

Goolwa Fire Brigade

1868

South Australian Register (Adelaide, SA : 1839 - 1900), Friday 13 March 1868, page 2

COUNTRY CORRESPONDENCE.

GOOLWA. March 11.

On Tuesday morning, shortly after midnight, the inhabitants of Goolwa were aroused from their slumbers by the cry of fire. The alarm spread far and wide in a very short time, and in less than half an hour upwards of 200 persons had arrived at the scene of the conflagration, which was found to be at the stables of the Corio Hotel. From particulars which I have been enabled to gather, it appears that the fire was first discovered by Mrs. Varcoe, who had not retired to rest. She immediately spread the alarm. Subsequently, one of the servants at the Corio Hotel, whose bedroom is situated close to the stable, discovered her room to be full of smoke, and immediately ran screaming out in her nightdress, thus alarming the occupants of the adjoining house (Mr. Eaton's), the kitchen of which was only a foot or two from the blazing stables. The roof was composed of shingles ; but, fortunately, the wind was blowing the other way, or the whole premises must inevitably have been destroyed. On the police and other arrivals, it was discovered that the hay in the upper floor was on fire, and the flames were issuing through the roof. So perilous appeared the whole block of buildings comprising the Corio Hotel, the general store and dwelling-house of Mr. Katon (who, with Mr. Neville, of the hotel, were both in Adelaide), and several other shops terminating at the other end, with Mr. T. Dowland's extensive timber-yard, that the persons present saw the immediate necessity of prompt action in order to save the whole block. Lines were formed to the several tanks and wells, and finally a line was formed down to the river, the great number of persons who so promptly came to help being sufficient to establish such a line of communication. Thus a plentiful supply of water was poured upon the fire, and by 4 o'clock a.m. it was wholly extinguished. All the damage was confined to the stable. The lower walls and the upper floor are still standing. This will show what an immense body of water must have been thrown upon the fire. Had the alarm been delayed only a few minutes, and the help needed tardy, a most deplorable event must have taken place. A great deal of mystery seems to hang over the whole affair, as the stable-boy declares that no hay was taken from the stable later than the afternoon of Monday, and that no person to his knowledge entered the stable after 4 p.m. It does not appear that the fire originated from spontaneous combustion, the hay having been stowed away a few days previous to the fire, when it was perfectly dry. The only conjecture at present is that the fire was the work of an incendiary. An inquest is to be held to-morrow before Mr. B. F. Laurie, S.M., when it is hoped some light will be thrown upon this most mysterious affair.

1871

South Australian Advertiser (Adelaide, SA : 1858 - 1889), Monday 20 February 1871, page 3

GOOLWA, FEBRUARY 17.

The steamers Jupiter and Queen arrived here on Wednesday morning with 300 bales of wool. The former steamer caught fire on the 29th January on her passage down. I believe several bales were burnt, and the cabin, which stands just forehead of the boiler, was burnt so badly that it had to be taken down and re-built. The boiler is now lying at the foundry

getting repaired. The Queen left here on Saturday, and the Express this morning, with cargoes.

1876

Adelaide Observer (SA : 1843 - 1904), Saturday 26 August 1876, page 7

THE WEEK'S NEWS.

ANOTHER RIVER CATASTROPHE.—From Goolwa we hear that the steamer Mundoo, which left that port on Monday, August 21, with a cargo of iron and machinery for the Murray Bridge, caught fire in the evening and sank. She had only got seven miles from Goolwa when the disaster happened.

Express and Telegraph (Adelaide, SA : 1867 - 1922), Wednesday 4 October 1876, page 2

GENERAL NEWS.

At an early hour on Wednesday morning a fire broke out in an old detached bake-house occupied by George Seemark, baker, at Portland Estate. The fact was reported to the police at Port Adelaide shortly before 4 a.m., and two constables with No. 1 reel were at once sent to the scene, but the building was burnt before they reached it. There was a quantity of flour and other property in the bakehouse, which was of course destroyed. The place was uninsured. The police have been unable to ascertain the origin of the fire.

1884

Southern Argus (Port Elliot, SA : 1866 - 1954), Thursday 7 February 1884, page 3

CORONER'S INQUEST

FIRE AT GOOLWA.

An inquest was held in the Court House, Goolwa, on Monday, February 4th, on the fire which occurred in the store lately occupied by Mr. Donald McLean on the 30th of January. 8. Chrystal, Esq., (Mayor), Coroner; John Cave, Foreman of Jury.

James Mansfield deposed - On Wednesday evening, soon after six o'clock, Mr. Stuart called out 'fire', and I ran and looked through the window. Could not see in the store for the dense smoke; so I got in through the window adjoining and round to the back. Found the window down and heard like shaving crackling, as though there was a fire lighted. Mr. J. Wright brought an axe, and the door was opened. We could then see fire under the staircase. I went into the front shop and saw a large hole charred, as though by a previous fire, as it was quite cold, and cobwebs round. Some one kicked one of the steps of the stairs, and the fire burst out. We opened the tank and threw water on. By L. C. Alexander — There were ashes under the stair case as though some shavings had been burnt. By Foreman — I think the fire had been recently lit. By a Juror — The door under the stair-case was open when I went in. By Foreman — I did not see any one leaving the premises. By L. C. Alexander — Did not notice any peculiar smell. Frank Wright deposed — On Wednesday, the 30th, about half past six o'clock my attention was called to a fire by the ringing of a bell. When I got to the store lately occupied by Mr. Donald McLean some gentle-man had got the door open, but the smoke was so dense we could not get in. My brother gave me an axe and he then went for some buckets. I broke the back door open. We could then see into the room about three feet or so from the door. I noticed as though some oil or something of the kind had been on

the floor. I rubbed my fingers in it, and asked Mr. Lambert if he could smell anything. He said it had a very peculiar smell. The stairs were one mass of fire, and we threw water on them.

By Juror — My opinion is that the origin of the fire was the work of an incendiary. R. H. Warne deposed — About 6.30 on Wednesday night I was standing in Mr. McNamara's yard, adjoining the premises where the fire occurred. I saw Mr. Mansfield, and asked him what was the matter. He said there was a fire, so I jumped over the fence and then went back for some bucket. When I returned I went through the cellar door out into the shop. Saw the stair case on fire, and threw water on it.

By L. C. Alexander — The outer cellar door was open and the trap door was up. There was no fire near the trap door. I left work a little before a quarter to six. I lodge at Mr. McNamara's. I pass the front of the store on my way to my lodgings. I did notice some one on the premises, in the back yard about halfway down, in the act of going out. About three quarters of an hour after this I heard of the fire. It was Mr. Charles Godfrey I saw on the premises. I don't know that he was working there. I had seen him half an hour previously at my shop. He is in the habit of being at my shop. When I heard of the fire I thought it rather suspicious that he should be on the premises. Have never seen him on the premises before. The fire in the shop and the one burning were two distinct fires.

By a Juror — To get into that yard Mr. Godfrey would have to go through the gate. There is no connection between that and Mr. McNamara's Yard. Chas. Godfrey deposed — on the night of January 30, I was in Mr. Spencer's bar. I went there at 5 o'clock, and was there till they rung the bell for the fire, and then we ran up. Thos. Reed and others were there with me.

