

Warrnambool Livestock Exchange Warrnambool, Victoria



Over the past few years the **Warrnambool Livestock Exchange** yard's surface had deteriorated to a poor standard and some feedlot buyers weren't going there any more because of the increasing problem of foot soreness and general welfare conditions for the cattle.

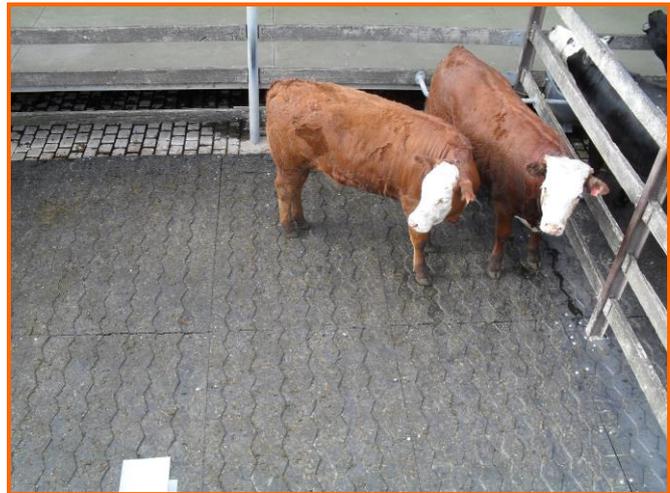
RPS approached the Saleyards owner Warrnambool City Council and set up a trial area in a slippery spot of the yard. The **RPS SureFoot® Mat** was installed and the results were immediate, the mat worked and the cattle weren't slipping over like they were before. From the success of this trial the Council then decided rubber flooring was the way to progress.

Paul White Exchange Manager had this to say;

*"After consultation with Agents & Animal Welfare Groups I'd been looking for a surfacing solution to give the animals something soft to stand on & that wasn't slippery. then I came across the **RPS SureFoot® mat** and I was surprised it was as good as it is !*

The mat has removed cattle soreness and the animals are now in better condition.

I'd certainly use the RPS SureFoot® Mat again and have already recommended it to other saleyards that are considering soft flooring".



The council's process to award the job was via tender, which ultimately RPS was successful due to the proven performance of the **SureFoot® Mat** being tested in Warrnambool and for its use in numerous Saleyards, Abattoirs & Dairies throughout Australia.

Since the installation of the new surface the cattle are now more comfortable and can often be seen lying down in the pens at night. In turn the saleyard is now attracting more feedlot buyers which had previously left.

The additional benefit of the **SureFoot® Mat** has been a substantial reduction in the amount of water needed to wash down the yards, helping to conserve water while also reducing the amount of effluent.

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