

Port Lincoln Fire Brigade.



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1900

South Australian Register (Adelaide, SA : 1839 - 1900), Wednesday 8 August 1900, page 4

FIRE AT PORT LINCOLN.

LARGE STORE GUTTED.

A telegram was received by the Commissioner of Police on Tuesday, at 8.15 p.m., from Sergeant Clode, of Port Lincoln, stating that at about 5 o'clock in the afternoon a fire was noticed burning in Messrs. Macfarlane Brothers' general store. The establishment was completely gutted, and the estimated damage was set down at over £4,000. The stock and buildings were insured in the Standard Insurance Company of New Zealand for £3,500. The origin of the fire was not known. The inquest would be held on Wednesday. Our Port Lincoln correspondent telegraphed as follows on Tuesday evening: — "At 5 o'clock this afternoon Macfarlane Brothers' store caught fire. The whole premises were consumed, except a small shed at the side. Two fireproof safes, containing books and securities, were rescued. The contents were slightly damaged, although the office books are readable. The store was locked up at 1 o'clock, and everything was thought to be safe. United efforts prevented the fire from spreading to the adjoining buildings."



State Library of South Australia - Ruins of Macfarlane Brothers' store [PRG 1123/36/29], Men standing in the ruins of the Macfarlane Brothers general store, Port Lincoln, which was completely gutted by fire on 7 August 1900, causing £4,000 damage. 1900, Part of Bishop Family Collection.

West Coast Recorder (Port Lincoln, SA : 1909 - 1942), Wednesday 18 January 1911, page 2

FIRE AND SALVAGE BRIGADE WANTED FOR PORT LINCOLN.

IN our "Wants o' Lincoln," a few weeks ago, we referred to the necessity for the "Establishment of a salvage brigade, with fire reel and necessary appliances, hose, etc." Since then we have not heard that the townspeople have taken the matter as seriously to heart as we think they should have done. It must be obvious, however, to all concerned and especially to the business people of Tasman Terrace, that the necessity for a fire and salvage brigade is becoming every day more and more apparent. There is scarcely a town of any note "on the other side" of the Gulf but has its established fire brigade. These, of course, are subsidised by the Government and the Fire Insurance Offices, and are conducted under a Fire Brigades' Board ; who levy a rate upon all uninsured properties should the brigades attend, within the limited specified area or distance from the scene of the conflagration to which the fire brigade may attend. In many cases where fires occur there is often a great saving of valuable property and a stoppage of the extension of the fire to the adjoining premises by the efforts of the brigades when working under recognised leaders and a definite system of control. It may here be cited as a possibility that should a fire take place among the business premises of Tasman Terrace, what is to hinder a fire sweeping down several of the shops which closely adjoin each other—should the wind be favorable — unless hindered by organised effort and resistance on the part of a body of men or brigade working under a recognised head. The old motto, "Where it is everybody's business it is nobody's," applies here, and without a guiding officer appointed for the purpose the risk is that instead of good being done it may chance to be a case of "too many cooks spoiling the broth!" We believe that were the business people of Tasman Terrace to take this matter

seriously in hand that the Government would materially assist, and supply a fire-reel, hose, etc., which might be vested in the District Council—until a municipality be formed. The local body would be held responsible for the proper control and care of the property of the brigade which, for a time might be composed of willing and voluntary workers, say to the number of from 12 to 20 young and able men. In the event of a fire and salvage brigade being formed in Port Lincoln, especially with an adequate water supply, and this most desirable necessity the Government should be immediately prevailed upon to take steps to provide, the fire insurance rates—which at present are tremendously excessive when compared with those charged in other parts of the State—might, with reason, be asked to be greatly reduced. In any case, a brigade, with fire reel for hose and an engine that would be able to pump up water from the foreshore of Boston Bay — or in places where underground tanks might be availed of— must, of a certainty, be the means of saving and salvaging properties if unfortunately attacked by the fire fiend. But even without a reel or pumping engine, an organised body of willing workers could do a great amount of good if provided with a plentiful supply of buckets available at some appointed place, and which could be utilised with advantage in the first stages of a fire.

We hope to see the establishment of a volunteer fire brigade undertaken long before another Xmas comes round.

1913

Register (Adelaide, SA : 1901 - 1929), Thursday 16 October 1913, page 6

CASUALTIES. A PORT LINCOLN FIRE. PORT LINCOLN. October 13.— In connection with the fire at Mr. Cantlon's tobacconist's shop early on Friday morning, an inquest was held to-day before Dr. Meikle. Evidence was taken from those who noticed a light under the door an hour before the outbreak was discovered, and from three men who accompanied Mr. Cantlon to the premises just before midnight on Thursday. The testimony was conflicting, and Cantlon was cross-examined by Mr. J. S. Shepherd, who appeared for the Commercial Union Insurance Company, concerning the value of the stock and fittings, which were insured for £200. Cantlon stated he took his tools of trade home on the Thursday night, as was his habit, and that one of his hairdresser's chairs was removed to his private residence about five weeks ago in the expectation of renting a room and the chair to a dentist. Mr. Shepherd also questioned him regarding the stocking of a shop opened recently in his wife's name in another part of the town. The Coroner found that there was no evidence of how the fire started.



State Library of South Australia - Destruction caused by a fire on Tasman Terrace, Port Lincoln [PRG 280/1/10/114]. The aftermath of a fire which destroyed a building on Tasman Terrace, Port Lincoln, South Australia. 1914. Part of Searcy Collection

Chronicle (Adelaide, SA : 1895 - 1954), Saturday 25 October 1913, page 16

TWO SHOPS DESTROYED BY FIRE.

A serious fire occurred in Tasman-terrace, Port Lincoln, in the early morning of October 10 (says the "West Coast Recorder"), by which the shops of Messrs. Sullivan and Cantlon were completely destroyed. The premises were constructed of wood and iron, with wood or canvas partitions and ceilings. The morning was close and sultry, after a very hot day, so that everything was up to concert pitch for the fire to make head way, and it was not long before all was burnt to the ground. Willing hands did their best with buckets of water, carried from the bay—a distance of 70 or 80 yards—to extinguish the flames, but the workers were unable to do more than hinder the flames from gutting the adjoining premises — Messrs. Michael (draper) on the north side and Shepherd, Joyner, and Phillips' office on the south. These had a very narrow escape, as the fascia boards under the iron roofs caught alight. The premises and Mr. Cantlon's stock were insured, the latter for £200, the building for £50.

1925

West Coast Recorder (Port Lincoln, SA : 1909 - 1942), Tuesday 29 September 1925, page 2

Local and General News

FIRE IN TASMAN TERRACE.

A small fire, and one which might have had very serious results started at the rear of Mr W. S. Harby's drapery store on Wednesday night last. Mr Ivan Gill, who was entering his premises by the back way, noticed the reflection of a fire on the wall nearby, and going around found one of the doors of Mr Harby's storeroom ablaze. He at once obtained some water and extinguished the fire and then went for help and to notify the owner. On examination inside it was found that no damage was done to the goods stored there. Mr Gill is to be commended for his prompt action which no doubt saved another disastrous fire, and probably most of the business premises on Tasman Terrace, as had he been a few minutes later the whole storeroom (situated a few feet from the main store) would have been ablaze, and on a windy night nothing could have saved that end of the main street. Surely it

is about time that something was done in the way of providing some sort of fire-fighting apparatus for the town, or are we to rely on a bucket chain from the sea. Three shops were lost in the last fire, and had it not been for the great efforts of certain young men more would have gone. Will our Corporation move in the matter, as there is no need to wait until the whole street is destroyed, and which must eventually happen if a large fire gets a hold. A Volunteer Fire Brigade would be an asset to the town, and we have no doubt that a number of our young men will heartily support it.

1927

Port Lincoln Times (SA : 1927 - 1986; 1992 - 2002), Friday 12 August 1927, page 6

PORT LINCOLN AND FIRE BRIGADES' BOARD.

Following a resolution adopted by the Port Lincoln Corporation at a recent meeting, the Town Clerk (Mr. R. J. Mills) wrote to the secretary of the Fire Brigades' Board asking for information with regard to bringing Port Lincoln under the provisions of the Fire Brigades' Act. A reply was received at a meeting of the corporation on Monday night. The letter stated that it would be necessary for the Chairman of the Board (Mr. F. B. Frinsdorf) and the Chief Officer to visit the town to make an inspection. An enquiry was made regarding the dates on which the council met, so that a visit might be made at a suitable time, when a conference between the council and the representatives of the board could be arranged. The Town Clerk reported that he had supplied the information asked for.

West Coast Recorder (Port Lincoln, SA : 1909 - 1942), Thursday 8 September 1927, page 2

Local and General

FIRE BRIGADE FOR PORT LINCOLN.

