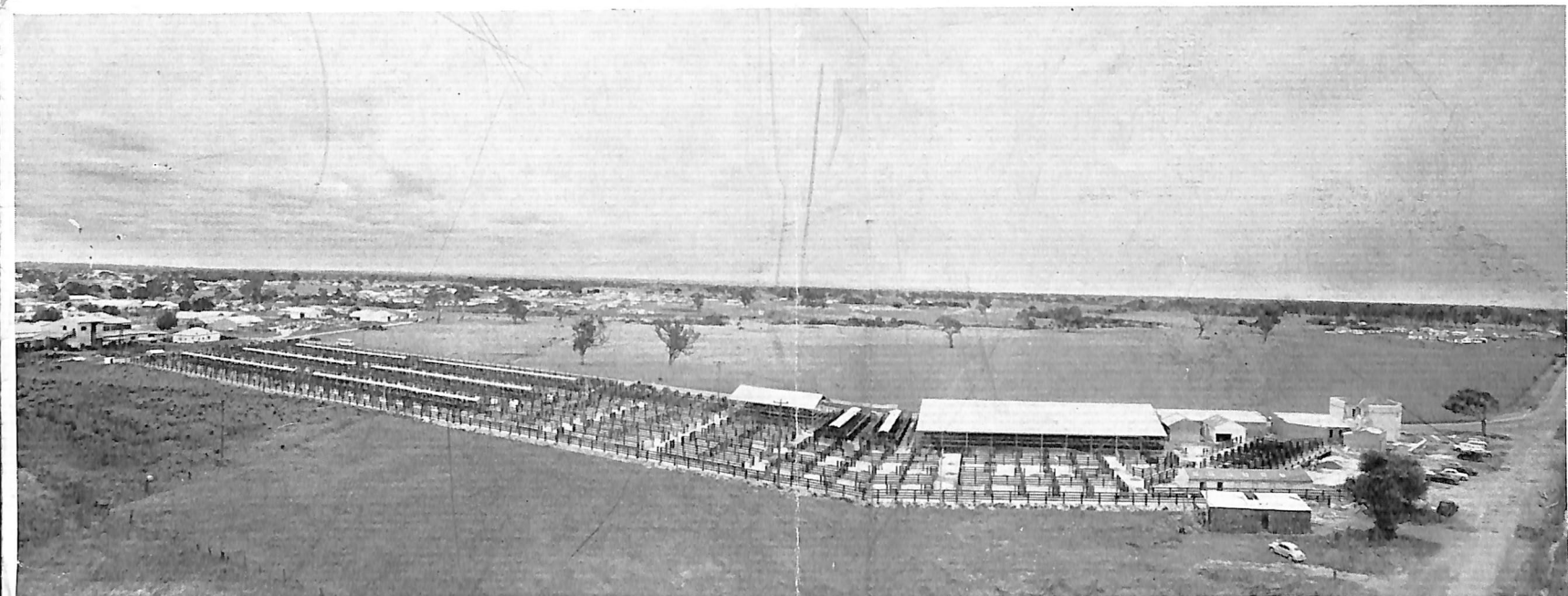


SHIRE OF DANDENONG



LIVESTOCK MARKET

CHELTENHAM ROAD, DANDENONG





History and Development of the Market



The first Dandenong Market administered by Market Commissioners was established in 1864 under the Market Acts and was leased to a private firm at a rental of £1 per annum subject to the following improvements being carried out, viz.:—The erection of a yard for Cattle with a capacity of 100 head, four sheep pens to hold 100 sheep, four yards for pigs and the erection of a notice board advertising dues and regulations.

The control of the Market was eventually vested in the Shire of Dandenong in 1873 and it is interesting to note that the total revenue received from the Market in 1874 was £112. This Market was located in Lonsdale Street on the corner of McCrae Street where the E. S. & A. Bank and Maples are at present conducting business.

