

Case Study #1513

Bendulla Stud Covered Cattle Yard & Sale Arena

33m x 21m
Padthaway, SA

ENGINEERED INNOVATION



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- Ross Bennett, Bendulla Stud

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PROJECT SNAPSHOT

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BACKGROUND

Ross Bennett & his son Andrew have been operating Bendulla Stud for over 30 years.

They have established their own registered breed of Hereford Bulls and have become a local institution of significant national reputation over the past 3 decades.

Bendulla Stud did not have an adequate facility for conducting bull actions so the Bennet family had no alternative other than conducting joint auctions at third party facilities. They knew that if they could hold auctions in appropriate facilities at their own stud, they could realise higher prices for their stock, at a lower sale event cost.

They also realised that if they had an appropriate covered space for conducting auctions independent of weather conditions on Bendulla Stud, they could also increase productivity of working with cattle during inclement or extreme weather events.



DELIVERING SOLUTIONS

Spanlift worked with the Bennett family to design an all-inclusive Cattle Yard Cover which included a dedicated area for holding onsite auctions. The auction area design was a clear span building so as to maintain flexibility, therefore being suitable for storing machinery whilst not being used for an auction.

One of the major concerns of the Bennett family was that the construction would impede the efficient operations of Bendulla Stud. Spanlift went to great trouble to plan construction so that Bendulla Stud operations could continue without interruption and in a safe manner.

Spanlift catalogued the needs of Bendulla Stud and designed a solution that addressed all the needs:

Problems	Solutions
Cattle yard operations dictated to by weather conditions	Covering yards removes reliance on weather
Shelter design needed to allow unimpeded flow & usage of yards	Clear Span building means no posts in yards allowing free movement
Difficulty maintaining sale paperwork in bad weather conditions	Covered space to accommodate a documentation area
High Cost of off-site sale events	Functional design around the sale area allowed reduced event costs by brining events on-farm
Difficultly working cattle in harsh environment	Controlled undercover environment allows more efficient and more





Ross Bennett said ...

“Instead of coping round in knee deep mud – everything is Dry. Especially record keeping with the paperwork. The shed makes it a lot easier. The shed itself we are very very happy with... The Builders did a magnificent job – very timely and efficient working over the top of yards which we were still using at the time of Construction”



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