The time has now arrived when citizens of Port Lincoln realise that the town should have a Fire Brigade Station established here. The Tod River water is now being reticulated all through the town. The Corporation have moved in the matter, and had invited Mr Frinsdorf (Chairman of the Fire Brigades Board, Adelaide) and Mr Dickie (Chief Officer) over, who have concluded an inspection of the town. They state that the town water supply is excellent, the main pipes especially laid out better than in many parts of the suburbs of Adelaide. The cost of installing a plant, etc., in Lincoln would be borne by Lincoln paying two-ninths, the Government two-ninths, and the Fire Insurance Society five-ninths. The Council are unanimous in the project and the report of the inspection is awaited with interest. The visitors returned last night per boat for the city. The Mayor and Councillors motored the visitors to Tod River and brief stay in the town.

Port Lincoln Times (SA : 1927 - 1986; 1992 - 2002), Friday 9 September 1927, page 1

FIRE BRIGADE FOR TOWN

ESTABLISHMENT FAVORED.

MOTOR REEL TO BE PROVIDED.

At the invitation of the Port Lincoln Corporation, the chairman of the Fire Brigades Board (Mr. F. B. Frinsdorf), and Chief Officer Dickie, visited Port Lincoln this week, to enquire into the establishment of a fire brigade for the town.

They were favorably impressed with the local conditions, being pleased with the water pressure, which they stated was better than in the eastern suburbs of Adelaide. The lay-out of the mains ensured that there would be a never-failing supply of water, as there were practically no dead-ends. Although a favorable decision was reached, it remains for the proposal to be formally placed before the corporation. In all probability, an auxiliary brigade will be established. Two ninths of the cost of its maintenance will be borne by the town, two-ninths by the Government, and the remaining five-ninths by the insurance societies. A motor reel will be provided, and the work will be carried out by men in other employment.

News (Adelaide, SA : 1923 - 1954), Monday 10 October 1927, page 5

SITE NOT AVAILABLE

Port Lincoln Fire Station

Whether Port Lincoln Institute should grant the use of a vacant site next to the memorial hall for the erection of a fire brigade station was discussed at a meeting of the committee. Rev. H. L. Snow, who presided, said that it was agreed that the fire station should be centrally situated, but as the institute did not have sufficient land to meet present requirements he did not think it would be advisable for the committee to part with the site. He suggested that a portion of the foreshore, or the Harbors Board site at the corner of Adelaide place and Tasman terrace, should be suitable for the station. On the motion of Mr. E. A. Fox, seconded by Father P. L. Kelly, it was decided that having no spare land to offer, the institute could not consider the erection of the station on its site.

Port Lincoln Times (SA : 1927 - 1954), Friday 14 October 1927, page 1

PROPOSED FIRE BRIGADE STATION

At a special meeting of the Port Lincoln Corporation on Monday night, it was agreed on the motion of Cr. Piercy, seconded by Cr. Puckridge, that, an effort be made to secure a building in Liverpool Street to be used as a fire brigade station.

News (Adelaide, SA : 1923 - 1954), Saturday 5 November 1927, page 6

Port Lincoln Fire Station

PORT LINCOLN, Today.

Port Lincoln Corporation recently inspected and approved a site in Liverpool street for a fire station. Mr. H. Cole, of Port Lincoln, will erect the necessary building, provided satisfactory arrangements can be made with the Fire Brigades Board. At the last meeting of the corporation it was agreed that the Fire Brigades Board should be asked to supply plans and specifications for a building suitable a fire station.

Port Lincoln Times (SA : 1927 - 1954), Friday 11 November 1927, page 3

Fire Brigade Station

SITE APPROVED.

Members of the Port Lincoln Corporation met on Thursday, November 3 and inspected a site in Liverpool Street, near the premises, of Mr. S. J. Wyatt, where it is proposed to erect a fire brigade station. The site was approved. Mr. H. Cole has agreed to erect the building,

provided suitable arrangements can be made between him and the Fire Brigades Board. Those who made the inspection were the Mayor (Mr. A. Leech), and Crs. Bartlett, Piercy, Basford and Shipard. At the last meeting of the corporation it was agreed that the Fire Brigades Board be asked to supply plans and specifications for a building suitable for a fire station.

Port Lincoln Times, Friday 25th November 1927 page 6

FIRE BRIGADE STATION.

At a meeting of the Port Lincoln Corporation on Monday evening, a letter was received from the secretary of the Fire Brigades Board stating that that today, at its meeting on November 13, would consider the corporation's application for the establishment of a fire brigade station in Port Lincoln.

1928

Port Lincoln Times (SA : 1927 - 1954), Friday 10 February 1928, page 6

Fire Brigade Station

Members of the Port Lincoln Town Council, decided on Monday night to write to the Fire Brigades Board asking for plans of the station which it is proposed to erect at Port Lincoln. Mr A. C. Leech (Mayor) said that a site had been selected by the council. It was now for the board to ascertain if the building which it had in mind could be erected on that site.

West Coast Recorder (Port Lincoln, SA : 1909 - 1942), Thursday 23 February 1928, page 1

Port Lincoln Council

A meeting of the Port Lincoln Council was held on Monday, February 20.

Dealing with the proposed Fire Station for Port Lincoln, it was decided to ask the Fire Brigade Board for further details as to specification, &c.

Port Lincoln Times (SA : 1927 - 1986; 1992 - 2002), Friday 24 February 1928, page 8

FIRE BRIGADE STATION.

On Monday evening, at a meeting of the Port Lincoln Corporation, a letter was received from the secretary of the Fire Brigade Board, with regard to the provision of a fire brigade station in the town. It was stated that the board was waiting to hear from the Council with regard to the matter of a suitable site. On the motion of Cr. Basford, seconded by Cr. Puckridge, it was agreed that the board be notified that a site was available in Liverpool street.

Chronicle (Adelaide, SA : 1895 - 1954), Saturday 3 March 1928, page 14

PORT LINCOLN.

February 23. — At a meeting of the corporation on Monday evening a letter was received from the secretary of the Fire Brigades Board, with regard to the provision of a fire brigade station in the town. It was stated that the board was waiting to hear from the corporation with regard to the matter of a suitable site. It was agreed that the board be notified that a site was available in Liverpool-street.

Port Lincoln Times (SA : 1927 - 1954), Friday 9 March 1928, page 8

FIRE BRIGADE STATION

Further correspondence from the Fire Brigades Board with regard to the proposed fire brigade station for Port Lincoln, was tabled at a meeting of the Town Council on Monday evening. The board asked that particulars of the site which the council had selected for the station be forwarded, for consideration at the next meeting of the board. On the motion of Cr. Trudgen, it was agreed that full details, including number, position, and area of the block, be sent to the board.

West Coast Recorder (Port Lincoln, SA : 1909 - 1942), Thursday 22 March 1928, page 1

Port Lincoln Corporation.

TOWN PLANNER'S VISIT.

A meeting of the Corporation of Port Lincoln was held on Monday, March 19.

In a letter from the Fire Brigade Board it was stated the proposed site for a fire station in Liverpool Street was unsuitable. Cr. Trudgen moved, and Cr. Puckridge seconded a motion that the Fire Brigade Board be written to and asked to reconsider their decision as the Corporation believed the site to be the best in the town.

West Coast Recorder (Port Lincoln, SA : 1909 - 1942), Thursday 5 April 1928, page 1

Port Lincoln Fire Station.

NEW SITE PROPOSED.

A further communication from the Fire Brigade Board was read at the last meeting of the Port Lincoln Corporation. As a result of the inspection of possible sites, which was made some time ago, the Board were of opinion that the best site for a station was that alongside the bowling green, at present used as a hire-car stand. The suggestion was not very favorably received, and it was decided to confer with the chairman of the Fire Brigade Board on his next visit to Port Lincoln.

Port Lincoln Times (SA : 1927 - 1986; 1992 - 2002), Friday 6 April 1928, page 2

Port Lincoln Corporation

TOWN CLERK AND SURVEYOR MANY APPLICATIONS

A special meeting of the Port Lincoln Corporation was held in the Council Chamber on Monday evening.

A letter was received from the Fire Brigades Board, which stated that the Board would not reconsider its objection to the proposed fire station being erected in Liverpool street. The letter suggested that the vacant block between the bowling green and the Harbers Board sheds should be a suitable site. It was stated that the chairman of the board (Mr. F. B. Frinsdorf) would be prepared to come to Port Lincoln and again confer with the members of the council with regard to the matter. On the motion of Cr. Ikin, it was agreed that the board be notified that the council would be pleased to meet Mr. Frinsdorf should he decide to come to Port Lincoln.

