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2 June 2006



Mrs Marie Ricardo
4 Davey Drive
RINGWOOD EAST 3135

Dear Mrs Ricardo

RINGWOOD MEMORIAL CLOCKTOWER PARK

Thank you for your submission regarding the proposed upgrade plans for the Ringwood Memorial Clocktower Park.

In 2005, Council received a \$150,000 grant from the State Government to undertake an upgrade of the park, as Ringwood's key icon and public space. The aim of the upgrade is to improve the safety, aesthetics, function and symbolic nature of the site. These works are in accordance with open space improvements highlighted as part of the Ringwood Transit City Program, with the plans being developed in conjunction with designers of the planned station superblock redevelopment.

The draft plans have been developed in consultation with key stakeholders, council officers and the community, and build on existing features of the park.

There are opportunities to present historical information within or adjacent to the park. The proposed plans can accommodate information boards, however there is an upcoming opportunity to display historic facts in a protected area, such as within an information centre facing the Clocktower Park, proposed to be established in coming months. The Ringwood Historic Society will continue to be involved, in the preparation of such information for public display.

Thank you again for your comments. Should you have any further queries, please contact me on 9298 4343.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P. Turner', is written over a horizontal line.

Phillip Turner
Director Major Projects & Infrastructure

4 Davey Drive
Ringwood East 3135

16th May 2006

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Dear Sir,

re Ringwood Memorial Clocktower Park

I write to you regarding the Ringwood Memorial Clocktower Park and your notice in the Journal.

I am the grand daughter of the pioneer Blood and Meyland families, orchardists in the Ringwood and Ringwood East area for many years who used the Ringwood Coolstore to store apples and pears.

I enclose a photocopy of a panel that has been placed on the nature strip at Devon Plaza, 958 Doncaster Road, Doncaster East to show people where the Coolstore once stood. The panel is in colour but unfortunately I could only obtain a black and white copy. This panel has been made vandal and graffiti safe.

Could a similar panel be placed in the Ringwood Memorial Clocktower Park, perhaps in one corner to show people where our local coolstore once stood.

I do hope that this important part of Ringwood's history can be incorporated in your project.

Yours sincerely,

Marie Ricardo (Mrs)

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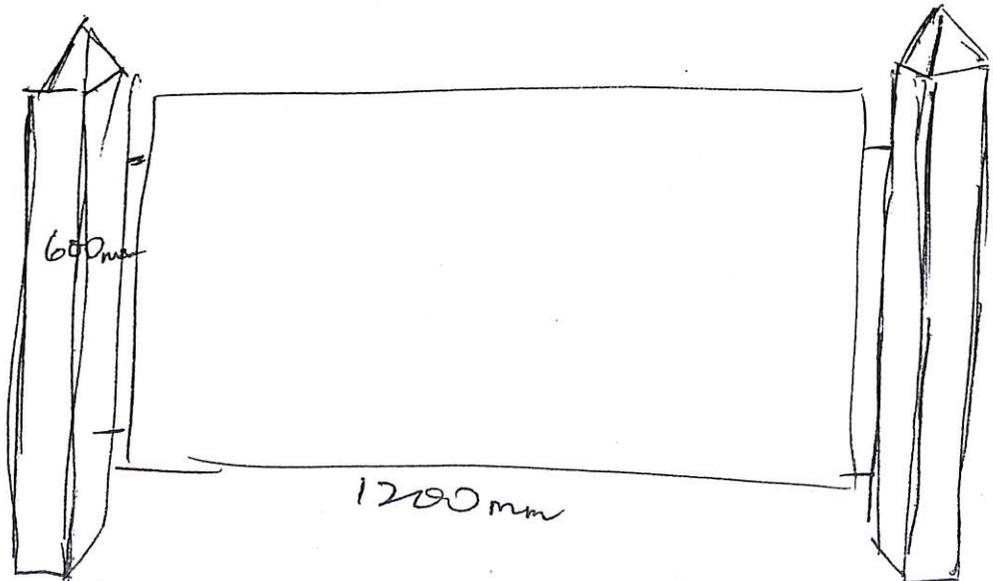
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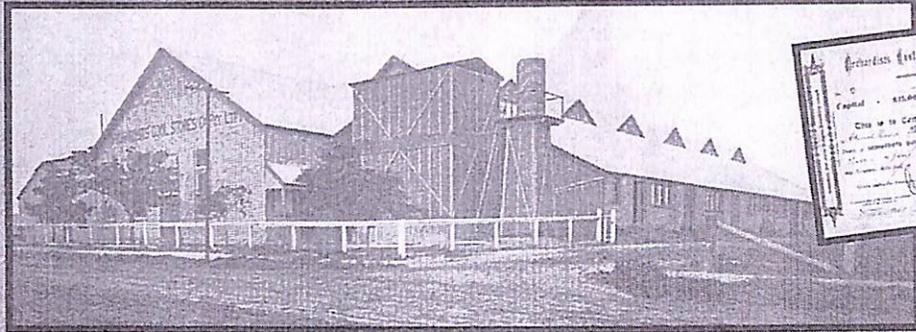
Orchardists Cool Stores, Doncaster East

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By 1910, the land along Doncaster Road from Manningham Road to beyond Blackburn Road was virtually one continuous orchard, growing mainly apples, pears and peaches.

The advent of cold storage led to the establishment of coolstores where orchardists could store and regulate the packing and marketing of their fruit almost year round. Coolstores became local landmarks and meeting places for orchardists.

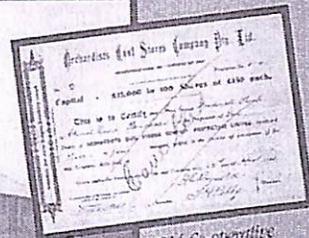


The Orchardists Cool Stores, built in 1914 on the site of the present Safeway supermarket.

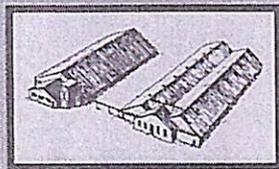
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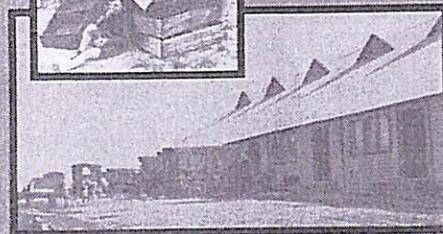
1914 Co-operative Share Certificate



The coolstores were built in 4 stages: the engine room, tower and 6 cooling chambers to form the east building, then 6 cooling chambers and a further 10 behind to form the west building.



Left: Picking and packing peaches on the Gedy orchard, Doncaster East, in 1928.



Below: Loading fruit onto horse-drawn wagons for the trip to the fruit markets in Melbourne, 1914.

*The President and Committee of the
Doncaster East Village Business Association Inc*

*Invite you to attend the launch of the
Doncaster East Village Heritage Panel*

On Wednesday 6th August 2003 at 2-30pm

(adjacent to Cravings Coffee Shop)

Afternoon Tea will follow the launch

The Heritage Panel was funded under the Doncaster East Village Structure Plan

*The Heritage Panel depicts the Doncaster East Orchardists Coolstores built in 1914
on the site where the Safeway store now stands.*

The Heritage Panel features historical and photographic information on the site.

~~*RSVP by 24th August*~~

To Centre Co-ordinator Kaele Way 9877 1901

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Photo of the Orchardists' Cool Store.



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Left: Peaches and apples being loaded on the Orchardists' Cool Store in Doncaster East, 1920.



Right: Peaches and apples being loaded on the Orchardists' Cool Store in Doncaster East, 1920.