In 1922 the Council purchased an area of land in Cheltenham Road adjoining the Railway trucking yards for the establishment of a fat cattle Market. However, the move to this site did not come to pass at that time for the Council decided to remove the Market to the corner of Clow Street and Cleeland Street, where a cattle, poultry and produce Market was established at a cost of some £20,000. The Cattle Market was opened in June, 1926, and the produce section in October, 1927. From 1945 onwards the Market continued to develop rapidly and it became apparent that it would be necessary in the near future to obtain a more suitable site for the Cattle Market. In 1948 a further area of approximately 58 acres was acquired by the Council in Cheltenham Road adjacent to the land already held by the Council. Owing to the difficulty of obtaining loan funds it was not possible to proceed immediately with the new proposal.

As time went on the cattle yardings continued to increase and to alleviate the problem it was decided in 1952 to divide the Tuesday Market and hold the Sale of Fat Cattle on the Monday. This did assist but it was not long before the capacity of the yards was overtaxed even on the two sale days.



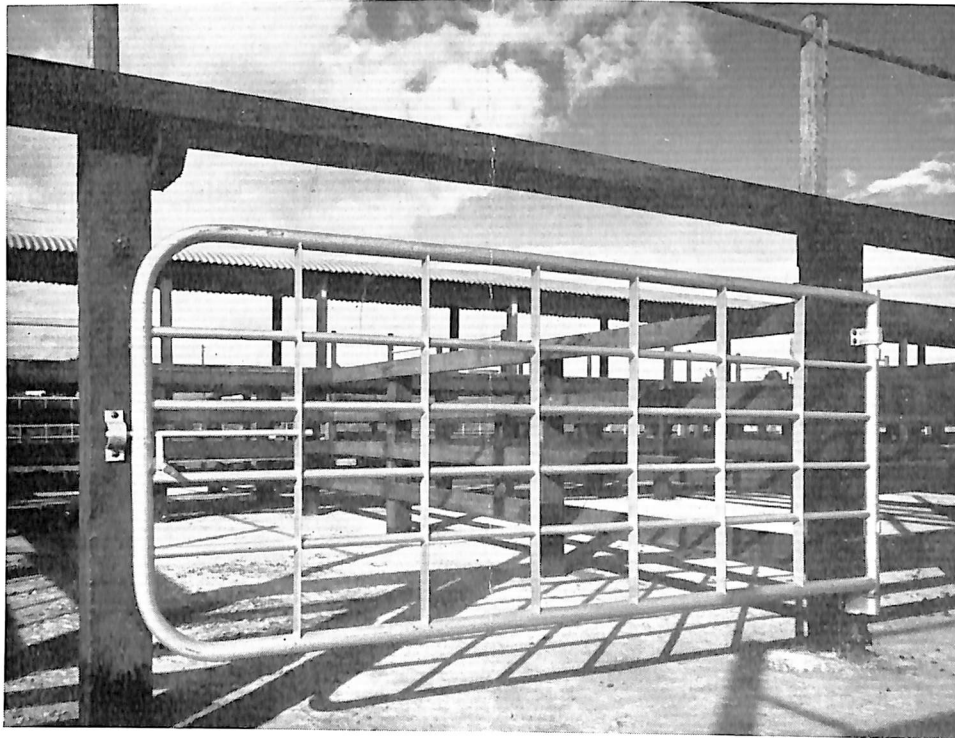
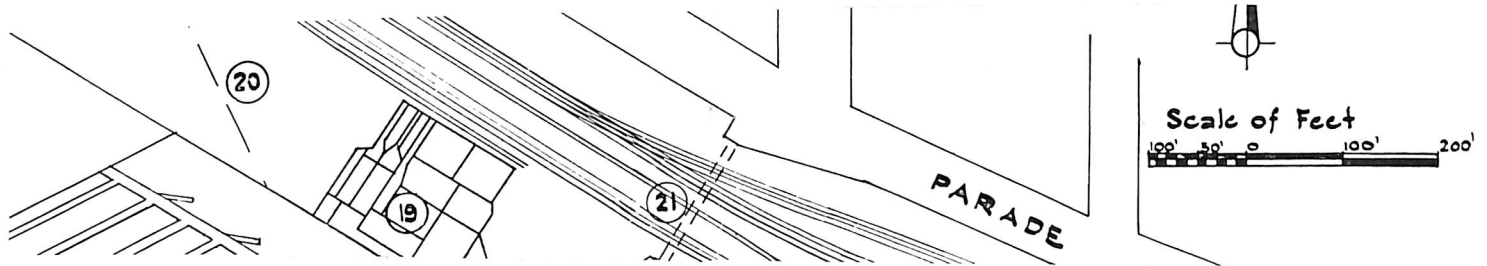
MARKET DAY, 30 YEARS AGO

With the availability of loan funds and the assistance of a Government Grant of £25,000, the Council has been enabled to proceed with the project of a stock Market at the Cheltenham Road site, which move was mooted 35 years ago.