By L. C. Alexander — I was not on the premises before the fire occurred. I went straight from Warne's shop to Spencer's. I did not see Mr. Lambert till after the fire. I swear I was not on the premises that day before the fire. I went into the closet there about Christmas.

By a Juror — I was in Warne's shop about 5 o'clock, and I went straight to Spencer's, and remained there until I heard of the fire.

By Foreman — Do not know who the property belongs to.

By L. C. Alexander — Mrs. Spencer gave me some buckets, and took them to the fire.

By a Juror — Mr. Reed came into Spencer's soon after I went in. Mrs. Spencer was there all the time. Thos. Reed called. I remember the night of the fire. I was in the bar at Spencer's when I heard of the fire. I had been in about 10 minutes. I did not notice Mr. Godfrey there. Did not leave work till after the whistle blew (5 o'clock). I was in the bar soon after 5 o'clock, and had a glass of beer, and then went to look for a ladder. Imperial Insurance Agent said the building was insured for £425 and the fixtures for £75 by Mrs. Homer.

Mrs. Spencer deposed— Mr. Godfrey was in the bar at the time the alarm of fire was given Mr. Reed was in the bar about 6 o'clock, and left. He was not there from 5 till the alarm of fire. Others were in the bar also.

L. C. Alexander deposed— On the evening of the 30th, about 6 20, Mr. Stuart's girl came to the Station, and told me she thought the building was on fire. I ran over and saw smoke coming out of the store. With others burst open the door. Found the smoke so dense could not get in that way, so ran round to the back. All hands worked and got the fire under. Afterwards I made an examination. The hole in the shop was a previous affair. No water was thrown into the shop that evening. This fire originated under the stair case. The top of the shelves in the pantry were burnt, and the bottom of their sound It seemed as though kerosine or spirit had been poured over them. Between the 15th and 20th of December, I went through the premises, and everything was then safe. There was nothing under the staircase. Everything had been washed out clean. The cellar door was fastened, and the trap door down. The reason I went in was that a few days before Mr. Stuart had complained of

boys throwing stones, and he thought they went into this building to do it. My opinion is that there have been two attempts to set fire to these premises.

The jury retired for 10 minutes, and then gave the following verdict: — "We are unanimously of opinion the premises subject to enquiry were wilfully set on fire by some person or persons unknown."

South Australian Weekly Chronicle (Adelaide, SA : 1881 - 1889), Saturday 22 March 1884, page 10

DESTRUCTIVE FIRE AT GOOLWA.

Goolwa, March 17.

One of the most disastrous and destructive fires which has ever occurred south of Adelaide took place early this morning at the warehouse of Messrs T. & E. Goode, general storekeepers. The fire was first discovered about 1 o'clock by Mr. Lambert, who was on his way to the tram station to catch the half-past 1 o'clock car to Port Victor. He at once gave the alarm, and as there were several men about, either passengers who were going by the first tram or the Government officials, nearly the whole town was roused. On arrival at the scene it was soon found that the large store and warehouse, where a large and well-assorted stock of general merchandise was stored, as well as the building, were burning fiercely. The fire appeared to have originated in the front of the upstairs warehouse, and in a few minutes the flames burnt through the skylight, and the whole place was burning from end to end. It is said by those who were first at the scene of the conflagration that had a fire-engine or other appliances been available it might have been got under before much damage was done. It was very fortunate that there was not much wind at the time, otherwise Spencer's Hotel and Goode's outbuildings would certainly have been destroyed. As it was the gentlemen who all worked hard had some difficulty in keeping it from spreading to the adjacent buildings. Mr. T. Goode was on the spot soon after the alarm was given, and was very energetic and prompt in his actions and instructions. Mr. Spencer also worked hard and with judgment in stopping the fire from spreading. The whole of Messrs. Goode's stock, with the exception of some of the stationery and other goods stored in the outbuildings, is entirely destroyed. The value of the stock is roughly estimated at about £5,000, and the damage to the buildings will be fully £1,200. The stock and buildings are partly insured in the Cornwall, South Australian, and Adelaide Marine and Fire Insurance Companies. The books were all in the safe, and are supposed to be all right. An inquest will be held.

Goolwa, March 19.

An inquest was held at the courthouse to-day on the late fire at Messrs. T. & E. Goode's. The verdict returned was that there was no evidence to show how the fire originated.

South Australian Register (Adelaide, SA : 1839 - 1900), Friday 4 April 1884, page 5

GOOLWA, April 2.

A public meeting was held in the Foresters Hall last evening, convened by the Mayor in response to a requisition, to take into consideration the advisability of establishing a Fire Brigade in the town. A Committee was appointed to make enquiries as to the cost of machinery and others matters connected therewith.

1901

Register (Adelaide, SA : 1901 - 1929), Monday 11 November 1901, page 3

FIRE AT GOOLWA.

GOOLWA. November 9.

At about 11 o'clock yesterday morning the workshop of Mr. C. Dodd, contractor and builder, was burned to the ground. Mr. Dodd was at work on the wharf, and as there were no men near the premises when the fire started a great effort was made by the women living adjacent to extinguish the flames, but without success. It was owing to their efforts, however, that a hearse, trap, and dray were saved. A large number of townspeople arrived on the scene, and it was due to their smart work that the dwelling house was saved. The shop was insured in the Imperial Insurance Company for a small amount, which will not nearly cover Mr. Dodd's losses. All of his implements were burnt, and a quantity of paints and oils and timber and joinery were destroyed. The damage is estimated at £150.

1932

Advertiser (Adelaide, SA : 1931 - 1954), Saturday 6 February 1932, page 11

REPORTS FROM RURAL CENTRES

GOOLWA

An enquiry was held in the Goolwa Court House into the origin of a fire which occurred on January 22, between Goolwa and Middleton, on the properties of Messrs. D. Holme, E. S. Harding, and W. E. Ness, and did considerable damage to wheat stacks, hay, standing crops, and stubble. Mr. E. H. Dodd was coroner, and Messrs. W. Henderson and G. T. Powlesland represented Mr. D. Holme and the Railways Department respectively. Evidence was given by W. Peterson, E. S. Harding, W. E. Ness, Garnet Holme, A. Harwood, J. K. McLeod, and J. Hanrahan. The finding was to the effect that the fire was caused accidentally by the engine of the train from Goolwa to Middleton, just after mid-day on the day in question, and that there was no carelessness on the part of the railway officials.

1938

Victor Harbour Times (SA : 1932 - 1986), Friday 21 October 1938, page 1

GOOLWA

At the monthly meeting of the Port Elliot District Council

The following fire officers have been appointed for the district :—Messrs. J. Elfenbein, A. Higgins, G. England, S. E. Skewes, J. Sueyd, D. Black, G. Stone, H. Peters, C. Lillicrapp, J. Fuller, and Crs. Lovell, Hunt, and Jacobs.

1951

Advertiser (Adelaide, SA : 1931 - 1954), Saturday 3 February 1951, page 1

Paddle Steamer Destroyed In Goolwa Fire

GOOLWA, Feb. 2.

