

Dandenong Stock Market timeline

- 1850s** A two acre site was allocated as a "cattle yards reserve" when Dandenong was surveyed by the Lands Department. Pioneer Thomas Rosling is credited with having conceived the idea of holding an auction sale of stock. He erected primitive yards on a block "about midway between Lonsdale and Robinson streets".
- 1863** The members of the Dandenong Improvement Association agreed that a public market would be a good thing for Dandenong.
- 1864** A site on the corner of Lonsdale and McRae streets was chosen for the market, official government approval was granted and Market Commissioners elected.
- 1866** The official opening of the market occurred on October 10.
- 1870** Sales were already being conducted on a regular weekly basis.
- 1873** The Shire of Dandenong was formed and Council assumed management of the market.
- 1879** Rail connections to Melbourne and to Sale were in place.
- 1922** Land adjacent the railyards was earmarked for future use as a market site.
- 1926** First livestock sales held at the market site on the corner of Cleeland and Clow Streets.
- 1946** Council appealed to the Victorian Premier for a grant to establish a stock market near the railway line.
- 1955** A State Government grant of up to £25,000 to reconstruct the stock market was approved.
- 1958** Separation of the stock and produce markets. The stock market moved to its final Cheltenham Road site.
- 1985** With closure of the Newmarket Saleyards, Dandenong Stock Market became the last Victorian metropolitan market.
- 1991** Celebrated 125th year of operation. Sales were conducted four days a week but sale numbers were declining.
- 1998** Final sale day at the stock market occurred on December 22.
- 2004** The City of Greater Dandenong approved a subdivision of the saleyards site to make way for construction of the Metro Village 3175 development.

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Robinson
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- Laurel
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Jack
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124 A Beckett
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Bert's older brother
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Competition for the Schools
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