News (Adelaide, SA : 1923 - 1954), Saturday 5 May 1928, page 4

NEW FIRE STATION

Port Lincoln Proposal

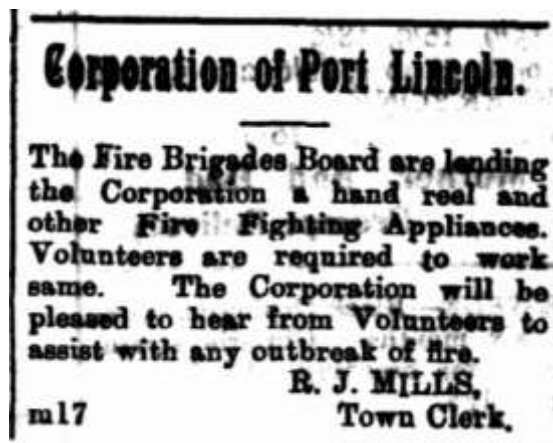
Port Lincoln Corporation at its last meeting gave serious consideration to the proposed provision of firefighting facilities for the town. It was agreed that the council should make enquiries with regard to the cost of 3-in. canvas water house, hand-reel, and hydrant. The council decided to write to the Fire Brigades Board asking when and where it was intended to erect a fire station. The board has been informed that the council is anxious again to confer with Mr. F. B. Frinsdorf (chairman) upon the matter.

West Coast Recorder (Port Lincoln, SA : 1909 - 1942), Thursday 17 May 1928, page 3

General News

At last Port Lincoln is to have a fire brigade of some sort. Arrangements are in hand for the purchase or the loan of fire-fighting apparatus, and probably volunteers will be called for to man the hoses in time of need.

West Coast Recorder (Port Lincoln, SA : 1909 - 1942), Thursday 17 May 1928, page 15



Port Lincoln Times (SA : 1927 - 1986; 1992 - 2002), Friday 18 May 1928, page 1

Fire Brigade Station

SELECTION OF SIGHT

AGREEMENT REACHED

The Mayor (Mr. A. Leech), in his report to the Port Lincoln corporation on Monday, stated : —"On Friday last the chairman of the Fire Brigades Board (Mr. E. Frinsdorf) met the council and took a firm stand on the question of the site of the proposed fire station. The only suitable site in his opinion, was adjacent to the bowling green, unless the position alongside the Memorial Hall were available. He suggested attaching public conveniences, and would agree to pay 8 per cent. on cost of erection, including a tile roof, if the council stipulated it. On the motion of Cr. Ikin, seconded by Cr. Bartlett, it was decided that the Fire Brigades Board be advised the council agrees to the erection of the fire station on the site chosen by the board, close to the bowling green. It was agreed, on the motion of Cr. Ikin seconded by Cr. Piercy, that the council invite voluntary firemen to man the station until it is in full working order.

West Coast Recorder (Port Lincoln, SA : 1909 - 1942), Thursday 24 May 1928, page 10

General News.

The Port Lincoln Fire Brigade will shortly be established, and volunteers to check outbreaks of fire were called for by advertisements in last issue. This should be the means of considerably raising Port Lincoln in the estimation of intending settlers in the district, and will supply a much needed safeguard for local business houses.

West Coast Recorder (Port Lincoln, SA : 1909 - 1942), Thursday 7 June 1928, page 9

LOCAL FIRE BRIGADE.

The local fire brigade is not in a hurry to commence operations. A list of names of volunteers have been submitted to the Mayor, for the consideration of the council, but the matter has been held over until the next meeting, presumably waiting on the arrival of the apparatus on loan by the Fire Brigades Board.

West Coast Recorder (Port Lincoln, SA : 1909 - 1942), Thursday 14 June 1928, page 4

LOCAL FIRE BRIGADE.

Volunteers Accepted.

The list of volunteers submitted to the Port Lincoln council have all been accepted, and the men will be so notified. We understand from these volunteers will eventually be selected the men for the permanent fire brigade staff, when the newbuilding is erected.

West Coast Recorder (Port Lincoln, SA : 1909 - 1942), Thursday 14 June 1928, page 15

Port Lincoln Corporation.

The council of the Corporation of Port Lincoln met on Monday, June 11th, in the Council Chamber.

From Fire Brigades Board, stating that they will now take the necessary steps to place the council under the Fire Brigades Act, 1913; requesting that map of boundaries of Corporation be supplied. Request granted.

A list of volunteers for working the loan fire-fighting apparatus was dealt with. Cr. Ikin said it was only fair to appoint all of them as volunteers, and let the best men be finally accepted. He moved that all of them be accepted, and notified. Carried.

Port Lincoln Times (SA : 1927 - 1986; 1992 - 2002), Friday 15 June 1928, page 12

FIRE BRIGADE STATION

SITE ON FORESHORE.

TOWN PLANNER APPROVES.

At a meeting of the Port Lincoln Town Council on Monday, several replies were received in connection with the appeal of the council for fire brigade volunteers. It was agreed, on the motion of Cr. Ikin, that the applications be accepted.

The building surveyor (Mr. F. Swann) reported that when in Adelaide a few days ago he was told by the Government town planner (Mr. W. Scott Griffiths) that he would be able to make

provision for the fire brigade station on a site near the bowling green, in preparing the plans for the proposed foreshore improvements. He added that the plans should be completed in a few days. The hand reel and other equipment sent by the Fire Brigades Board arrived by the Paringa on Saturday.

Port Lincoln Times (SA : 1927 - 1986; 1992 - 2002), Friday 29 June 1928, page 1

Proposed Fire Brigade

At the last meeting of the Town Council, the Fire Brigades Board advised that the board had made a recommendation to the Governor to declare by proclamation, after the expiration of three months from June 12, that "The Fire Brigades Act, 1913," shall apply to the municipality of Port Lincoln.

The board also advised having forwarded the following equipment : — One hose cart, 500 feet canvas hose, branch, nozzle, standpipe, turncock's key and plate cover key. The council agreed that a duplicate key of the shed at the rear of the Memorial Hall in which the equipment is temporarily housed, should be left in the charge of the police.

West Coast Recorder (Port Lincoln, SA : 1909 - 1942), Thursday 12 July 1928, page 3

Port Lincoln Corporation.

The council of the Corporation of Port Lincoln met in the council chamber on Monday evening,

From Fire Brigades Board, advising that the board will take the necessary steps to engage men for the Port Lincoln Fire Brigade, and suggesting that the council make their own temporary engagements for the use of the equipment.

Register (Adelaide, SA : 1901 - 1929), Monday 6 August 1928, page 9

FIRE AT PORT LINCOLN.

Garage and Cars Destroyed.

PORT LINCOLN. August 5.

Fanned by a strong north-easterly wind, a fire which broke out to-day at the motor garage occupied by R. L. Bails, in Essington street, Port Lincoln, completely destroyed the building and contents.

The fire emphasized the necessity for an organized fire brigade in the town. Mr. Bails was advised of the outbreak about 5.30 p.m., and it was not until much time had been wasted in trying to quell the flames with a couple of half-inch garden hoses, that the hose supplied some weeks ago by the Fire Brigades Board, for use by the Port Lincoln brigade when that body is organized, was brought into service. By that time, however, the flames had secured too strong a hold, on the wood-and-iron building, and the volunteer fire-fighters concentrated on preventing the fire from spreading. Had the wind been in the opposite direction, their efforts in that regard would have had scant chance of meeting with success, and the whole of Tasman terrace would have been endangered. Although they had had no training in the work, the firefighters, with the police and Boy Scouts, did excellent work. The flames were got under control at 7.30 o'clock. A petrol bowser on the premises stood the test of the terrific heat. Six cars and one truck were destroyed. Mr. Bails estimates his loss at

£1,650. This was partly covered by insurance with the Western Australian Insurance Company, Limited. The building was owned by the Bartlett estate. The origin of the fire is unknown.

Mr. Bails stated that he visited the garage about 10 o'clock this morning, and when he left everything was in order. Shortly afterwards a traveller, whose name he did not know, and to whom he had lent a key, went to the garage and took a car out.

West Coast Recorder (Port Lincoln, SA : 1909 - 1942), Thursday 9 August 1928, page 2

A Disastrous Fire

MOTOR GARAGE GUTTED.

A fire broke out at the motor garage of Mr. R. L. Bails, in Essington Street, Port Lincoln, between 5 and 5.30 p.m. on Sunday last, and completely destroyed the building and contents. Mr. Bails was first advised of the fire at 5.30 p.m., and the flames even then had a strong hold, although he passed close to the garage in a car about 5 p.m., and did not see any sign of it. For some time an effort was made to quell the flames with ordinary garden hoses, but these proved useless, and the hoses recently supplied by the Fire Brigades Board for use by the Volunteer Fire Brigade were brought into play. By this time the spectacular blaze had attracted a large crowd, and valient work was done by the fire fighters, a list of whom appears in this week's council report. The building was of wood and iron, with a wooden floor, and it soon became apparent that there was no hope of saving the premises. Fortunately the wind, although strong, was in the best possible direction under the circumstances, and neighboring shops on Tasman Terrace were immune from the blaze.

