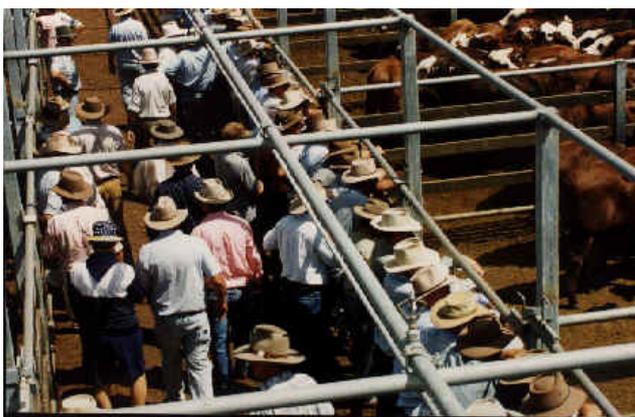


## Roma Saleyards – Australia’s Largest Cattle Selling Centre

See a national icon in the making. Visit the Roma Bungil Saleyards on the Warrego Highway, 2 kilometres east of the Big Rig.

Visitors can witness the sale of anything up to 12,000 head of cattle at Australia’s largest selling centre. Visitors can also mix with cattlemen, buyers from Australia’s largest meat companies, transporters, agents and saleyard staff to witness first hand the excitement of the auction and the sheer size of the numbers that pass through the yards, especially at each Tuesday’s Store Sale.



With the large electronic display board clearly visible from the main catwalk, visitors can see the weight, price per kilogram and average price per head of the lots of cattle as they go over the weighbridge. Try to guess the weights and price of each lot and see how good a judge you are of the current market in the cattle industry. You can watch from the safety of the large overhead catwalk as cattlemen work, drafting out cattle from different lots for the various buyers.

Whilst at the saleyards sample some of the produce at the canteen which is open each Tuesday and Thursday for the main sales of

the week. Other special sales are held throughout the year such as Bull Sales and Special Breed Sales. Contact the saleyards on 07 4622 1201 to see if a special sale is on if you are in town on days other than a Tuesday or Thursday. Otherwise just call out anyway and see for yourself what it takes to make Australia’s Largest Cattle Selling Centre.

The economy of the Roma District certainly benefits from this large scale operation and has done so since its inception in 1969, when it was originally built as a 3,000 head saleyard. Today cattle numbers are over three times that capacity with 9,000 to 10,000 cattle commonly sold at a Tuesday Store Cattle Sale. In 2004/05 over 374,000 head were sold through the saleyards making it far and away Australia’s largest cattle selling centre and a True Aussie Icon in the making.

Redevelopment work at the saleyards is an ongoing process and those that have not seen the saleyards for a while will appreciate the changes that have taken and are taking place.

Try something different, come and see a true working Aussie Industry right here in Roma, mix with the individuals that make the cattle industry, hear some of their life stories and witness first hand the making of a national icon in the cattle industry.