The paddle steamer Renmark, valued at £4,500, was burned to the water's edge about half an hour after about 20 passengers had disembarked from a trip to Point McLeay Mission

Station about 5.30 p.m. today. The owner, Capt. Robin Reed, is the father of 10 children, of whom only three are working, and the ship, which had just seen refitted, was not covered by insurance. It was his only source of income. There was nobody aboard when the fire started, and the wharf caught fire before 200 firefighters had the blaze under control about 9 p.m. Units from Port Elliot, Victor Harbor and Goolwa helped to put out the fire in a big stack of timber near the main wharf shed. The Renmark was to have been used next weekend to take passengers to meet the Sturt expedition and to take the party on the following day to Hindmarsh Island.

Victor Harbour Times (SA : 1932 - 1986), Friday 9 February 1951, page 3

NEWS FROM GOOLWA.

Stage Set for Arrival of Sturt Party.

(From our Goolwa correspondent) Goolwa is now in its final week of preparation of arrival of the Sturt party on Sunday next. 11th February. As this is the last stage of the long journey down stream, there is no doubt, given fine weather, that this day will be something to be remembered by the present generation. The District Council of Port Elliot and the Jubilee Celebration Committee are handling this great event in the way in which they think it should be conducted on this particular day, and they know they will have the support of practically the whole of the citizens of the South.

Loss of P.S. Renmark.

On Friday evening after the paddle steamer Renmark had arrived back at the Goolwa wharf and discharged her passengers at about a 5.50 p.m., the crew took all the usual precautions and left the vessel shortly after. At about 6.30 p.m. smoke was noticed issuing from the steamer and immediately the local fire siren was sounded. All available helpers rushed to the site, but were powerless to get near the blaze, as the Renmark, the wharf, and a stack of fire-wood was a seething mass of flames. Local residents, using small hoses and buckets, tried to fight the blaze. For some reason the Port Elliot Fire-fighting Controller was late in getting the alarm, but when those men, under the control of Councillor G. Carnegie-Smith (Chief Controller of Port Elliot District Council) arrived with their fire-fighting equipment, and assisted with what Goolwa could supply, they did a splendid job. When these men got their trailer in action they extinguished the wood stack and fought their way over the burning wharf to the steamer, and after a three-hour battle they subdued the flames sufficiently to make an attempt to remove her from the wharf. They tried to beach the still burning hull in shallow water, but when this task was almost completed with the boat on the edge of the shallow water, it suddenly foundered and slipped back and sunk in 18 feet of water. The Renmark was owned by Captain R. Reed and was used for pleasure trips on the lakes and lower Murray. The boat was valued at £4,500. Goolwa is being decorated for the Jubilee celebrations with coloured lights, bunting, etc., in the main parts of the town.

1959

Victor Harbour Times (SA : 1932 - 1986), Friday 23 January 1959, page 1

DISASTROUS BUSH FIRE

Saturday's bush fire which broke out about five miles from Victor Harbour near the Adelaide road, destroyed seven homes, about 3000 sheep, more than 300 miles of fencing and thousands of acres of grassland near Port Elliot and Middleton.

The fire covered an area of about 24 square miles and was fought by 1,500 fire-fighters. Outbuildings fodder and machinery were also lost on lost other properties Those who were burnt out of their homes were: Mr. J. Smoker, Port Elliott (the house was owned by Mr. J. O'Neill); Mr. R. Sweetman and family, Port Elliot; Mr. A. Attrill, house and service station; Miss K. M. Chibnall and her brother, Mr. M. A. Chibnall. Middleton, house and contents; Mr. J. K. McLeod, Middleton, garage lost, two rooms of house saved; Mrs. W. O. Peterson, widow, Middleton (formerly of Victor Harbour Coffee Palace), home and contents; Mr. J. H. Winstanley, a master at St. Peter's College, lost holiday shack and contents near Crow's Nest road, Port Elliot. Others to suffer losses were: Mr. D. Blakely, butcher, Port Elliott, stock and buildings; Mr. W. Jolly, Port Elliot, stock and sheds; Mr. J. Smith, Port Elliot, sheds and orchard; Mr. C. Wallach, sheds and stock; Mr. E. Rowlands, Port Elliot, sheds and hay; G. England & Sons, stock and fodder; Mr. F. Boettcher, hay and grazing country; E. H. Coote, Middleton, stock and fodder; Mr. O. Barton, Middleton, fodder; Mr. S. Heysen, Port Elliot, outbuildings and fodder; Mr. K. Rymill, stock and fodder; Messrs. H. J. Basham and D. H. Basham, Port Elliot, outbuildings and fodder; Mr. G. L. Parsons, Middleton, pasture; Mr. T. Crookall, Port Elliot, outbuildings and plant; Messrs. Douglas and Darcy Lines, Middleton, sheds, plant and machinery. The Port Elliot showgrounds also suffered extensive damage. Altogether about 100 properties were affected in the stricken area. Mr. R. H. Bristow-Smith, assisted by Miss L. M. Chibnall, was base fire controller at Goolwa, and Mr. Keith Dodd was in charge at Port Elliot. These officers worked more than 30 hours directing fire-fighters. C.W.A. members and other helpers at Port Elliot did fine work in getting food to the volunteers. A Port Elliot telephonist, Nanette Schofield, worked long hours at her switchboard and was a great help to fire controllers. Suffering from exhaustion, two fire-fighters were admitted to the South Coast District Hospital. They were Peter Plummer and Ross Bennett. Mr. B. H. Basham collapsed and had to receive medical attention.

All day Sunday farmers were destroying injured sheep, and on Monday a call was sent out for volunteers to assist despatching others as they were found. When power lines came down between Elliot and Middleton, men from the Electricity Trust were soon on the scene erecting concrete poles while the old wooden ones were still ablaze. On Monday at Victor Harbour it was necessary to have three extra girls in the Victor Harbour exchange to cope with the extra work. Detectives from Adelaide visited the scene on Monday, and Sgt. Truelove and Constable Streatfield, of Victor Harbour, made enquiries at Hindmarsh Valley on Sunday.

1960

Victor Harbour Times (SA : 1932 - 1986), Friday 29 January 1960, page 3

PORT ELLIOT COUNCIL MINUTES

Report of January Meeting

The Bush Fire Fund Committee wrote approving the sale of two second-hand fire fighting units provided they would remain in the District Council area.

Authority was given for deputy fire supervisors A. Higgins. R. B. Galpin and R. H. Bristow-Smith to inspect a fire truck which is available at Kingston for stationing at Goolwa.

1962

Victor Harbour Times (SA : 1932 - 1986), Friday 16 March 1962, page 3

PORT ELLIOT COUNCIL

Report of March Meeting.

Authority was given for the depot shed at Goolwa to be removed to a site at the rear of the Currency Creek Hall for the Currency Creek fire truck.

1964

Victor Harbour Times (SA : 1932 - 1986), Friday 21 February 1964, page 3

Port Elliot Council

The tender of M. Schetter, of Port Elliot, for the erection of a fire station building at Goolwa was accepted.

Approval was granted for the removal of a boundary fence at the old tennis courts at Goolwa to provide off-street parking and the new fire station.

The Goolwa Fire Station may have been completed in late 1964.

