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WESTERN AUSTRALIAN MEAT INDUSTRY AUTHORITY BOARD TRAVEL NORTH

Western Australian Meat Industry Authority Board traveled north this week visiting three meatworks and a feedlot. This is part of the Boards planned industry liaison.

Abattoirs visited by the Board were: Borellos Gin Gin Meatworks, Hagan Brothers and Geraldton Meat Exports in Geraldton.

“We wanted to meet with meatworks managers “on their patch” and understand the issues the meat processing sector is having to deal with”, Chairman Mr Kerry McAuliffe said.

“By far the issues are livestock and labour availability”, he said.

One of the functions of the Board is to encourage and promote efficiency in the meat industry and advise the Minister as such.

“These functions are in addition to the operation of the Midland Saleyard, its relocation to Muchea and the part- regulation of the domestic meat industry ”. Mr McAuliffe said.

The Board also visited Nebru Plains feedlot owned by fellow director John Pugh.

A Board meeting was also held in Geraldton on Tuesday afternoon. This was the first for newly appointed director, Mr Mark Panizza who is the Managing Director of the Dardanup Butchering Company.

Mr Panizza replaced Mr Garry Minton who resigned from the Board some time ago.

Unfortunately, the other new director, Dr Mark Dolling, representing the Department of Agriculture was an apology.

WAMIA Relocation Chairman Mr Malcolm Seymour said “After about one week, we are pleased with the progress of the forward works are the Muchea Livestock Centre: the internal access road water management dam and drainage basin are on track to be completed in 6 weeks”.

“Weather permitting, of course” he said.

(Pictured: WAMIA Directors, Mr John Pugh (left), Chairman, Mr Kerry McAuliffe (centre) and new Director, Mr Mark Panizza (right) and at Mr Pughs feedlot, Nebru Plains at Three Springs this week)

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