Fears were entertained for the safety of the petrol tank on the kerb, and had this caught afire the consequences would have been almost fatal for many of the near spectators and those fighting the fire. It was not until about 7.30 p.m. that the flames were got under control. Six cars and two trucks, the property of Mr. Bails, were completely destroyed, as were also several motor bikes. A recent consignment of tools and spare parts had just been unpacked, and these also shared in the general destruction. Questioned on Tuesday, Mr. Bails was unable to supply any figures regarding his loss, which he was then endeavoring to ascertain. The premises were partly covered by insurance with the Western Australian Insurance Company, and the remains were inspected by an officer of the company on Tuesday morning.

West Coast Recorder (Port Lincoln, SA : 1909 - 1942), Thursday 9 August 1928, page 7

General News.

Our sympathy is extended to Mr. R. L. Bails and family in their serious loss through the disastrous fire at the garage on Sunday, which completely destroyed the premises and several cars and trucks, the property of Mr. Bails, which were in the garage at the time.

Volunteers for the fire brigade who have been appointed by the Corporation are Messrs. J. Cranwell, C. Thomas, Fisher, Dennis, R. Basford, J. Fulwood, and Scruby (leader).

West Coast Recorder (Port Lincoln, SA : 1909 - 1942), Thursday 9 August 1928, page 14

Port Lincoln Corporation

The fortnightly meeting of the Council of the Corporation of Port Lincoln was held in the council chamber on Monday last.

The Fire Outbreak.

The Mayor spoke of the fire on the previous night, and reported that he had arranged for four men to stand by all night in case of another outbreak. It was resolved that Messrs. J. Cranwell, C. Thomas, Scruby, Fisher, Dennis, R. Basford, and J. Fulwood be volunteers for the fire brigade, with Mr. Scruby as leader. Cr. Crawford moved that the following names be submitted to the insurance company as having done special work fighting the fire:—B. Heinze, C. Deering, M. McCuspie, J. Fulwood, Dennis, F. Peters, F. Lambert, R. Quick, and Scruby.—Carried.

Port Lincoln Times (SA : 1927 - 1986; 1992 - 2002), Friday 10 August 1928, page 1

DISCUSSION IN COUNCIL

"OPEN TO CENSURE"

VOLUNTEER BRIGADE APPOINTED

The subject of the organisation of the fire brigade was brought up at a meeting of the Port Lincoln Town Council on Monday evening. The Mayor, in his report, stated that he had taken the responsibility to employ four men to stand by during the whole of Sunday night, as a safeguard against a fresh outbreak. He stated that he would like the council to endorse his action in regard to the matter, adding that it was fortunate, for the safety of the buildings on Tasman terrace, that the wind was from a north-easterly quarter. "The fire," continued the Mayor "emphasises the importance of having somebody in charge of the equipment. Had it been necessary to take the reel from the shed it would have proved a difficult matter, as a heap of sanitary pans was in the way." Cr. Ikin stated that, while endorsing the remarks of the Mayor with regard to the importance of organising the brigade, he wished to point out that the council was open to a great deal of censure. No steps had been taken to instruct anybody in the use of the equipment, although it had been in the town for two months. Cr. Crawford— It has not been here two months. Cr. Ikin. — It has been here for six weeks, at all events. The day it arrived I removed the wrapping, otherwise, when it was wanted on Sunday night, it would probably have been found tied up like an Egyptian mummy. I have brought the matter up on several occasions, emphasising that the corporation would be in a ridiculous position if a fire broke out, and, following our experience of Sunday night, I think we should get busy at once. If the wind had been in the opposite direction, the fire would have swept right up the street. Difficulty was encountered in fighting the flames, as there was nobody in charge. Everybody appeared to be leaders ; consequently there were no men. Cr. Crawford:— I know of three volunteers who fought the fire in their best suits, and their clothing was absolutely ruined. It was agreed that Messrs. W. S. Scruby, J. Cranwell, H. C. Thomas, Fisher, Dennis, H. Basford, and J. Fulwood be appointed a volunteer brigade, to work under the leadership of Mr. Scruby.

West Coast Recorder (Port Lincoln, SA : 1909 - 1942), Thursday 23 August 1928, page 15

Port Lincoln Corporation

The fortnightly meeting of the council of the corporation of Port Lincoln was held on Monday evening.

From W. E. Scruby, declining the position of leader of the fire brigade. —Received. From R. Basford, offering services as volunteer for fire brigade. Similar letter from W. H. Duck.— Volunteers to meet committee, and a leader appointed.

Port Lincoln Times (SA : 1927 - 1965; 1992 - 2002), Friday 24 August 1928, page 5

Volunteer Fire Brigade

Mr. W. E. Scruby advised the Port Lincoln Town Council on Monday that he was not prepared to take over the leadership of the proposed volunteer fire brigade. Councillors stressed the importance at establishing the brigade as early as possible.

West Coast Recorder (Port Lincoln, SA : 1909 - 1942), Thursday 6 September 1928, page 16

Port Lincoln Corporation

The fortnightly meeting of the Council of the Corporation was held on Monday evening.

The Mayor reported on the public meeting of ratepayers which had been held for the purpose of electing representatives on the Foreshore and Town Improvement Committee. Also on the visit of Mr Ifould, of John Dunstan's, in reference to opening up a quarry. He further reported that a meeting of the Volunteer Fire Brigade had been held, and Mr W. H. Duck had been appointed as leader.

Port Lincoln Times (SA : 1927 - 1986; 1992 - 2002), Friday 7 September 1928, page 6

Volunteer Fire Brigade

LEADER APPOINTED.

The Mayor (Mr. A. Leech) reported at a meeting of the Port Lincoln Town Council on Monday that the committee appointed at the last previous meeting to consider the question of the immediate establishment of a volunteer fire brigade, had met and appointed Mr. W. H. Duck to take charge of the brigade. The Mayor stated that Mr. Duck had had experience in such work.

Port Lincoln Times (SA : 1927 - 1986; 1992 - 2002), Friday 19 October 1928, page 9

FIRE BRIGADES ACT

APPLICATION TO PORT LINCOLN

The Fire Brigades Board, at a meeting of the Port Lincoln Town Council on Monday, forwarded a copy of the notice which appeared in the "Government Gazette", declaring the Fire Brigades Act to apply to Port Lincoln.

APPLICATION OF THE FIRE BRIGADES ACT, 1913, TO
MUNICIPALITY OF PORT LINCOLN.
SOUTH AUSTRALIA, { Proclamation by His Excellency the Governor
to wit. } of the State of South Australia.
(L.S.) A. HORE-RUTHVEN.
BY virtue of the provisions of the Fire Brigades Act, 1913, I,
the said Governor, with the advice and consent of the Executive
Council, do hereby, upon the recommendation of the Fire
Brigades Board, declare that the Fire Brigades Act, 1913, shall
apply to the municipality of Port Lincoln.
Given under my hand and the public seal of South Australia,
at Adelaide, this 26th day of September, 1928.
By command,
C.S., 530/1928. H. TASSIE, Chief Secretary.
GOD SAVE THE KING!

SA Government Gazette September 27, 1928 No 42, Page 686

West Coast Recorder (Port Lincoln, SA : 1909 - 1942), Thursday 1 November 1928, page 9

NEW FIRE STATION.

The Fire Brigades Board have submitted to the local Corporation a plan suitable to the requirements of a local Fire Station. The plan does not, however, make any provision for lavatories, and the council at its last meeting decided to employ Mr F. Swann to draw up a fresh plan in which that provision would be made. The erection of the new Fire Station will be another step forward in the progress of the town.

Port Lincoln Times (SA : 1927 - 1954), Friday 2 November 1928, page 6

FIRE BRIGADE STATION

PREPARATION OF PLANS

Mr F. B. Frinsdorf (chairman of the Fire Brigades Board) visited Port Lincoln on Sunday travelling by the steamer Paringa. He brought with him a plan of the fire station at Tanunda, for perusal by the Port Lincoln Town Council, in connection with the preparation of a plan for the local station. The plan was considered at a meeting of the Town Council on Monday night. It was pointed out that the plan as it stood did not fulfill the requirements of the council with regard to lavatory accommodation, and it was agreed on the motion of Cr. Trudgen that Mr. F. Swann be asked to prepare plans for the building.

West Coast Recorder (Port Lincoln, SA : 1909 - 1942), Thursday 13 December 1928, page 13

Port Lincoln Corporation.

GUARD OF HONOR TO NEW COUNCIL.