Victor Harbour Times (SA : 1932 - 1986), Thursday 24 December 1964, page 4

Port Elliot Council

Extracts from December Meeting.

Recommendations from the district fire supervisors for additional fire equipment, which included an additional two mobile radios and brass knapsacks, was approved. Council will now have 12 mobile and five portable radios together with seven fire-fighting vehicles.

1965

1966

Victor Harbour Times (SA : 1932 - 1986), Friday 28 October 1966, page 1

Port Elliot Council

Report of October Meeting

The Goolwa fire station is to be connected with lighting and power for the charges of batteries.

1967

On 11 July 1967, the title of Council was changed to add Goolwa to the name to now read – “District Council of Port Elliot and Goolwa”.

Victor Harbour Times (SA : 1932 - 1986), Friday 24 February 1967, page 1

Port Elliot Council

Report of February Meeting

The E.F.S. radio base at Goolwa is to be provided with a new 90 ft. telescopic mast to overcome local interference and increase the strength of radio signals.

Victor Harbour Times (SA : 1932 - 1986), Friday 22 September 1967, page 7

PORT ELLIOT DISTRICT COUNCIL

Report of September Meeting

The Goolwa fire siren has been located on a tower behind the fire station and will be tested on Tuesdays and Fridays at 8 a.m. The signal for "testing" or for "all clear" is indicated by three short wailing sounds, and when help is required a long blast will be given.

Victor Harbour Times (SA : 1932 - 1986), Friday 3 November 1967, page 1

Port Elliot Council

Report of October Meeting

Tenders are being called for the erection of a new fire station at Port Elliot to house fire units and radio and fire siren equipment.

1969

Victor Harbour Times (SA : 1932 - 1986), Friday 21 February 1969, page 1

Labourer Sent for Trial

A man charged in the Goolwa Police Court last week with maliciously setting fire to standing stubble near Goolwa on January 17 and 24, total fire ban days, reserved his defence and was committed for trial in the Supreme Court, Adelaide. Ronald Victor Mann, 44, labourer, of Loveday Street, Goolwa, appeared before Mr. P. C. Taverner, J.P. Mr. Andrew Wilson appeared for Mann. Senior Constable A. Copeland, of Christies Beach C.I.B., gave evidence of his interview and arrest of the defendant. Mann told Const. Copeland at the Victor Harbour police station that he did not smoke — he had given it up about eight months ago. Later at a Highways camp near Victor Harbour, Const. Copeland inspected Mann's car and in the glove box found a box of matches which were produced in court. In reply to questions, Mann admitted lighting a cigarette a few days previously. He said he used the matches to light a fire near Middleton "just for practice in putting it out", but he did not stay to put it out. He knew there was a total fire ban that day — January 24. Mann also admitted he lit a fire on the Goolwa-Victor Harbour road a short time later. He had struck matches until he lit the grass. In reply to further questioning, Mann said he had had a nervous breakdown about five years ago. When Mann was arrested at Victor Harbour he was searched and placed in the cells. Possession was taken of the defendant's hat, which was retained as an exhibit. The prosecutor, Senior Constable B. J. Devlin, of Goolwa, called seven witnesses. Mann was admitted to bail on his own bond of \$200 and a surety of \$200.

1971

Original Fire Station, 21 Cadell Street, Goolwa.



Alexandrina Library Collection, by Walter Pretty – On the South West corner of the intersection with Crocker Street. The Goolwa Uniting Church, Collingwood Street is in the background. 1971.

1975

Victor Harbour Times (SA : 1932 - 1986), Wednesday 7 May 1975, page 1

Port Elliot - Goolwa Council

The Goolwa EFS wrote requesting a "no parking" be installed in front of the Goolwa fire shed and thanked council for \$1,000 and help and co-operation over the past year.

Victor Harbour Times (SA : 1932 - 1986), Wednesday 30 July 1975, page 1

Port Elliot-Goolwa Council

At the first meeting of the District Council of Port Elliot and Goolwa for the 1975-76 financial year Councillor R. B. Galpin was elected chairman. He succeeds Cr. A. D. Higgins who did not seek re-election.

6. E.F.S. building. Requesting that a suitable opening would be into Farquar street and not Cadell street. This will be considered by council but council does not necessarily agree with the comments on the matter.

1976

Victor Harbour Times (SA : 1932 - 1986), Wednesday 4 August 1976, page 2

District Council of Port Elliot & Goolwa

Overseer's Report

The Goolwa, Currency Creek and Hindmarsh Island EFS requested permission to house the Goolwa Aquatic Club's rescue boat in the spare bay of the EFS shed at an annual rental of \$75. This was approved at the pleasure of the EFS and council. The Goolwa EFS requested a private phone to be connected in the Goolwa fire shed. The clerk was directed to ascertain charges for phone connection and refer back to the next council meeting.

1977

Victor Harbour Times (SA : 1932 - 1986), Wednesday 23 November 1977, page 11

Fires at Goolwa

Since October 15 there have been six grass fires at Goolwa, all due to carelessness. As a result two persons have been prosecuted for breaching the Bush Fires Act. The local Country Fire Service began burning off operations last week, burning blocks at the request of owners. One of the fire appliances broke down and had to be towed to the council depot. Persons desirous of burning off are advised to contact Peter Newcombe, Goolwa 55 2397, or Ken Wood, Hindmarsh Island 55 2032.

1978

Victor Harbour Times (SA : 1932 - 1986), Wednesday 11 January 1978, page 3

Fire lit at Goolwa

A grass fire was deliberately lit on the outskirts of Goolwa last Saturday night at 11.35 p.m. Three persons were seen at the fire and when approached they climbed into a car and drove away at high speed. The car was a 1973 red XU-1 Torana. Police are making enquiries.

Victor Harbour Times (SA : 1932 - 1986), Wednesday 1 March 1978, page 1

Goolwa fire

At about 2.40 a.m. last Saturday a fire was discovered in a transportable type home in Daniel Avenue, Goolwa North. The house was completely gutted and the estimated loss was \$35,000. Two units from the Goolwa C.F.S. attended. The owners were absent at the time of the fire.

Victor Harbour Times (SA : 1932 - 1986), Wednesday 24 May 1978, page 1

Three fires at Goolwa

Three fires at Goolwa last weekend caused damage estimated at more than \$17,000. About 11.45 p.m. Friday night a fire broke out in an unoccupied flat in Richards street, Goolwa. A neighbour in an adjoining flat fought the blaze with a garden hose until the arrival of two C.F.S. units. Damage was estimated at \$200. A Kampervan and its contents were destroyed by fire about 8.45 p.m. Saturday night at Laffin's Point, North Goolwa. Also lost in the blaze was a quantity of photographic equipment. The total loss was about \$11,000. It is thought that gas leaking from a refrigerator was the cause of the fire. A fibreglass runabout and its

contents valued at \$6,000 were lost in a blaze about 10.30 p.m. Sunday night. The craft was in the yard at the rear of a house in Dowland street, Goolwa. The Goolwa C.F.S. attended the fire and one of the firefighters, Philip Allsop, suffered from smoke inhalation and was admitted to the South Coast District Hospital. Cause of the fire is not known.