The construction of the "New" Market is planned in two stages. The first stage was commenced on 6th May, 1957, and the completion of this stage, to be opened on the 13th January only eight months after, is considered a fine achievement and a credit to the Council, the Shire Engineer and Staff (indoor and outdoor) and contractors concerned. It is anticipated that the cost of the completed project will be £210,000, which, together with the land value, amounts to a quarter of a million pounds.

Stock Yardings — Dandenong Market

SHOWING TREND OF YARDINGS OVER 35 YEARS

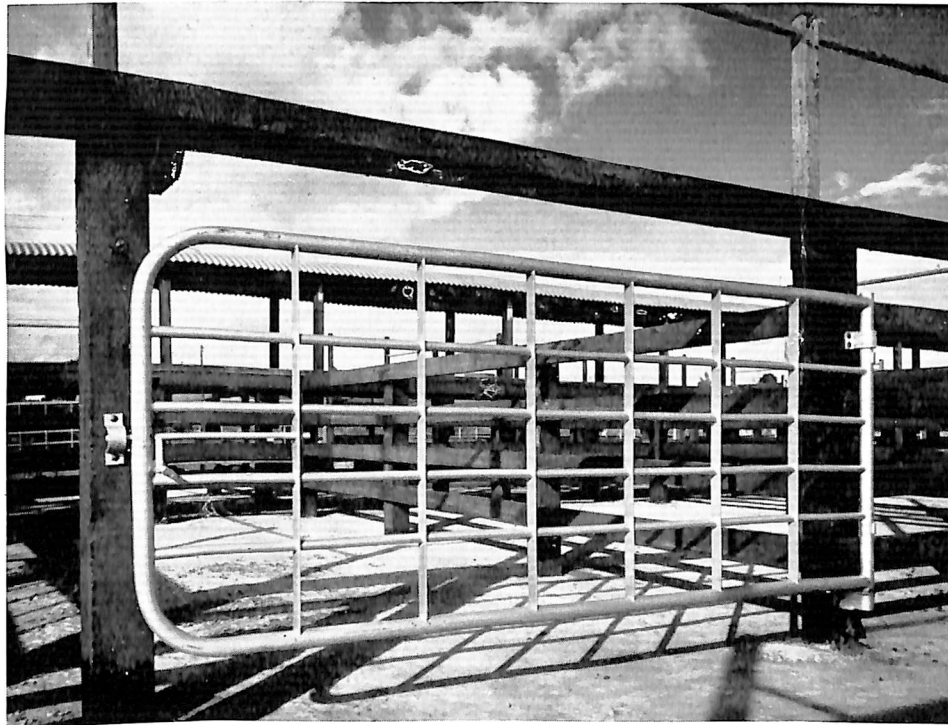


TYPICAL STEEL GATE — 563 Used in Stage 1

Stock Yardings — Dandenong Market

SHOWING TREND OF YARDINGS OVER 35 YEARS

	Cattle	Calves	Pigs	Sheep	Horses	Poultry (Pairs)
1921/2	28,635	14,837	10,334	—	7,982	—
1948/9	51,540	27,000	18,600	4,196	3,686	65,201
1956/7	82,561	98,290	43,550	18,757	2,297	82,684