The fortnightly meeting of the council of the Corporation of Port Lincoln was held on Monday, this being the first meeting of the new council.

From Fire Brigades Board, approving of plan of fire station drawn up by Mr Swann—plan to be forwarded if approved by council. From same, stating that the council are entitled to nominate a councillor for the Board—decided to support Alderman Hansen, of Norwood, to represent country councils on the Board.

Port Lincoln Times (SA : 1927 - 1986; 1992 - 2002), Friday 14 December 1928, page 9

FIRE STATION

PREPARATION OF PLAN

COMPENSATION FOR VOLUNTEERS

The fire Brigade Board wrote the last meeting of the Port Lincoln Town Council, stating that it approved of plans and specifications of the proposed fire station being prepared by Mr. Swann, provided the council advised the board when the plans were complete, so that they might be inspected by officers of the board before tenders are called. On the motion of Cr. Bartlett, it was agreed that the plans be forwarded to the board for inspection when they have been completed.

A letter was received from the Under Secretary (Mr. H. Blinman) with regard to the nomination of a representative of district and municipal councils on the board. After discussion, it was agreed that the candidature of Ald. Hanson of Kensington and Norwood Corporation, be supported.

A letter was received also from volunteers who some months ago helped to fight the fire at the garage of Mr. R. L. Bails, at the rear of the Institute building, asking whether they might receive some consideration in compensation for damage to their clothing. Cr. Crawford said he thought the men should be compensated. They had rendered the town a service. The best suits of some— for the fire had occurred on a Sunday evening— had been ruined. On the motion of Cr. Crawford, it was agreed that the matter be referred to the Fire Brigades Board.

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Observer (Adelaide, SA : 1905 - 1931), Saturday 12 January 1929, page 53

VERDICT OF ARSON

A Port Lincoln Fire.

That some person unknown set alight a shop at Port Lincoln on December 14 is the verdict of the local Coroner.

PORT LINCOLN, January 4.

The inquest into the cause of the fire at the rear of Welfare Brothers's shop and McFarlane's premises, on Tasman terrace, Port Lincoln, at midnight on December 14, was concluded this morning, before Mr. W. B. Richardson (Coroner). Further witnesses were examined, and evidence was given by M.C. Ross, who, in company with Sgt. Litchfield, arrested Matthew Connell on the night indicated, after the fire had been extinguished, on a charge of drunkenness and of being an idle and disorderly person.

The Coroner said he had concluded that there was no doubt that the fire was deliberately lighted, particularly in view of the second outbreak. The finding was that the premises were wilfully set alight by some person or persons unknown.

Port Lincoln Times (SA : 1927 - 1986; 1992 - 2002), Friday 25 January 1929, page 13

Plans of Fire Station

NOT COMPLETED BY ARCHITECT

COUNCIL DISCUSSES POSITION

Some time ago Mr. F. Swann, architect, was instructed by the Port Lincoln Town Council to prepare plans of the proposed fire brigade station. So far the completed plans have not been received by the council.

The Mayor (Mr. D. O. Whait) suggested that a letter be sent to Mr. Swann, at his Adelaide address, asking him to complete the work entrusted to him, otherwise the council would take other steps in the matter.

Cr. Crawford moved that a letter as suggested by the Mayor be written Mr. Swann. Cr. Ikin seconded the motion, which was carried.

Port Lincoln Times (SA : 1927 - 1986; 1992 - 2002), Friday 25 January 1929, page 1

Volunteer Firefighters

COMPENSATION SOUGHT BOARD REFUSES RESPONSIBILITY

At a meeting of the Port Lincoln Town Council on Monday, a letter was received from the Fire Brigades Board stating that, with regard to the council's request that the claims of those volunteers who had their clothing damaged when assisting to put out the fire which occurred at the Port Lincoln Motor Works several months ago, the board could accept no responsibility in the matter. The Mayor (Mr. D. O. Whait) stated that the reply was not very satisfactory. The men were certainly entitled to some compensation, and it was the duty of the council to see that they received it. But for their services it was difficult to say what might have happened. The fire occurred on a Sunday night, and some of the volunteers had had their best clothing ruined in preventing what might have developed into a disastrous fire. Cr. Crawford supported the remarks of the Mayor, and strongly urged that the men be given compensation. Cr. Ikin.— I think it is upto the Underwriters Association, which the men saved from monetary loss. They certainly deserve some recognition but I do not think it should come from the council. The Mayor.— I agree that every effort should be made first to obtain the money from some other source. On the motion of Cr. Ikin, seconded by Cr. Crawford, it was agreed that the matter be referred to the Underwriters' Association.

West Coast Recorder (Port Lincoln, SA : 1909 - 1942), Thursday 7 February 1929, page 2

Disastrous Fire.

SIMMONS' STEAM LAUNDRY DESTROYED.

About 11.45 last night, Simmons' Steam Laundry, of Haigh Street, Port Lincoln, was completely destroyed by fire, only the machinery and ironwork left standing. How the fire occurred is still a mystery, and it is attributed to the fusing of an electric wire. Mrs Simmons, on being questioned this morning, was unable to give any idea as to the extent of the damage, but thought it must be over £600, and to her knowledge is not insured. Mrs Simmons and family were well in bed and asleep when they were awakened by their neighbors informing her that the laundry, which is apart from the house, was on fire, and by that time the place was well alight and there was no hope of saving anything, although there were willing hands to help. Mr Woods, whose garage adjoins the laundry, managed to rescue his car in time, the door of the garage being on fire made his task very difficult. Mr Simmons is over in Adelaide on business, and as yet Mrs Simmons has not been able to get in touch with him, and sincerely hopes that her wires reach him in time to catch the boat for

Lincoln tonight. She also informs us that had the fire occurred on a Monday all the leading hotels would have lost a considerable amount of laundry, as it was, her own family were the heaviest losers, especially the children who have only what they were wearing at the time. The Fire Brigade was conspicuous by their absence, although I doubt if they could have accomplished any more than what the neighbors managed. It is hoped that the fire station will soon be erected and a feeling of safety will be more firmly established.

Port Lincoln Times (SA : 1927 - 1965; 1992 - 2002), Friday 22 February 1929, page 8

Plans of Fire Station

Cr. Ikin asked, at a meeting of the Port Lincoln Town Council on Monday whether anything further had been done in respect to the plans of the proposed fire brigade station. He pointed out that another fire had occurred in the town, and an effort should be made to have the brigade established as soon as possible. On the motion of Cr. Ikin, seconded by Cr. Bartlett, it was agreed that Mr. F. Swann be written to, and informed that if he did not forward the completed plans within fourteen days, steps would be taken to have them prepared elsewhere.

Port Lincoln Times (SA : 1927 - 1965; 1992 - 2002), Friday 5 April 1929, page 8

Plans for Fire Station

The Port Lincoln Town Council was advised on Tuesday by the secretary to the Fire Brigades Board that its plan of the proposed fire station had been received, and would be referred to the chairman of the board upon his return from the eastern States at an early date.

Port Lincoln Times (SA : 1927 - 1965; 1992 - 2002), Friday 3 May 1929, page 1

Erection of Fire Station

TENDERS INVITED

Messrs. W. H. Medwell & Son, architects, Port Lincoln, invite tenders for the erection of a fire brigade station for the Port Lincoln Town Council. Tenders are returnable up till noon on May 14.

West Coast Recorder (Port Lincoln, SA : 1909 - 1942), Thursday 23 May 1929, page 2

NEW FIRE STATION

Building Started

PORT LINCOLN

The tender for the erection of the new Fire Station on Tasman Terrace, have been accepted, and the successful tenderers were Messrs Fox & Simons, the well-known Contractors. The work started on Tuesday, and in such capable hands as the contract is in, the work should be completed within three months, and when it is finished will be an improvement to the town, which was a long felt want.

Port Lincoln Times, Friday 24th May 1929 page 5

FIRE BRIGADE STATION

CONSTRUCTION STARTED

UP-TO-DATE BUILDING

Construction work in connection with the Port Lincoln fire brigade has begun. The site selected is on the foreshore, opposite the Post Office. The building will be of brick with facings in white cement and will carry a tiled roof. It will include living accommodation for the firemen, and a public lavatory for each sex. Both doors will open in one section, and there will be other up-to-date fixings to make for speed when the occasion demands it. Messrs. W. H. Medwell & Son, of Port Lincoln, are now the architects and Messrs. Fox and Simon, of Keswick, the contractors. It is expected that the building will be finished early in August.

Port Lincoln Times (SA : 1927 - 1954), Friday 5 July 1929, page 12

FIRE BRIGADE STATION

The Port Lincoln Fire Brigade station is nearing completion. During the week the roof has been erected and the carpenters have their job well in hand.