Victor Harbour Times (SA : 1932 - 1986), Wednesday 12 July 1978, page 8

Fires at Goolwa

Two fires at Goolwa last Sunday night were deliberately lit, a police source said yesterday. One of the fires caused damage estimated at \$4,000 to a house and the other about \$200 worth of damage to a flat. There has been an arrest in connection with the fires and a man has been charged with setting fire to buildings.

1979



Alexandrina Library Collection, by Walter Pretty – Building on 21 Cadell Street. 1979.

1980

Victor Harbour Times (SA : 1932 - 1986), Wednesday 27 February 1980, page 19

New fire unit for Goolwa

Goolwa C.F.S.'s new fire truck was commissioned at a ceremony at the Goolwa fire station on Sunday night.

The new unit, commissioned by the C.F.S. Supervisor for the Port Elliot and Goolwa District Council, Mr. Bun Basham, is mainly for town fires but can also be used for grass fires. It is an extra unit for Goolwa C.F.S., which has one other unit and a water tanker. The cab and chassis of the new unit, which is now estimated to be worth at least \$15,000, were purchased by the C.F.S. and council at an ex-government vehicles sale. Goolwa C.F.S. members then built up the unit, a member, Mr. John Yard, doing all of the bodywork voluntarily. The unit is fitted with foam-making equipment, breathing apparatus, and all of the usual fire-fighting equipment. A Goolwa C.F.S. spokesman thanked the council for its assistance.



Goolwa station captain Frank Hough (centre left) receives the keys to the new fire unit from the C.F.S. supervisor for the Port Elliot and Goolwa District Council. They are flanked at the commissioning of the unit by Mr. John Yard (left) and Mr. Ken Wood, Goolwa C.F.S. president.

1983

Victor Harbour Times (SA : 1932 - 1986), Wednesday 26 October 1983, page 24

District Council of Port Elliot & Goolwa

DISTRICT COUNCIL OF PORT ELLIOT & GOOLWA.

Minutes of Council Meeting held on Monday 3rd October, 1983 at the Goolwa Council Chambers at 9:00 a.m.

25. C.F.S. Goolwa, Currency Creek and Hindmarsh Island. It was resolved that the District Clerk Elect arrange a C F S Supervisors meeting to be held on Tuesday 11th of October, at 8 00 p.m. at the Goolwa Council chambers.

26. C.F.S. Fire Phones - Re Transfer of Fire Phone from Mrs. I.L. Bugar. Goolwa Currency Creek and Hindmarsh Island C.F.S. advised that Mr. Ric Marchant of Goolwa was prepared to take over the fire phone. Moved. Cr. Jacobs, seconded Cr. Barton that this matter be referred to the Supervisors meeting. Carried.

27. Country Fire Service Equipment Subsidy. The District Clerk Elect reported that advice had been received by telephone that subsidy had been approved for the Goolwa Town Unit. Resolved that Council advise the Goolwa, Currency Creek and Hindmarsh Island C.F.s. to proceed with the building up of this unit once written advice had been received.

43. Job Creation Scheme - Middleton Fire Station. Mr James Porters office advised that a grant of \$22,398.00 has been made available under the Job Creation Scheme with a Council contribution of \$8,400.00 to employ three people for sixteen weeks to construct a fire station at Thomas Street Middleton.

1985

Victor Harbour Times (SA : 1932 - 1986), Wednesday 17 April 1985, page 25

District Council of Port Elliot and Goolwa

3. CFS Exercise: Request from Mr R Marchant, Lieutenant, Goolwa Fire Station, for permission to hold a burn in a controlled burn at the end of the fire danger season in the rubbish dump paddock where all CFS brigades will be invited to participate. Moved Cr Scott seconded Cr Mills that approval be granted. carried.

1986

Victor Harbour Times (SA : 1932 - 1986), Wednesday 12 November 1986, page 17

Port Elliot and Goolwa District Council

District Council of Port Elliot & Goolwa Minutes of Council Meeting held on Monday 3rd November, 1986.

Goolwa Currency Creek Hindmarsh Island C.F.S.

Advising that the old fire fighting trailer is of no further use and is taking up space in the fire station and re-requesting approval from Council to allow for the restoration of the trailer and that it then be offered to the National Trust. Moved that Council grant approval for the C.F.S. Organisation to arrange for the restoration of the old fire fighting trailer and its donation to the National Trust.

1987



Alexandrina Library Collection, by Walter Pretty – Goolwa Country Fire Service and St John Ambulance Depot, corner Cadell & Crocker Streets, Goolwa. 29 March 1987.

Times (Victor Harbor, SA : 1987 - 1999), Wednesday 22 April 1987, page 12

Port Elliot and Goolwa District Council

District Council of Port Elliot and Goolwa

Minutes for Council Meeting held on Monday 6th April 1987 at the Goolwa Council Chambers. commencing at 900a.m.

Country Fire Services Assistant District Clerk reported on proposed Country Fires Act and meeting with Mount Lofty Ranges Fire Fighting Association. Moved that the Assistant District Clerk forward copies of the Country Fires Act Revision Submission, as discussed by the Port Elliot and Goolwa C.F.S. Supervisors Committee, to the Local Government Association and the Director of the Country Fire Services. Carried.

Town Centre Re-development - Goolwa Fire Station and Goolwa St. Johns: District Clerk reported on meetings with both bodies, wherein agreement in principle has been given to the relocation of the Fire Station and St Johns Centre subject to final details and negotiations being satisfied. Resolved: that the report be received.

Port Elliot C.F.S. vehicle, two way radio The C.F.S. Supervisors Committee has recommended that a two way radio be purchased and fitted to the ex-Happy Valley Fire Unit. Moved that provision be made in council's 1987/88 budget for the purchase and installation of a two way radio in the Port Elliot Fire Unit NO. 41. Carried.

Port Elliot C.F.S. shed switchboard re-wiring The CFS Siren has recently malfunctioned and to correct the fault, the main control switches and wiring require upgrading. Moved that R.A. & M.A. Berridge be contracted to re wire and upgrade the existing electrical switchboard at the Port Elliot C.F.S. shed at the quoted cost of \$1,025. Carried.

Times (Victor Harbor, SA : 1987 - 1999), Wednesday 3 June 1987, page 14

Port Elliot and Goolwa District Council

ADMINISTRATION ITEMS

C.P.A. Insurance Broking Services re CF.S. International Tanker, Reg. No. RVA-858: Letter enclosing a discharge voucher from Insurers to be completed and signed offering an amount of \$1,800 less \$100 excess for insurance cover on the International Tanker. Moved that the District Clerk be authorised to sign the discharge voucher for full settlement from A.G.C. Insurances of \$1,800 being claimed under policy no. 685/06477/6. Carried.

Times (Victor Harbor, SA : 1987 - 1999), Friday 17 July 1987, page 19

Port Elliot and Goolwa District Council

District Council of Port Elliot and Goolwa. Minutes for Council Meeting held on Monday 6th July 1987 at the Goolwa Council Chambers commencing in 9a.m.