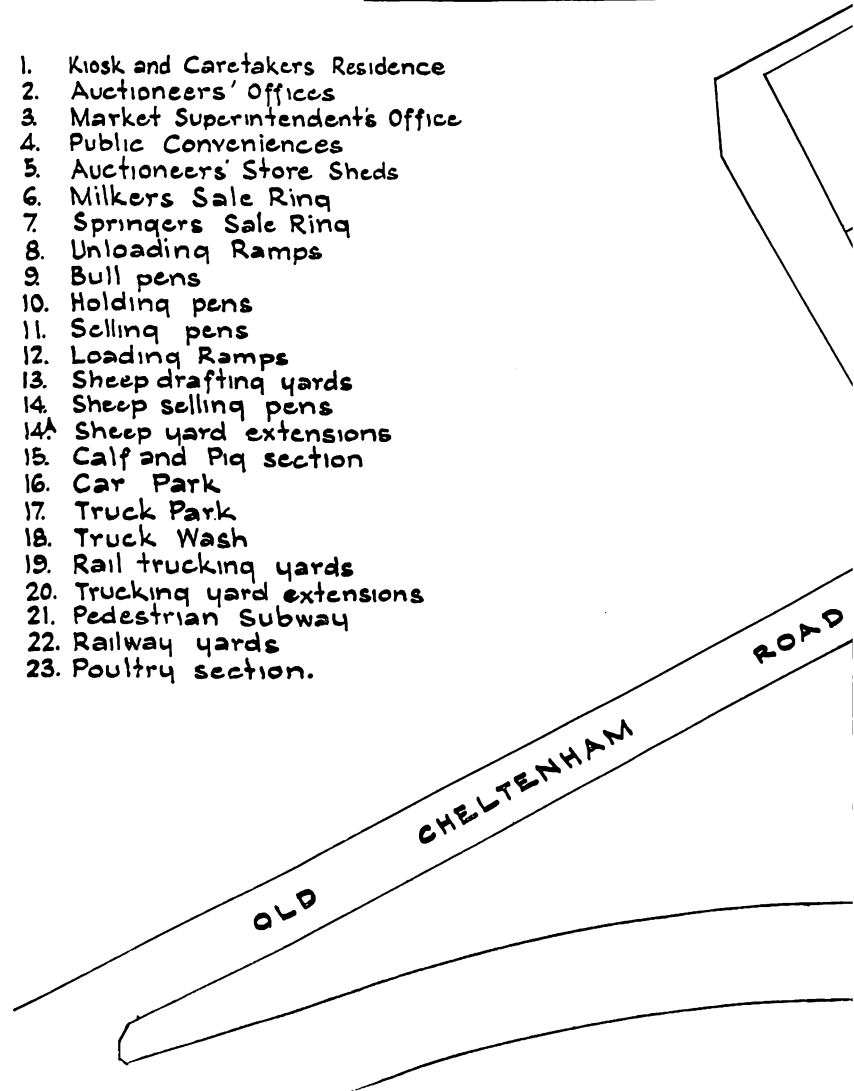
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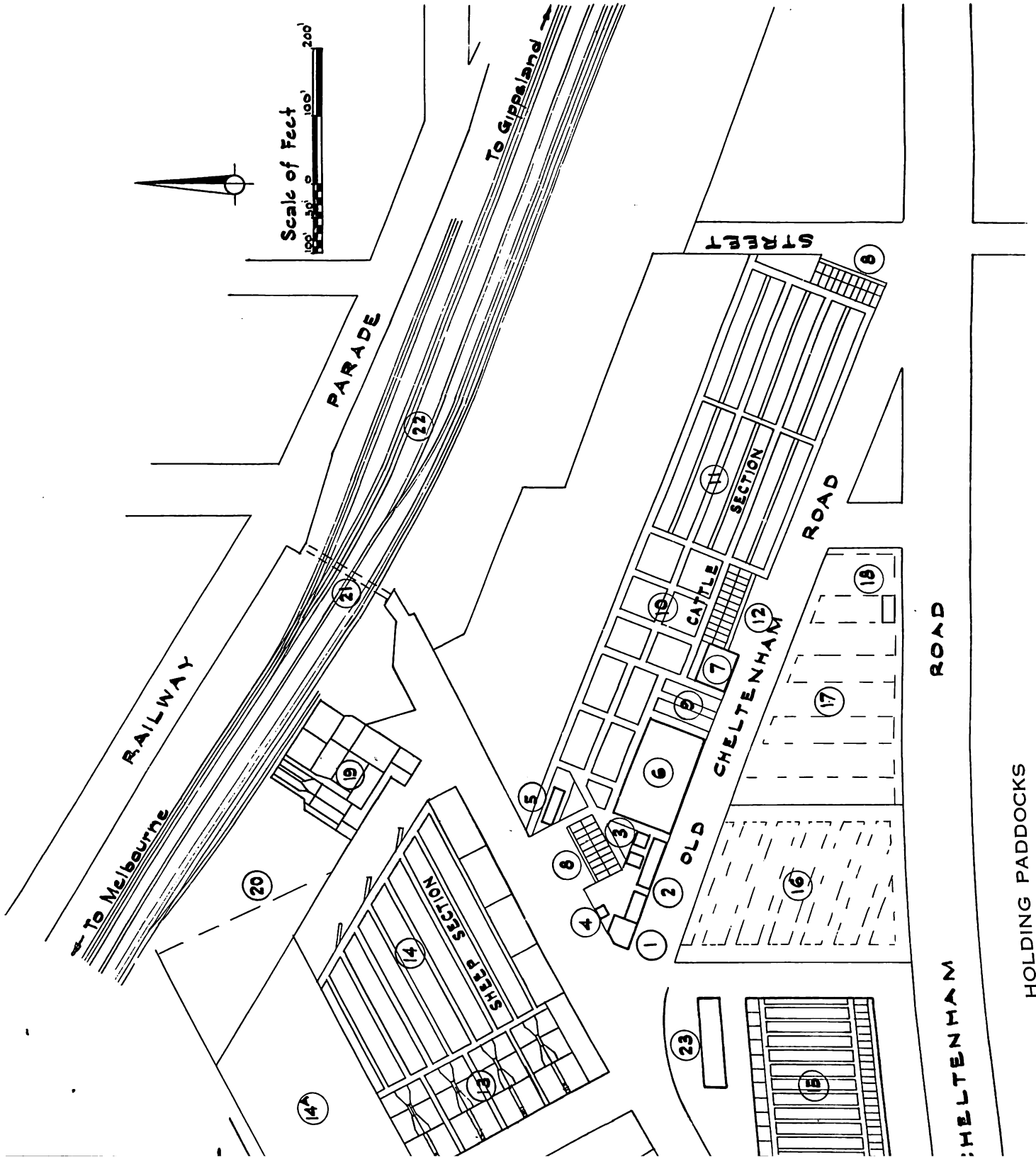
*Plan of Existing
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DANDENONG STOCK MARKET
DEVELOPMENT