Port Lincoln Times (SA : 1927 - 1965; 1992 - 2002), Friday 26 July 1929, page 8

Resignation of Fire Brigade Leader

At a meeting of the Port Lincoln Town Council on Monday, a letter was received from Mr. W. H. Duck, stating that he wished to tender his resignation as leader of the volunteer fire brigade. It was agreed that the resignation be accepted, and that Mr. Duck be thanked for his services.

Port Lincoln Times (SA : 1927 - 1965; 1992 - 2002), Friday 26 July 1929, page 13

FIRE BRIGADE STATION

OFFICIAL OPENING DESIRED.

"Has any official opening of the fire brigade station been arranged?" asked Cr. Aveling at a meeting of the Port Lincoln Town Council on Mon-day night. The Mayor (Mr. D. Whait) replied in the negative. Cr. Bartlett. — I would suggest that we open it with a fire. Cr. Crawford. — With a successful fire. Cr. Aveling. — I think next meeting we should appoint somebody to look after the station. The town clerk (Mr. F. E. Sharley) — The central board will do that. It was agreed that an official opening be arranged.

Advertiser (Adelaide, SA : 1889 - 1931), Tuesday 6 August 1929, page 14

SHOP BURNED

PORT LINCOLN BLAZE

Port Lincoln, August 5.

Damage to the extent of about £1,300 was caused by a fire which broke out this morning at the premises occupied by Messrs. S. Egerton and F. B. Vaughan, tailor and men's wear specialists respectively, in Tasman-terrace. The stock not consumed by the flames was so badly scorched or damaged by water that it is almost valueless. Thousands of pounds worth of damage would have resulted had the fire spread to the row of shops of which that occupied by Messrs. Egerton and Vaughan is the centre. All the doors and ventilators were closed, and the fire therefore made no headway when the existing oxygen had been

consumed. That factor probably saved the whole block of buildings, three of which were erected recently by Mrs. R. Simms. Mr. Vaughan estimated the damage to his stock at £600. It was insured with the Liverpool and London and Globe Insurance Company for £900, in three separate policies. Mr. Egerton lost stock and appliances to the value of about £400. He had a policy with the Co-operative Insurance Company for £250. The premises are owned by Mrs. Simms, and were insured with the Alliance Assurance Company for about £260. The building should be put in order again at a cost of about £300.

Discovery of the Outbreak

The fire was discovered by Mrs. Simms, who lives at the rear of the premises, shortly after 7 o'clock. Her husband is a fisherman, and as is customary she went to the front of the building to see if the boats were all right. She noticed that the plateglass window in the shop occupied by Mr. Vaughan was blurred, but did not attribute it to any cause other than the cold weather until she saw smoke issuing from the doorway. She sent for the police, and obtained the assistance of Mr. W. Adams, who lives at the rear of the shop, and others. Within about five minutes, with the aid of water carried in buckets from a nearby tap, the flames were extinguished. Messrs. Egerton and Vaughan were advised of the happening about 7.30 o'clock. The fire appeared to have started near the counter in the shop occupied by Mr. Vaughan. The flooring in that half of the building was destroyed, in addition to men's wear, general mercery, and sports goods. Some cartridges exploded and awakened Mr. Adams, but he did not think there was anything amiss. Mr. Vaughan stated that he went to his shop shortly after one o'clock on Monday morning with a quantity of goods left over after a sales visit to a neighboring laborers' camp. He could not get into the shop as he had lost his key. The matter has been reported to the coroner (Mr. W. B. Richardson), and an enquiry will probably be held.

News (Adelaide, SA : 1923 - 1954), Wednesday 7 August 1929, page 12

PORT LINCOLN FIRE

Evidence at Enquiry

PORT LINCOLN, Today.

At the Port Lincoln Courthouse this morning Mr. W. B. Richardson (coroner) opened an enquiry into the circumstances surrounding the fire which occurred on Monday morning at premises owned by Mrs. R. Simms and occupied by Messrs. S. Egerton and F. B. Vaughan, tailor and mercer respectively. Detective H. Strangway, of Adelaide, appeared to assist the coroner. William Cormack Calder, fire assessor for the London and Lancashire Insurance Company, Limited, said that he inspected the premises on Tuesday in company with Mr. Vaughan and Mr. F. Knight, manager of the Economic Stores, Port Lincoln. He made an examination of the stock in the shop. A statement certifying that the value after the fire was £419 was signed by Mr. Knight. That did not include the value of sports goods, which was about £20. Before the fire the goods had been valued at £534. Three copies of insurance policies in the name of Mr. Vaughan were produced. One, which was taken out in April, 1929, was for £550; another, dated November 16, 1928, was for £250, and the third, dated November 5, 1928, was for £100. On the application of Detective Strangway, the enquiry was adjourned until to-morrow.

Chronicle (Adelaide, SA : 1895 - 1954), Thursday 8 August 1929, page 46

THE PORT LINCOLN FIRE.

Port Lincoln, August 6.

An inquest into the fire at the premises occupied by Messrs. S. Egerton and F. B. Vaughan, tailor and men's wear specialists respectively, on Monday morning, will be opened tomorrow morning. Detective Strangway, of Adelaide, arrived this morning to make enquiries.

Narracoorte Herald (SA : 1875 - 1954), Friday 9 August 1929, page 2

Fire at Port Lincoln.

A fire occurred at Port Lincoln on Monday morning, August 5, when the premises of Messrs. S. Egerton and F. B. Vaughan, tailor and men's wear specialist, were damaged to the extent of £1,300. A row of shops in the vicinity of the burning building had a narrow escape from destruction. The fire was extinguished by a bucket brigade.

Port Lincoln Times (SA : 1927 - 1986; 1992 - 2002), Friday 23 August 1929, page 16

Ten applications were received for the Port Lincoln Volunteer Fire Brigade. Three positions are open. The successful applicants will be chosen by the Fire Brigades Board.

West Coast Recorder (Port Lincoln, SA : 1909 - 1942), Thursday 5 September 1929, page 13

Lincoln Corporation.

MEETING HELD SEPTEMBER 2.

REMAKING TASMAN TERRACE

The Council meeting was held on Monday evening, and a very busy session eventuated. His Worship the Mayor (Mr D. O. Whit) presided, and Councillors Cronin, Ikin, Poole, Crawford, Oswald, Aveling, Bartlett, and the Town Clerk (Mr Sharley). The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

THE MAYOR'S REPORT.

His Worship the Mayor states that there was not very much to report. He had received word that Cr. Dollard had recovered from his recent illness, was getting about again, but was still in the city, and apologised for his absence. Dealing with the new Fire Brigade Station, he mentioned that the Chairman of the Fire Brigades Board (Mr Frinsdorf) and Chief Inspector Dickie had inspected the building and expressed their pleasure with the excellence of the construction. The Motor Fire Reel had arrived by the Minnipa last Friday and was duly installed in its new home. In dealing with the appointment of the positions required, he was very disappointed that the choice of selecting had not been left to the Council, but was informed by Mr Frinsdorf that the matter was purely one for the Board, and they had chosen men whom they thought would be suitable for the work.

The successful applicants were:— Messrs J. Gibson (Foreman), with W. Adams, C. Meadows and K. Almond as the Firemen. The question of an official opening of the station, it had been decided by the Board to adjourn this until about November when they would be able to make a special demonstration, and more of the Board attend.

Port Lincoln Times (SA : 1927 - 1986; 1992 - 2002), Friday 6 September 1929, page 16

Fire Brigade Formed

VISIT OF REPRESENTATIVES OF BOARD.

FOUR FIREMEN APPOINTED.

The Mayor (Mr. D. Whait) reported at a meeting of the Port Lincoln Town Council on Monday night that the last previous Friday Mr. E. Frinsdorf (chairman of the Fire Brigades Board) and Chief-Officer J. E. Dickie had visited the town, and announced the appointments in connection with the local volunteer fire brigade. They advised that from the several applicants for the four positions available, they had selected Messrs. P. J. Gibson W. Adams, K. Almond and C. Meadows.

Messrs. Frinsdorf and Dickie, said the Mayor, suggested that it would be preferable to postpone any official opening of the station until about the end of November, when all members of the board would be able to attend. The Mayor reported that the equipment was in good order. On the motion of Cr. Crawford, seconded by Cr. Bartlett, it was agreed that a hose measuring approximately 500 feet, which had been used temporarily by the council, be bought from the Fire Brigades Board, for use on the roads in the town.

Port Lincoln Times (SA : 1927 - 1986; 1992 - 2002), Friday 6 September 1929, page 8

Fire Insurance Reduction

Cr. Ikin stated at a meeting of the Port Lincoln Town Council on Monday that during the recent visit of Mr. E. Frinsdorf (chairman of the Fire Brigades Board) he had asked him whether, with the formation of the local fire brigade, the town would automatically reap the benefit of the 25 per cent reduction with regard to fire insurance. Mr. Frinsdorf replied that it would be wise for the council to bring the establishment of the brigade under notice of the authorities, so that the reduction might be brought into effect without undue delay. Cr. Ikin moved that the town clerk (Mr. F. E. Sharley) write the secretary of the Underwriters' Association with regard to the matter. The motion was carried.