Country Fire Service matters: Goolwa Currency Creek Hindmarsh Island CFS report No. 8. Moved that the report be received. Carried. Telecom Australia requesting that the External Plant Co-ordinator and Principal Lines Officer (Proxy) be appointed Gas Fire Permit Officer to undertake emergency repairs. Moved that these officers be appointed as Gas Fire Permit Officer to undertake emergency repairs. Moved that these officers be appointed as Gas Fire Permit Officers providing that their safety instructions are abided by during the Fire Danger Period and on Fire Ban Days. Carried. Country Fire Services - Annual Maintenance Grant. Advising of an increase in the Annual Maintenance Grant. Moved that the information be received. Carried. Fire Access Track - advising that the Board is unable to continue to provide

subsidy for the construction of Fire Access Tracks. Moved that the information be received. Carried. Country Fires Services - re vehicle and equipment survey - advising that following an inspection of International Registration Number SLF 354 that they consider that the condition of the appliance is not acceptable and that the Board be advised of any action by Council to rectify the fault no later than July 15, 1987. Moved that the Assistant District Clerk make arrangements for the appropriate repairs to the vehicle. Carried. CPA Insurance Broking Services - re international Tanker Vehicle Claim - forwarding an amount of \$1,700 for full settlement of the above claim plus vehicle being retained by Council. Moved that this matter be referred to the CFS Supervisors Committee for comment. Carried. Moved that copies of CFS matters be referred to the supervisors.

Times (Victor Harbor, SA : 1987 - 1999), Friday 16 October 1987, page 20



A break in weekend festivities for Goolwa CFS as they hose down a car which ruptured its fuel tank in a minor accident in Cadel Street on Saturday.

Times (Victor Harbor, SA : 1987 - 1999), Friday 30 October 1987, page 1

Despite defects on vehicles. . .

CFS COPING

Country Fire Service units and councils throughout the Encounter Coast believe they can cope with a bushfire situation at the present time. This is despite a number of vehicles being defected following inspections by government inspectors from the Road Transport Division. Councils receive between 15 and 60 per-cent subsidy to upgrade their vehicles to a minimum standard.

The outstanding amount is made up of donations to the CFS units and funds raised through council rates. The defects have ranged from the serious, in the case of a cracked chassis, to minor repairs such as extra padding on seats and a cracked number plate. CFS Group Captain for the District Council of Port Elliot and Goolwa, Mr Kevin Higgins said since October 8 their unit had lost six of its 13 vehicles through defect notices from government inspectors from the Road Transport Division. "This meant we were very short on numbers and had to reposition the remaining vehicles to cover areas which had been depleted. "For instance in Mount Compass, we have arranged for the Yundi and Willunga brigades to stand by in case of fire. "In the past 10 days we have been informed by the council that the defected vehicles can be driven direct to a fire and used for fire fighting purposes only. "I want to reassure the general public that it is our aim to supply sufficient fire cover for the area and in the case of an emergency if we have insufficient vehicles we can call on our neighboring brigades. "Vehicles have been defected for both major and trivial matters including new tyres with slight damage from stones, a cracked number plate, a sunken driver's seat, missing clutch pedal rubber and a rear vision mirror which is too large. "A major defect on one of the trucks was a cracked chassis. "These vehicles are used very little on the roads but CFS personnel are not expected to travel in unroadworthy vehicles and although there are some problems in our own backyard, some of these defects are bulldust. "We volunteer to provide this service to the whole community and this will be done to the best of our ability . "But we also have many ratepayers in the council area who are giving nothing and doing nothing for the CFS in general but who expect CFS to turn up in case of fire. "Donations to town brigades would be gratefully received," he said. District Clerk of the District Council of Port Elliot and Goolwa, Mr Reg Walters said repair work on the six defected vehicles was well underway. "One of the vehicles from the Goolwa Station has been repaired and its defect notice has been removed while a vehicle from Mount Compass is awaiting removal of its notice following inspection on Friday. "The remaining four vehicles are in the course of examination to estimate cost of repairs and where practicable these will be completed as soon as possible. "The newly formed group will meet next week to reassess the situation," he said. Mr Walters said the council had spent about \$5000 rectifying vehicle faults found by the CFS headquarters inspector in July. "These latest defects arise from a second inspection carried out by the Road Transport Division. "The issues raised in this subsequent inspection were totally removed from the first. "Despite this setback we feel there is enough vehicles in the whole region for any emergency situation in which all brigades would help each other regardless of council boundaries," he said. Yankalilla District Council will know Monday whether its entire fleet of 12 CFS trucks is roadworthy. At the initial inspection six vehicles were found to be unroadworthy. "We are hoping the majority of our trucks will be found to be acceptable on Monday" Yankalilla District Clerk, Malcolm Davis said. "Most of the problems on our trucks were of a minor nature and have been attended to. "However council was told recently that the CFS radio equipment had to be tested by an expert technician. "This will cost us \$25 an hour to have all the radios in the trucks and the base checked.

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"...defected vehicles can be driven direct to a fire and used for fire fighting purposes only" — CFS group captain for the District Council of Port Elliot and Goolwa, Kevin Higgins.



Local CFS trucks await attention to problems discovered in the recent inspections.

CFS coping from Page 1.

"In the past we have operated a simple radio check every month in the off-season and every week during the bushfire season. "However we cannot do this particular test as it involves such technical requirements as decibel ratings and such. "This will be an extra cost to be borne by council as well as facing us with the possibility of having to repair any units which do not come up to standard. "I can appreciate the need for certain minimum standards on CFS trucks, as well as a minimum range of equipment. "But I am concerned about so much capital being tied up in vehicles which are seldom used. "Each truck costs about \$84,000. With 12 trucks that could amount to more than \$1 million in trucks. "The line needs to be drawn somewhere to allow an adequate and efficient service" Mr Davis said. Country CFS units and local councils should contact the Minister of Emergency Services, Dr Hopgood, if they are unable to meet the costs associated with upgrading fire trucks and equipment, Member for Alexandra Mr Ted Chapman said this week. Mr Chapman, said the Opposition raised the matter in Parliament this week following reports that a large number of vehicles throughout the State had been declared unroadworthy. He said this had followed inspections by an officer from the Road Traffic Inspection Division. "It is absolutely essential that these vehicles are back on the road before the commencement of the fire season," Mr Chapman said. "But it is quite apparent that the modifications and repairs needed may be beyond the capacity of many of the State's councils. "When asked in Parliament if the Government would help meet the cost of these urgent repairs, the Minister said: "I am not prepared to give a blanket answer to the honourable Member. I think it is up to individual brigades to indicate what their costs might be and to put propositions forward if costs involved are beyond their current means ... any request forthcoming will be considered on their merits. . . " Mr Chapman said repairs to vehicles may in some cases run into thousands of dollars.