1. Kiosk and Caretakers Residence
2. Auctioneers' Offices
3. Market Superintendent's Office
4. Public Conveniences
5. Auctioneers' Store Sheds
6. Milkers Sale Ring
7. Springers Sale Ring
8. Unloading Ramps
9. Bull pens
10. Holding pens
11. Selling pens
12. Loading Ramps
13. Sheep drafting yards
14. Sheep selling pens
14. Sheep yard extensions
15. Calf and Pig section
16. Car Park
17. Truck Park
18. Truck Wash
19. Rail trucking yards
20. Trucking yard extensions
21. Pedestrian Subway
22. Railway yards
23. Poultry section.





Scale of Feet
 100' 50' 0 100' 200'

RAILWAY

PARADE

To Gippsland

To Melbourne

SHEEP SECTION

CATTLE SECTION

OLD CHELTENHAM ROAD

ROAD

ROAD

CHELTENHAM

HOLDING PADDOCKS

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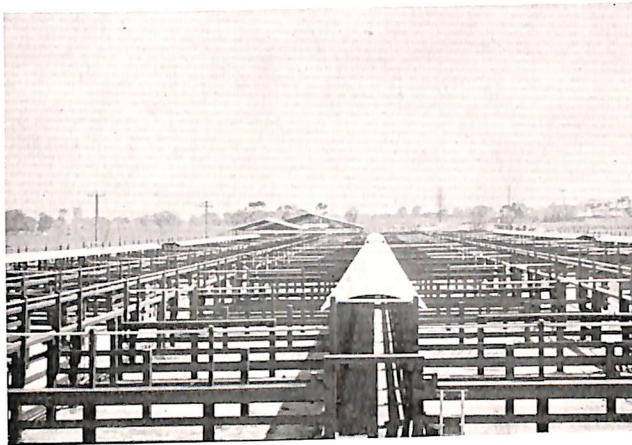
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Stage 1.
Cattle Section — Dandenong Stock Market