Port Lincoln Times (SA : 1927 - 1986; 1992 - 2002), Friday 27 September 1929, page 8

Fire Brigades Inspection

Mr. Frinsdorf (chairman) Chief-officer Dickie, and members of the Fire Brigades Board visited Port Lincoln on Sunday on the steamer Paringa, on an inspection of fire brigade stations. They called out the local brigade, and expressed satisfaction with regard to the manner in which it turned out, and its efficiency generally. It was stated that the station and equipment were the best in the country.

West Coast Recorder (Port Lincoln, SA : 1909 - 1942), Thursday 3 October 1929, page 9

Lincoln Corporation.

COUNCIL MEETING.

At the Council meeting held on Monday last, September 30th, in the Council Chamber of the Memorial Hall,

FIRE STATION LAVATORIES.

Dealing with the public lavatories at the Fire Station, the Town Clerk stated that he had been successful in securing the services of an attendant who would keep them in a most sanitary condition. In the question of the electric lighting of these lavatories, it was finally decided to write to the Fire Brigades Board and find out the true position as to who should pay costs of same.

Port Lincoln Times (SA : 1927 - 1965; 1992 - 2002), Friday 4 October 1929, page 8

Fire Station Payment

An account to the extent of £170, being the share of the Port Lincoln Town Council of the cost and maintenance of the Fire Brigade Station for the half-year ending December next, was passed for payment at a meeting of the council on Monday night.

[Port Lincoln Fire Brigade first callout.](#)

West Coast Recorder (Port Lincoln, SA : 1909 - 1942), Thursday 24 October 1929, page 1

Fire.

A GOOD SAVE.

The Port Lincoln Fire Brigade had its first call on Sunday evening last. At about 5.30 a phone call was put through by Mr Fred Ives, of Kirton Point, intimating that a fire had broken out at the residence of Mr Fred Davies. It appears that the electric iron had been switched on for use, but at that time there was no power, consequently the switch was left on. Mr Bert White, noticing smoke coming from the kitchen part of the residence, became concerned, and with the assistance of Mr Sullivan, the fire was well under control when the fire waggon arrived on the scene. Nevertheless, it was smart work on Mr Meadows' part in that he was on the scene with the waggon within five minutes of the call. The damage estimated caused by the fire is between £20 and £30. The property was insured. Mr and Mrs Davies were out at the time of the fire, and did not reach home until about 6 p.m., when the fire was out, but Mrs Davies had a decidedly wrecked kitchen.

Port Lincoln Times (SA : 1927 - 1986; 1992 - 2002), Friday 25 October 1929, page 6

FIRE IN KITCHEN

CAUSED BY ELECTRIC IRON

BRIGADE ATTENDS FIRST OUTBREAK

The Port Lincoln Fire Brigade received its first call early on Sunday evening, when it turned out to attend a fire at the home of Mr. Fred Davies, at Kirton Point. The fire, which was in the kitchen had been practically extinguished by a couple of passers-by with the aid of a garden hose upon the arrival of the brigade.

The kitchen table, a couple of chairs, and part of the window were burnt. The damage was estimated at £30. It is believed that the fire was caused by heat from an electric iron. The iron was switched on about 9 o'clock, but there was no power available. The family went out, the switch being left on in the meantime. About 5 o'clock the electric current was made available, with the result that the iron became overheated. Messrs. C. Meadows and W. Adams were the members of the brigade who attended.

West Coast Recorder (Port Lincoln, SA : 1909 - 1942), Thursday 28 November 1929, page 1

Fire.

At about 10 15 p.m. yesterday evening the Fire Station received a call, notifying them of a fire at the back of Mr. R. Carr's motor garage, the brigade were on the scene within a few minutes and a fire that had started in a heap of rubbish was soon extinguished. It was possible that had the fire not been checked at the stage it was serious damage may have resulted to Mr. Carr's premises. All the officers of the brigade were in attendance within a few minutes of the sounding of the alarm.

Port Lincoln Times (SA : 1927 - 1986; 1992 - 2002), Friday 29 November 1929, page 12

FIRE STATION

PROPOSALS BY BOARD VISIT OF CHAIRMAN

The Mayor (Mr. D. Whait) reported on Monday night, at a meeting of the Port Lincoln Town Council, that Mr. E. Frinsdorf (chairman of the Fire Brigades Board) recently visited the town. A special meeting of the council was called, but had been attended only by Cr. Aveling and himself. They, were therefore unable to definitely consider certain proposals made by Mr. Frinsdorf, as follows :— That the two lavatories be connected with the street lights and charged to the council as one light. That the board erects another lavatory for the use of fire station men only at the board's expense, the council paying the usual two-ninths of the cost next year. To make room for an additional lavatory, the rear fence be moved back 6 feet, or else the corner piece of land behind the men's lavatory be fenced off as far back as the present fence. The council approved the first proposal. With regard to the second one, it was agreed, on the motion of Cr. Dollard, seconded by Cr. Crawford, provided it was not called upon to contribute toward the cost of the work. The third proposal, it was agreed, should receive further consideration.

Port Lincoln Times (SA : 1927 - 1986; 1992 - 2002), Friday 13 December 1929, page 10

GRASS FIRE

PROMPTITUDE OF BRIGADE

MAYOR COMPLIMENTS FIREMEN

The Port Lincoln Fire Brigade shortly after 10.15 on Saturday night received a call to a grass fire near the Proper road railway crossing. The brigade was promptly on the scene, followed by over 50 motor cars containing willing volunteers. The flames were extinguished without the hose having to be brought into play. The Mayor (Mr. D. O. Whait) reported at a meeting of the town council on Monday that he was responsible for calling the brigade out. He called them at 19 minutes past 10, and they were on the spot two minutes later. They were to be congratulated upon their promptitude. Fortunately, said the mayor, there was little wind until after the blaze had been extinguished. A strong breeze then sprang up, and had the fire not been attended to so promptly, the town might have been in danger. It was not known how the fire occurred.

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West Coast Recorder (Port Lincoln, SA : 1909 - 1942), Thursday 9 January 1930, page 1

FIRES.

Port Lincoln is having quite an epidemic of fires. The Brigade was called out on Saturday last to a grass fire in a paddock near Proper Road. On Monday last they received a call to the residence of Mrs Danzic, on Proper Road. In both instances the brigade were exceptionally smart in getting to the scene of the fire. The grass fire was soon extinguished, no damage being done. The fire at Mrs Danzic's occurred in a sleep-out on the verandah. A small quantity of bedding was destroyed, but the damage was negligible to what it might have been had the fire not been checked when it was. Yesterday evening a message was received from Warrow stating that a fire starting on Mr Kennett's farm had obtained a wide spread and was heading towards Wangary. A quantity of crop was destroyed on Mr Kennett's farm. On latest information we understand that the fire is now under control.

Port Lincoln Times (SA : 1927 - 1965; 1992 - 2002), Friday 10 January 1930, page 1

Fire Station Expenditure

PORTION DUE BY COUNCIL.

On Monday, at a meeting of the Port Lincoln Town Council, a letter was received from the Fire Brigades Board, with regard to the expenditure on the local station, and the amount payable by the council in respect to its share. It was decided that the town clerk (Mr. F. E. Sharley) write and ask whether the cost of the lavatories was included in the statement.

Port Lincoln Times (SA : 1927 - 1965; 1992 - 2002), Friday 10 January 1930, page 5

Fire Brigade Busy

TWO CALLS

On two occasions recently the Port Lincoln Fire Brigade has been called out. On Monday it went to Mrs. Danzic's nursing home, on the Proper road. Upon arrival the fire, which was in portion of the house, had been almost extinguished by corporation employees, who had been working near by.

The last previous Saturday the brigade was called to the premises on the Proper road formerly occupied by Mr. H. R. Hannam. In neither case was the damage serious.

West Coast Recorder (Port Lincoln, SA : 1909 - 1942), Thursday 23 January 1930, page 3

Opening of Fire Station.

The Fire Station is to be officially opened during Carnival Week, this will take place on Wednesday, February 12th at 10 a.m., the full board of the South Australian Fire Brigade, will be present.

Port Lincoln Times (SA : 1927 - 1986; 1992 - 2002), Friday 24 January 1930, page 10

Fire Brigade Station

COST OF LAVATORY COUNCIL WILL NOT MEET

The Port Lincoln Town Council recently advised the Fire Brigades Board that it did not intend to pay the cost of an additional lavatory at the local fire station. On Monday night a reply was received to the effect that the expense of the lavatory would be included in the expenditure for the year 1929.