Times (Victor Harbor, SA : 1987 - 1999), Friday 18 September 1987, page 21

Goolwa Council

DISTRICT COUNCIL OF PORT ELLIOT AND GOOLWA - MINUTES - OF COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 7TH SEPTEMBER 1987 IN THE GOOLWA COUNCIL CHAMBERS

Country Fire Service Matters: Purchase of Type 4 Appliance EX CFS Head-quarters: Moved that an order be placed for purchase of type 4 appliance EX CFS Head-quarters. Carried. Moved that the Mayor be authorised to take the order to CFS Headquarters to negotiate an appropriate subsidy for the purchase of the vehicle. Carried. Middleton CFS - Supervisor's Hand Held Radio: Request for purchase of radio for Deputy Supervisor. Brigade will meet full cost. Moved that an ICOM 24 channel hand held radio set be purchased at Middleton CFS cost. Carried. Appointment of Safety Officers: Advise from CFS HQ that Safety Officers will be required to represent the interests of CFS Volunteers. Moved that a CFS Safety Officer be appointed under the terms of the Occupational Safety Health and Welfare Act 1986 prior to September 30. Carried. Disposal of Currency Creek Tanker (Accident Damaged): An offer has been made for the purchase of the accident damaged Currency Creek Tanker. Moved that tenders be called for the disposal of the accident damaged Currency Creek Tanker. Carried. Disposal of Currency Creek Toyota 4x4 Fire Unit. Goolwa Brigade have proposed to take the Toyota 4x4 currently located at Currency Creek out of service following the CFS inspection of vehicles and subsequent report. Moved that this matter be discussed by the CFS Supervisors' Committee and a recommendation given to Council. Carried. Currency Creek CFS Brigade Retention: Concern has been expressed by Mr B Skewes regarding the possible closure of the Currency Creek Fire Station. Moved that this matter be referred to the CFS Supervisor's Committee for comment. Carried. Fire Control Officer Appointments: Request that Council be guided by CFS recommendation in all future FCO appointments to ensure that only trained persons are selected. Moved that this matter be referred to the CFS Supervisor's Committee for comment. Carried. Reimbursements Of Volunteers For Travelling: Request for all volunteers to be reimbursed for the cost of vehicle expenses involved in training courses or CFS business or to be provided with a Council vehicle. Moved that this Council does not agree with the reimbursement of volunteers for travel expenses while on CFS business of the provision of a Council Vehicle for CFS business purposes and further, that this be referred to the CFS Supervisors' meeting. Carried. Maintenance of CFS Pumps: Request for approval to use DG & HM Martin of Victoria Street, Victor Harbor for all Goolwa Brigade Pump repairs. Moved that this matter be referred to the CFS Supervisors' Committee for comment. Carried. Firefighters - Safety and Survival: Report from CFS HQ on Council obligations in relation to provision of CFS equipment and training of volunteers. Moved that this matter be referred to the CFS Supervisors Committee for recommendation Carried.

GENERAL BUSINESS

CFS Vehicle Repairs

A report was given by the Acting District Clerk of the progress of repairs to the CFS vehicles and in particular two Goolwa vehicles currently being repaired at Goolwa Auto Repairs.

1988

Times (Victor Harbor, SA : 1987 - 1999), Friday 18 March 1988, page 18

Port Elliot and Goolwa District Council

District Council of Port Elliot and Goolwa

Minutes of meeting held on Monday 7th March, 1988 at the Goolwa Council Chambers

Goolwa/Currency Creek/Hindmarsh Island C.F.S.: Seeking permission to remove their old shed at Currency Creek and re-erect it behind the Goolwa Fire Station. The shed is necessary

for storage of equipment as the station is overcrowded. Moved that this matter be deferred for further information. Carried.

1990

Times (Victor Harbor, SA : 1987 - 1999), Wednesday 7 November 1990, page 2

CFS called to Middleton grass fire

Three units from Goolwa CFS Brigade attended a small grass fire near Middleton on Monday. It is believed the fire, which burnt about a half an acre of Peter Michelmore's property at Middleton, began when hot dry winds rekindled coals left by a fire-break burnt two days ago.

CFS units from Port Elliot, Middleton, Currency Creek and Hindmarsh Island were placed on stand-by, but the fire — the first of the 1990/91 season — was brought under control quickly.



Barry Bart and Craig Hann from the Goolwa CFS extinguish the grass fire at Middleton on Monday.

1991

Times (Victor Harbor, SA : 1987 - 1999), Friday 12 April 1991, page 5

Land use sought for fire station

Goolwa CFS will apply to the Department of Lands for use of land for a new fire station following approval from Port Elliot and Goolwa Council.

The brigade sought council approval for the new fire station on land at the rear of the proposed ambulance station, off Gardiner Street, Goolwa. District clerk Mr Reg Walters said it was Crown land under the care, control and management of council. "Council approval is sought to enable official application to the Department of Lands for use of the land," he said. "Council would be required to provide temporary access via the unmade section of Farquhar Street." Cr Geoff Hodge, seconded Cr Anthony Presgrave, successfully moved approval be granted.

Times (Victor Harbor, SA : 1987 - 1999), Wednesday 17 April 1991, page 12

PORT ELLIOT & GOOLWA DISTRICT COUNCIL MINUTES

The District Council of Port Elliot and Goolwa. Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Monday, April 8th. 1991, in the Goolwa Council Chambers, commencing at 9 a.m.

Goolwa Country Fire Service. The brigade seeks council approval to the building of a new fire station on land at the rear of the proposed ambulance station, off Gardiner Street, Goolwa. Moved that approval be granted to the building of a new fire station on Pt. 226, at the rear of the proposed ambulance station. Carried.

Times (Victor Harbor, SA : 1987 - 1999), Tuesday 4 June 1991, page 3

Council backs fire station

Port Elliot and Goolwa Council will support the establishment of a new CFS Fire station on the corner of Gardiner and Moore Streets, Goolwa. The application, lodged by the Goolwa CFS. Will be determined by the SA Planning Commission. It proposes the construction of the new station 30 metres to the rear of the ambulance station under construction on the same corner site. District planner Mr Des Commerford said the building would have a 375 square metre floor area, a height of 6.5m to the apex of the roof with external wall cladding of olive green colorbond material. It would accommodate three vehicles, office and training storage facilities and a free standing tower, relocated from the existing station, would be erected nearby. Access to the building for fire fighting vehicles would be from Gardiner Street via the alignment of the unformed roadway known as Partridge Street All personnel vehicles would enter the site from a roadway to adjoin Moore Street. "As the site includes land owned by the district council, the application has been forwarded to the SA Planning Commission," Mr Commerford said. "Due to the zoning and close proximity of dwellings, it has been deemed that the application be publicly notified and comments sought from the community. "It has always been the intention of the previous councils that the area bounded by Gardiner Street, Partridge Street (unformed) and part Cadell Street be the emergency service centre. "This will mean that police, ambulance and fire services will be provided in one location. "To this end the proposal by the CFS is supported and unless meeting strong objections from nearby residents, would be supported by the commission. "The intended development of this site has been well canvassed over previous years, so objection is not expected. "Having said this, other proposals in Goolwa, although a strategy plan has been agreed to, have met with opposition once the building is near commencement date." Council adopted Mr Commerford's recommendation to advise the SA Planning Commission of its full support for the proposal subject to seven conditions.

Times (Victor Harbor, SA : 1987 - 1999), Friday 26 July 1991, page 15

PORT ELLIOT & GOOLWA DISTRICT COUNCIL MINUTES

The District Council of Port Elliot and Goolwa. Minutes of council meeting held on Monday, July 16, 1991, in the Goolwa Council Chambers, commencing at 9.17am.

