT FOUND OR UNABLE TO TAKE STOCK BACK

Should the owner of the stock not be found or not able to have the stock returned, the stock will be sold through the Saleyards.

Once stock is sold the transportation cost will be reimbursed to you.



HOW TO IMPOUND STOCK



- 1** Contact Council and you will be connected with an Impounding Officer, and they can assist with advice, finding the owner or organising transport.



- 2** Organise transport to the Mid-Western Regional Saleyards.



- 3** Submit receipt of the transport cost to the Impounding Officer.

IMPOUNDING FEES

Various impounding fees will apply to the stock that are impounded. Please refer to Mid-Western Regional Council's list of fees and charges at midwestern.nsw.gov.au



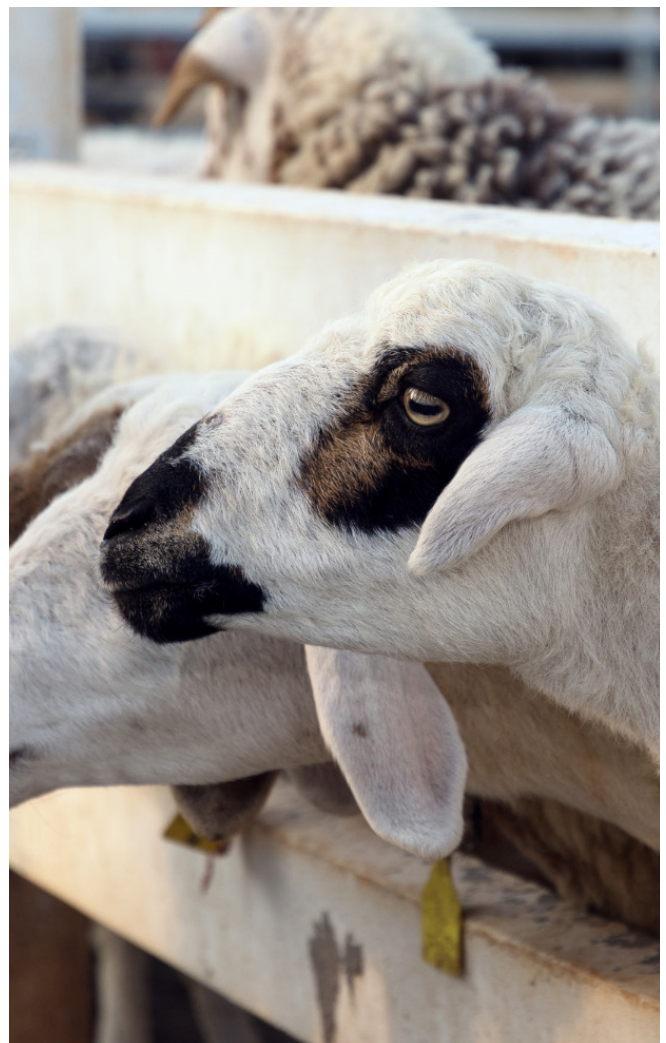
For the owner of the stock to reclaim their property, the impounding fees plus transport costs must be paid prior to release.

RECOVERY OF COST INCURRED

If you choose to have the stray stock impounded you are responsible to pay for the transportation fees to the Mid-Western Regional Saleyards. You must pay for the transportation and submit the receipt to the Impounding Officer who will add this to the Impounding fees for recovery.



No other cost is recoverable through Mid-Western Regional Council. Any other costs or damages you wish to claim must be made directly with the stock owner.



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