

# Squatter squalor

By Narelle Wilson

**GREATER** Dandenong Council will decide the future of the former Dandenong stockyards site on Cheltenham Road at its council meeting tonight (Monday).

Since the closure of the stockyards in December 1988, the site has been cleared of most buildings. However, the old office is now home to squatters.

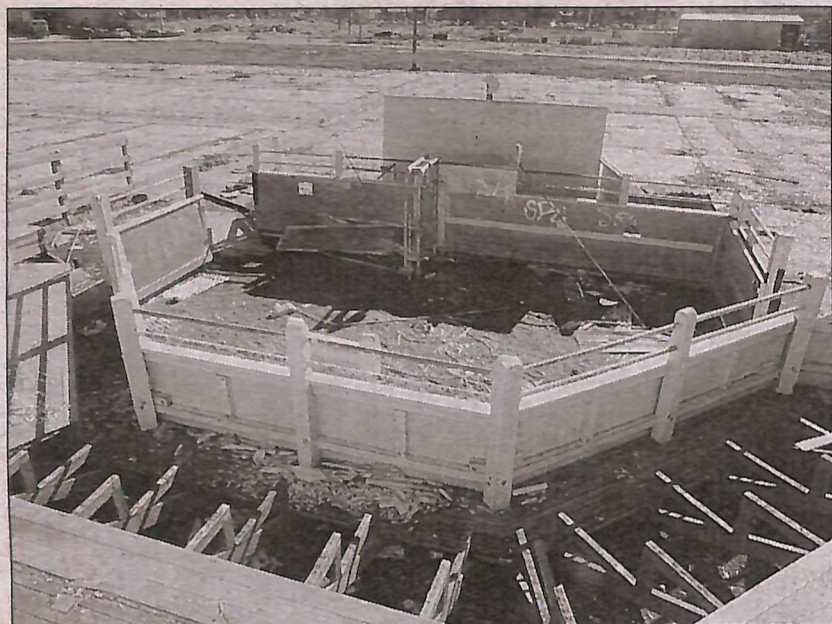
The Mayor of Dandenong, Councillor Angela Long, said she was unaware that homeless people were using the derelict buildings but said the sale of the site would end the problem.

"Once the sale ring is down and the site is completely cleared, the squatters will have to move on," she said.

Cr Long said she would notify the appropriate officers and ask for a report.

Councillors and residents have described the stockyards as an eyesore but Cr Long said a new development there would inject new life into the city.

"This is an exciting time for our city. We envisage



**Stockyard eyesore:** plans are in place to sell off the former Dandenong stockyards site, now occupied by squatters. **Picture: Robert Carew**

the potential sale of the site as an opportunity to cement our status as Melbourne's second city," she said.

Cr Long said the council had appointed real estate agents C. B. Richard Ellis to handle the site.

"A close monitor of all

submissions will determine the best possible outcome for our residents and the future of the city," she said.

If the site is sold, the substantial revenue to the council has already been earmarked for the refurbishing of Dandenong Town Hall.

The site is a far cry from its busy days. The roofless shed is full of old couches, empty tins of cat food, empty aerosol tins, old clothes and used syringes.

## 'State can't fight Heinz'

THE Australian Manufacturing Workers' Union has vowed to continue the fight for sacked Heinz workers.

Heinz management's decision to close the gates on Friday, September 29, gives the union little time to try to reverse the decision.

Union secretary Mr Ray Campbell said: "I can't pre-empt what will happen but our job is to try to push for the workers' rights."

"Every day is a new day and we will do everything we can to push for the workers' rights."

Last week, Mr Campbell told the *Journal* the State Government had refused to meet the workers, union and Heinz management. He said he would make no further comments on the State Government's possible intervention, but would try again to meet the Premier, Mr Steve Bracks.

However, a spokeswoman for the Premier's



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unit said a meeting would be "pointless".

"Heinz management have made a global decision to relocate," she said. "Nothing the Government says will change their minds."

The spokeswoman said most issues of entitlements had been resolved.

"Heinz workers have accepted a redundancy package. Even if the Premier met with both parties, the State Government doesn't have the power to reverse a decision made by a global company. There's no point," she said.

Mr Campbell said decisions could always be reversed and the union was hoping Heinz would change their minds.

— Narelle Wilson

## Drugs court to open this year

THE State Government has announced that Greater Dandenong will become one of three suburbs to have a specialist drugs court.

Greater Dandenong's mayor Councillor Angela Long, said a drugs court at the magistrates' court complex in Langhorne Street was "well overdue" and would speed the process of dealing with drug offenders.

"A drugs court will also assist Victoria Police, and help with some of the frustrations they have with the current system," she

said. "This will fast-track the diversion of people into appropriate drug rehabilitation and detoxification programs much earlier."

Drugs courts will start in Dandenong, Melbourne and Sunshine this year.

Clinical drug assessors will work with trained magistrates to provide early treatment for drug users.

The Federal Government has committed \$23 million over three years, and the State Government \$12 million, to fund a range of drug-diversion programs.

## High Street attack

A GANG of four youths, thought to have been at a party in Wheeler Street, Berwick, attacked three people in High Street about 3.15 am on August 27. A 22 year-old Narre Warren woman was left lying semi-conscious, while her friend, a Berwick man, 30, had facial injuries. Narre Warren CIU say the attackers were two men in their 20s, one with a facial birthmark, and two women about 30. Information to 9705 3111.

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