ADMINISTRATION REPORT

Goolwa, Currency Creek, Hindmarsh Island Country Fire Services. Applying to the council for full salvage rights to the Goolwa Fire Station. Internal and external fittings can be used on the new station and the rest sold to provide funds for the new station. Moved that the Goolwa brigade be given the right to dismantle the Goolwa Fire Station and for full salvage rights, providing funds obtained are used for the new fire station and subject to the following conditions; (i) The station being dismantled in such a manner that fire trucks and

equipment are not at risk, (ii) The site to be kept in a tidy condition during salvage operations and completely cleared at the conclusion of the works. Carried.

DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS RAP

Goolwa Country Fire Services - Fire Station - Lot 226 Gardiner Street, Goolwa - D/A 454/0104/91. At a meeting of the South Australian Planning Commission held on June 24, 1991, the erection of a fire station was approved subject to 12 conditions. Moved that the report be received. Carried

Times (Victor Harbor, SA : 1987 - 1999), Friday 26 July 1991, page 5

GOOLWA FIRE STATION

Work begins on new Goolwa fire station

Work has begun on construction of a new fire station in Goolwa.

Volunteers from Goolwa CFS are working on construction of the \$80,000 complex, at Lot 226 Gardiner Street. The administration officer for the Goolwa and District CFS, John Evans, said the volunteers had to finance and complete the project themselves due to a lack of available funding. He said there was a need for an upgraded centre in the town, as the present building in Cadell Street was not big enough to house the new fire trucks. "We don't consider the present building adequate for our needs," Mr Evans said. "After we received the new trucks we had to do some modifications to the centre — and we still don't really have room to walk around them." The new station will feature three bays as well as a command and communications centre, store room and social room.

At a meeting of the SA Planning Commission held late last month, construction of the station was approved subject to a number of conditions. These included that: All trees on the site are to be preserved other than those required to be removed for the building and associated roadway and carpark areas. All driveways and carpark areas are to be sealed with an impervious material in accordance with recognised engineering standards. Landscaping is to be provided along the northern boundary of the site by planting trees likely to screen the building when mature. All planting is to be maintained in a healthy condition. Storm water from the site is to be drained to the street watertable by means of an effective drainage system so as not to cause inundation to adjoining allotments. The development is not to be fenced along the western boundary of the site to maintain its open nature. Any lighting outside the proposed building is to be designed so as not to create glare that might spill on to adjoining residential properties. The line of the historic railway embankment is to be identified by two pine posts at the site boundaries with a small metal plaque attached. The siren is to be located at the front or side of the building furthest from the adjoining residences.

To help provide funds for the project the Goolwa Brigade will be dismantling the old station, also using internal and external fittings for the new building. Port Elliot and Goolwa council has awarded the brigade full salvage rights of the old station providing the funds are used for the new fire station. Mr Evans said hopefully the new centre would be completed in the next two months. He said the new site was in the best position for the Goolwa township and surrounding areas. "We considered that before we decided to move — there is little chance of anyone being accidently struck by a truck going in and out from here." Operation of the CFS service for the area must at all time be maintained, so the new trucks would be slowly

phased into the new station. Mr Evans said fundraising activities to pay for the work would continue — and anyone wishing to donate either money or building materials to the station could contact him on 55 2943

Times (Victor Harbor, SA : 1987 - 1999), Friday 29 November 1991, page 5

Fire control centre at Goolwa station

Port Elliot and Goolwa Council has been advised by Country Fire Services that the new Goolwa fire station has been designated the Goolwa group control centre. The move, by the Goolwa group has the support of the regional office. Officer in charge of region one, Russell Grear has told council the new control centre would require communications equipment including a tower, radios and telephones as well as the transfer of some radio equipment from the Port Elliot station to the Goolwa station at a total cost of \$18,000. "I have been advised by the CFS Communications Unit that the board will provide a grant of \$10,000 towards the cost of the tower plus provision of all radio equipment and consoles," he said. "In round figures, council will be required to spend \$2000 to \$3000 for the changeover. "In addition to this, current communications such as radio equipment and consoles located at the Port Elliot fire station will need to be upgraded to meet new approved standards. "These costs will be met by the CFS Board." Council resolved to advise the CFS that council had not budgeted for expenditure on the transfer of radio equipment in this financial year.

Times (Victor Harbor, SA : 1987 - 1999), Tuesday 17 December 1991, page 19

THE DISTRICT COUNCIL OF PORT ELLIOT AND GOOLWA.

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 2ND DECEMBER, 1991. IN THE GOOLWA COUNCIL CHAMBERS, COMMENCING AT 8.30 AM.

Old Goolwa C.F.S. station, Cadell Street, Goolwa (no standing anytime zone). With the relocation of the Goolwa CFS, the no standing area is no required, therefore, the following resolution was made:—Moved that: Notice is hereby given that the District Council of Port Elliot and Goolwa at its meeting held on December 2, 1991, passed the following resolution:— (1) Revocation of previous resolution. (i) Resolved that the resolution previously passed by the District Council of Port Elliot and Goolwa at its meeting held on the 19th October 1981 and published in the South Australian Government Gazette on page 1411, Thursday the 29th October 1981, area no. 1 be revoked. Carried.

1992

Times (Victor Harbor, SA : 1987 - 1999), Friday 31 July 1992, page 12

Port Elliot & Goolwa District Council Minutes

The District Council of Port Elliot and Goolwa. Minutes of meeting held on the 20th July, 1992 in the Goolwa Council Chambers, Cadell Street, Goolwa, commencing at 9.00 a.m.

GOOLWA AND DISTRICT CFS GROUP

Mr B Brawley Goolwa District CFS Group advised the meeting on various CFS matters: Currency Creek brigade has a new appliance; Goolwa and District CFS Group has now fully upgraded the fleet; Discussion is taking place on possible relocation of Port Elliot Brigade; Correspondence to be forwarded to council regarding a donation to the Goolwa Brigade to complete the New Fire Station; State championships to be held at Goolwa this year.

1993

Times (Victor Harbor, SA : 1987 - 1999), Tuesday 21 September 1993, page 18

District Council of Port Elliot and Goolwa Minutes

The District Council of Port Elliot and Goolwa

Minutes of the Meeting held on 6th September in the Goolwa Council Chambers, commencing at 9.30 a.m.

CFS Meeting. A meeting was recently held with representatives for Goolwa and Districts CFS Group, Regional Officer CFS Headquarters Russell Greer, Mayor Mills and Councillor Horton. The meeting was called to discuss issues which required budget consideration by council. The issue most discussed was the future operations of the Currency Creek Brigade and the perceived need for a new vehicle purchase for Goolwa Brigade. The meeting resolved that the representatives from the CFS forward a recommendation for council consideration on the following: (1) The three units required by Goolwa Brigade in the upgrade Standards of Fire Cover be drawn from the present two units at Goolwa and the unit at Currency Creek. If this arrangement is acceptable there will be no need, at this time, to purchase a new vehicle for Goolwa Brigade; (2) The upgrading and costings for a suitable pager system for the Currency Creek Brigade so that the Brigade is in a position to adequately support the Goolwa Brigade; (3) That a system be put in place for a dual call out for the Goolwa and Currency Creek Brigade.