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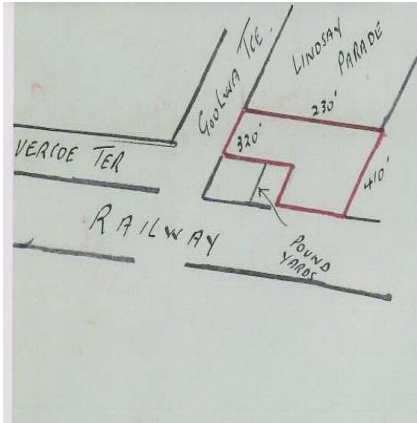
## NEWS



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This week I was sorting one of the folders in our compactus which I do from time to time, and came across the following 'Memorandum of Agreement' between the District Council of Port Elliot and Bennett & Fisher Limited (then of Currie Street, Adelaide) dated 1st October 1948. The agreement was "that the District Council will let, and the Company "Bennett & Fisher Limited" will rent, for the sole purpose of conducting sales that piece of land situated at Lindsay Parade, Goolwa for a term of three years commencing on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of October 1948 for a rental of Five pounds (£5) per annum, payable in advance on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of October each year during the term of this agreement.

Bennett & Fisher Limited were allowed to erect sheep, cattle and pig yards to enable them to conduct general livestock sales during the term of the agreement but these were to be removed at the end of the term.

The District Council also allowed the Company the sole use of its Pound Yards adjoining the said leased land for the selling of cattle on any day the Company had arranged a sale.

On 1<sup>st</sup> October, 1951 the Agreement was extended for a further term of three years.

(There was no record of whether the term was further extended after 1954).



A Typical Cattle Yard

## STOCK RANGER & DOG REGISTRATION

The job of Stock Ranger was unpopular. In 1949 *The Mercury* newspaper in Hobart advertised for a Stock Ranger in the town of Oatlands after the resignation of their current man.

It seemed that as soon as he impounded some stock he was abused.

There had been frequent appointments and after a few months it seemed that rangers got at logger-heads with neighbours – then they resigned!

Closer to home the *Southern Argus* of 1867 reports - “ Pt Elliot and Goolwa Council re-appointed Mr J. Laffin ranger, in lieu of Mr S. Wisdom whose appointment was revoked, but for no reason derogatory”.

*The Council instructed the Clerk to issue the necessary notices to the Ranger to proceed against all owners of stock evading the depasturing regulations. Lists of dog registrations were handed to each Councillor, and duplicates to be forwarded to the Ranger.”*



In 1860 the Dog Act divided South Australia into districts, and compelled all dog owners to register their dogs annually. In 1867 the Dog Act introduced an annual fee of five shillings, with a requirement to fit a collar to the dog. **Goolwa became District 45.**

The Dog Act was further amended in 1884 to enable Registrars to annually issue dog owners with metal discs on which shall be inscribed the date of the year and the registration number and district of the dog registered.

*A Dog Registratio Disc - Goolwa District 1885-86*



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