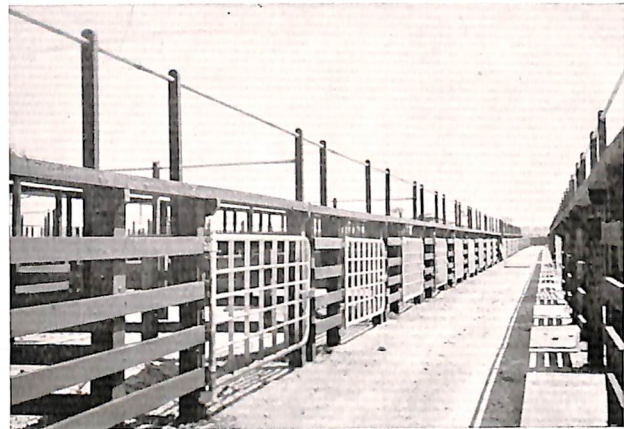


The total area of land available for development as a Market at the railway site comprises some 65 acres with other rural areas available and contiguous with this site to the south and west if required. The first phase of this site development has been the establishment of the Cattle Market on an area of five acres. All planning and construction works have been carried out by the Council. The present site development including the construction of underground drains, both for drainage and sewerage of the yards, and the paving of 21,365 square yards of 4in. and 6in. thick concrete constructed by cement penetration was carried out in 11 weeks, commencing on the 6th May, 1957, by the Council staff. The erection of the timber work for the yards was carried out by the Mainline Timber Co. Pty. Ltd., Dandenong, using red gum (*E. rostrata*) for the posts, and yellow stringy bark (*E. muelleriana*) for all other timber work. All timber has been pressure steam sprayed with creosote. The steel gates were supplied by S. W. Newman Pty. Ltd., of Port Melbourne. The steel-framed structures for the milkers and springers were fabricated by Johns & Waygood Pty. Ltd., and all brickwork structures including the agents storeheds and stables were constructed by W. B. Leed, of Dandenong. The total estimated cost of this first phase development is £112,000.

The yards provide for selling in the pens of all fat and store cattle with milkers and springers being sold through the selling rings. The concrete paving has a longitudinal fall with underground drainage of 1 in 250 and the transverse cross fall to the interceptor drains is 1 in 50. The cattle fences within the perimeter of the yards are 5ft. 6in. high with 4/6in. x 2in. rails at special spacings. The all steel gates have been developed to minimise maintenance and are considered completely shock-proof — every gate can be padlocked. The buyers' gangway is 5ft. wide and is covered with C.G.I. in the fat and store cattle sections. The pens have been designed to provide for proper showing and selling and holding pens are available at rear of the loading ramps. Considerable attention has been given to the flow of cattle through the yards and unloading ramps have been provided at the east and western sectors of the yards. In the centre of the yards on the southern side all loading will take place and the 12ft. wide races will permit rapid flow to the loading races. Gates from the pens will close races and it is proposed to introduce mechanical sweeping for all race lines.



Showing Buyers Covered Ramp



Auctioneers' Elevated Ramp

Two-room brick office accommodation has been provided for each agent operating at the Market and a separate storshed for each agent has been made available for storage of paints, tar, etc. The selling capacity for fat cattle including choppers is 2,500 per day and provision has been made for anticipated expansion to double this capacity. Up to 800 dairy cattle per day can be accommodated.

A first-class restaurant has been constructed incorporating a five-room first floor caretaker's flat. Parking for 350 cars and 120 transport trailers with truck wash is available on the southern side of the Market road. Brick toilet facilities situate at rear end of the yards include hot water showers.

The Council proposes under Stage 2 to make provision for the following capacities of stock:

SHEEP — 8,000 per day with ample provision for expansion.

PIGS — 1,250 per day.

CALVES — 3,500 per day.

POULTRY — 3,500 per day.

Features to be incorporated in Sheep Loading Ramps

