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**"Market Motors" fire**

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Sat, May 14, 2016 at 9:57 PM

To: Dandenong &amp; District Historical Society &lt;dandhist@internode.on.net&gt;

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Hi Jenny &amp; Carmen,

I've solved the mystery. We were both wrong.

First have a read of this article.

<http://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/26605326?searchTerm=50,000%20worth%20of%20faith&searchLimits=>

Then this one,

<http://tinyurl.com/jzgd65> from Monday 2nd of May 1955.

Everything fits. It was on a Sunday. Maples had a second store behind Market Motors.

I was only 5 ¼ and my friend was only 4 ½. That would explain our vague and inaccurate memories.

Warwick

**From:** Warwick Brooks [mailto:[Warwick@dcsi.net.au](mailto:Warwick@dcsi.net.au)]**Sent:** Wednesday, 11 May 2016 12:13 PM**To:** 'Dandenong & District Historical Society'**Subject:** RE: DDHS photos[Thanks Jenny.](#)**From:** Dandenong & District Historical Society [mailto:[dandhist@internode.on.net](mailto:dandhist@internode.on.net)]**Sent:** Wednesday, 11 May 2016 11:58 AM**To:** 'Warwick Brooks'**Subject:** RE: DDHS photos[Thanks Warwick. I have passed this on to Carmen.](#)

Jenny

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**From:** Warwick Brooks [mailto:Warwick@dcsi.net.au]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 10 May 2016 3:35 PM  
**To:** dandhist@internode.on.net  
**Subject:** RE: DDHS photos

Hi Jenny,

I've just been talking to Don Turner, and he gave me some more info about the old stock market layout.

Don doesn't recall a fire in that part of the market but he did tell me that the market's old pavilion burnt down in 1962, which I don't remember. The pavilion was in Clow St about where the council offices were built, so that is not the fire I recall. We wouldn't have gone that far down King St to watch it, it was nowhere near Market Motors, and the fire I recall was much earlier – I was much younger.

So I think my friend is right. The fire must have been in Market Motors.

Regards,

Warwick

**From:** Warwick Brooks [mailto:Warwick@dcsi.net.au]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 10 May 2016 12:02 PM  
**To:** 'dandhist@internode.on.net'  
**Subject:** DDHS photos

Hi Jenny,

I was just browsing the society's website to see if there were any photos of the old stock market in Cleeland St. to refresh my memory of it.

However, I did see a couple of other photos that I thought I should comment on.

The first is this one of the air-raid wardens. <http://tinyurl.com/zvtankq>

I don't know if you have details of those in the photo, but in case you don't, the man in the centre of the photo is my grandfather, Reg. B. Brooks.

The other photo is the one of St. Mary's church in Foster St. <http://tinyurl.com/jho2eju>

The caption says it is 1950 but the photo was taken in the '60s.

I remember it being built, but the photo shows 2 cars on the extreme right-hand side. Parked in front of the two FJ Holdens is an early '60s Vauxhall Cresta, and at the base of the pole of the Give Way sign at the bottom right-hand corner of the photo you can just see the front of an early '60s EJ or EH Holden. (I don't think Give Way signs were introduced until some time in the '60s).

Regards,

Warwick Brooks

PS. I don't suppose you know when there was a fire at the stock market or at Market Motors in the mid to late 1950s? I've done a Trove search of the Journal, but it only goes to 1954.

I have long had a recollection of going down to the end of King St. with Dad and my friend from next-door to watch a fire at the old stock market. My friend's father worked at Market Motors and my recollection was that he went down to move some of the cars to safety, so it must have been on a weekend.

However, I was recently talking to my old friend and his recollection is different. He recalls the fire being in Market Motors.

It's a pity the digitized copies of the Journal in Trove stop at 1954.

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