

22 DERRIMUT STOCK SALEYARDS
AND ADJACENT ZONES

most important. Practically all the sheep and lambs and more than two-thirds of the cattle are bought and sold there. Dandenong is chiefly a dairy cattle market, and Brooklyn is confined to pigs and calves.

Newmarket Saleyards are situated within three miles of the city centre in a relatively densely developed residential and industrial district. The droving of livestock through the streets surrounding the market is objectionable to residents and inconvenient to traffic.

The unsuitable location of the saleyards has long been a problem and has been the subject of many inquiries. In 1926 and 1929 the Metropolitan Town Planning Commission published special reports and recommended that the yards should be moved to a site at Derrimut. Inquiries made from affected parties during the planning work clearly showed that the reasons which actuated the Commission in making their recommendations hold with even greater force today.

The principal reasons for selecting Derrimut in preference to other sites were:

- (a) The site provides adequate space for future needs within 10 miles of the city centre and is closer to it and to the port than any other suitable sites.
- (b) It does not conflict with residential development.
- (c) It is conveniently located near the railway yards at Tottenham where most goods trains coming into the metropolis are marshalled. When the proposed rail

link between Laverton and Tottenham is constructed it will be possible for saleyards at Derrimut to have direct rail access to all main country lines throughout the State.

- (d) The site is convenient to most exporting establishments and the trades which treat abattoir by-products. It is the most conveniently situated site with respect to road access and no other suitable areas as near Melbourne offer the same facilities for distribution. It will reduce haulage costs and cause less disturbance to business than any other new site.
- (e) It is more conveniently located for water, sewerage and electric power facilities.
- (f) The site adjoins land suitable for resting paddocks.
- (g) The passage of livestock along suburban roads will be reduced to a minimum.
- (h) It will cause less inconvenience to present employees engaged in the meat industry.
- (i) It offers the most practical, economic and comprehensive solution to the problem of removing the saleyards from the present unsuitable site.

Because of developments since the Commission made its recommendations and the limit on the height of structures near Laverton aerodrome imposed by Commonwealth regulations, some difficulty was experienced in defining a site at Derrimut which met all the requirements of the stockyards and associated industries. However, an area somewhat larger than that recommended by the Commission and including the greater part of the site they suggested has been included in *Special Use Zone No. 11* in which the permissible uses have been restricted to those associated with a livestock market and the allied industries.

One of the most important considerations is that the saleyards must have proper rail facilities, and the Railways Department was therefore consulted. The area defined for the purpose has been based on the layout shown in map 22, which conforms approximately to recommendations in a report prepared in 1931 by Mr. J. B. Cramsie, formerly chairman of the New South Wales Meat Board, in conjunction with the Railway Construction Branch. The location will permit the use of land in the adjoining rural zone for any resting paddocks needed in excess of those which can be accommodated in the special use zone.

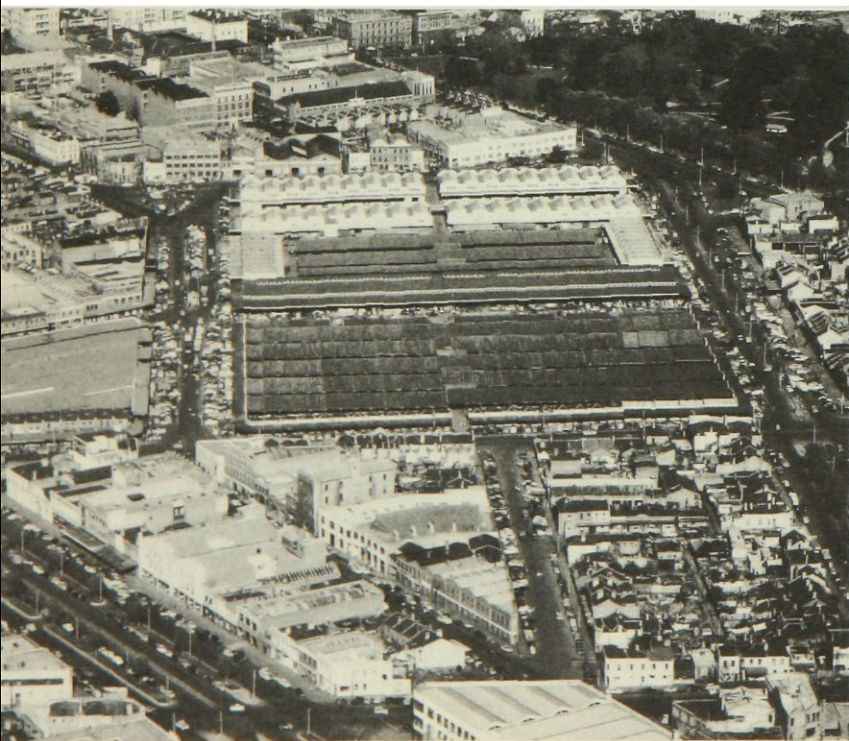
The area now occupied by the Newmarket Saleyards has been zoned for other appropriate uses, as shown on the planning scheme map accompanying this report.

CEMETERIES

Melbourne has twelve cemeteries, two of which (Fawkner and Springvale) provide for cremation as well as burial. A new site has also been acquired at Brooklyn and additional area at Fawkner. The planning survey showed that with these additional areas the total facilities available for burials are approximately 50% in excess of the assessed needs of Melbourne in the next 50 years. With additional chapels at Springvale and Fawkner and the erection of a



Royal Melbourne Hospital



Queen Victoria Market



Newmarket Stock Saleyards and Council Abattoirs