Cr. Dollard. — That is defiance. We have written the board and advised that we shall not pay anything toward the cost of the lavatory. On the motion of Cr. Dollard, seconded by Cr. Ridgway, it was agreed that the board be again told that the cost would not be met by the council.

The Advertiser, Thursday 13th February 1930 page 18

PORT LINCOLN CARNIVAL

FIRE STATION OPENED

Port Lincoln, February 12.

The Port Lincoln fire brigade station was officially opened on Wednesday by the mayor (Mr. D. O. Whit) in the presence of the members of the Fire Brigades Board, councillors, and citizens. The mayor said the fire station was a credit to the town, and its establishment filled a want that had been felt for a long time. At the request of Mr. E. Frinsdorf (chairman of the Fire Brigade Board) the mayor rang the fire alarm and the brigade, comprising Foreman Gibson and Firemen Meadows and Almond, turned out and gave a demonstration in Tasman-terrace. Residents and visitors inspected the station and the equipment. Members of the board and councillors were entertained by the mayor in the supper-room at the Memorial Hall after the ceremony. Members of the board present were Mr. E. Frinsdorf (chairman). Alderman Cain, Messrs. A. J. W. Lewis, and A. Sherwin, chief Officer J. E. Dickie, and Mr. R. B. Beeton (secretary). The toast of the "Ministry and Parliament" was proposed by Councillor P. W. Macintosh. As a town and district, he said, they were grateful for what was being done for them by their legislators. Without the sympathy of Parliament and the Ministry little development could be expected. There was no section of the State that offered such possibilities for development, and the present carnival would do much to bring before the public those possibilities. In reply, Mr. A. W. Lacey, MSB., said the Ministry had been unable to give facilities which they knew were much wanted owing to the financial stringency. The trunk telephone line and the bridge at Port Augusta were two of the facilities that had been provided of late years. The establishment of a local fire station was a step in the progress of the town and district. Councillor McIntosh proposed the health of the "Fire Brigade Board and Staff." Mr. Frinsdorf, in reply, said at the last meeting of the board he had attained his 21st year as chairman. The expenditure when he took over office was between £17,000 and £18,000 a year. Now with all possible economy it amounted to £5,000.

The Register News-Pictorial, Thursday 13th February 1930 page 21

PT. LINCOLN HAS NEW FIRE STATION

Adelaide Officers Attend Opening

PORT LINCOLN, Wednesday.— The Port Lincoln fire brigade station was opened today by the mayor (Mr. D. O. Whit). The mayor said the station was a credit to the town. It filled a want that had been felt for a long time. At the request of Mr. E. Frinsdorf, chairman of the Fire Brigades Board, the mayor rang the fire alarm. The brigade, under Foreman Gibson, and Firemen Meadows and Almond turned out and gave, a demonstration in Tasman terrace. Members of the board and councillors were entertained by the mayor at the memorial hall. Members of the board present were: — Mr. B. Frinsdorf, Alderman Cain, Messrs. A. J. W.

Lewis, and A. Sherwin, Chief Officer J. E. Dickie and Mr. R. B. Beeton. secretary. Cr. P. W. Macintosh said no section of the State offered such possibilities for development as Eyre Peninsula. The Back to Port Lincoln carnival would do much to bring before the public those possibilities. Mr. Frinsdorf said at the last meeting of the board he had attained his twenty-first year as chairman. The system of fire control employed locally was efficient and, economic. Such stations, known as auxiliary bodies, cost only about one-fifth as much as permanent brigades. Appreciation of the manner in which Foreman Gibson and members of the staff were carrying out their duties was expressed by Chief Officer Dickie.

West Coast Recorder (Port Lincoln, SA : 1909 - 1942), Thursday 22 May 1930, page 2

BRIGADE CALLED OUT.

Chimney Afire.

On Monday evening last, a few minutes past six the fire alarm was sounded, the brigade were out within a few minutes of the sounding of the alarm. It was found that a chimney of the Grand Coffee Palace in Lewis Street, conducted by Mrs. Tynan had ignited and was burning fiercely within a very short time the fire was extinguished with no apparent damage.

Port Lincoln Times (SA : 1927 - 1986; 1992 - 2002), Friday 23 May 1930, page 8

Chimney Alight

The Port Lincoln Volunteer Fire Brigade received a call to Mrs. Tynan's Grand Coffee Palace, in Lewis street, shortly before 6 o'clock on Monday evening. It was found that a chimney was alight. The fire was put out with the use of a patent extinguisher.

Port Lincoln Times (SA : 1927 - 1965; 1992 - 2002), Friday 30 May 1930, page 1

FIRE BRIGADE

COUNCIL'S SHARE OF MAINTENANCE

The Fire Brigades Board advised the Port Lincoln Town Council on Monday night that the council's proportion of the maintenance of the local fire station was £26. Payment of that amount was therefore requested.

West Coast Recorder (Port Lincoln, SA : 1909 - 1942), Thursday 24 July 1930, page 2

FALSE ALARM

About six o'clock Saturday evening last, the townspeople were alarmed at the Fire Brigade Alarm. Mr. Aveling noticed smoke and a blaze flaming up in the side window of Mr Wenham's house, and hastened into Flinder House to give the alarm. The fire reel came out in all haste, but imagine the disgust when a smouldering heap of chips etc., in the yard was the fire. In no time Edinburgh Street was black with motor cars and people, but all went away disappointed.

Port Lincoln Times (SA : 1927 - 1986; 1992 - 2002), Friday 1 August 1930, page 1

Fire at Hospital

SLIGHT DAMAGE

The Port Lincoln Fire Brigade received a call about 4 p.m. on Wednesday to the local hospital, where a fire had broken out in the laundry. The outbreak was subdued before much damage had been caused.

West Coast Recorder (Port Lincoln, SA : 1909 - 1942), Thursday 6 November 1930, page 11

FIRE BRIGADE CALLED OUT

On Saturday afternoon last, at about 5.30 the Town Fire Alarm was sounded. The motor waggon was out within a few minutes of the call and quickly extinguished a fire that had started in a large heap of sawdust in the timber yard of Messrs Reid Bros. Ltd With the strong wind that was blowing at the time it is quite possible that extensive damage may have resulted, but for the timely arrival of the Brigade. The sawdust was placed in a corner of the yard near the roadway in Liverpool Street.

1931

West Coast Recorder (Port Lincoln, SA : 1909 - 1942), Thursday 15 January 1931, page 1

FIRE

Local Brigade Called Out Twice On Saturday.

On Saturday morning last, between 10 a.m. and 11 a.m., the local Fire Brigade was summoned by a phone call from Messrs. Hopping Bros. Tasman Terrace. A fire had started in a pile of boxes and rubbish at the rear of Messrs Hopping Bros., and the Paragon Cafe, in close proximity to Messrs. Dollard's Butchers. The Brigade were on the scene in a very short time after the call and quickly had the fire under control and extinguished with practically no damage. A strong wind was blowing at the time and the fire would have been most difficult to cope with had the Brigade not arrived on the scene. It was a timely save as in probability those stores South of Messrs. Hopping Bros, would have been in the danger zone. At about 9 p.m. the same day the Brigade received another call. Mr. Arbon noticing smoke issuing from the premises occupied by Mr. Mummery, Dentist in Sims' Buildings summons the Brigade by breaking the alarm in front of the Fire Station. Mr. Mummery was enjoying the Continental at Wellington Square, and was informed from the platform of the happening. A quantity of bedding was burnt with the exception of a broken glass door, no damage was done to the building. The damage to Mr. Mummery's property was estimated at about £10, this was not insured.

News (Adelaide, SA : 1923 - 1954), Saturday 28 February 1931, page 1

SHOP LOST

Port Lincoln Fire.

BANKNOTES BURNED

PORT LINCOLN, Today.

Loss estimated at £850 was caused by fire early this morning at the premises of Mr. W. L. G. Hill, hairdresser and tobacconist, in London street. The building, which was of wood and iron, was destroyed. Other loss included stock, valued at £250, plant, including three chairs worth £37 each, and fittings, British money to the value of £35, and a like amount in Australian notes. Mr. Hill kept the money on the premises for the purposes of converting it

into British currency. Mr. Hill left the shop shortly before 9 o'clock last night. The fire was discovered at 2.45 o'clock this morning. Port Lincoln Volunteer Fire Brigade turned out, but could do nothing to save the building, which fortunately was on an isolated allotment. The shop and contents were insured with the Co-operative Insurance Company of Australia for £500.

Port Lincoln Times (SA : 1927 - 1986; 1992 - 2002), Friday 6 March 1931, page 1

FIRE DESTROYS HAIRDRESSER'S SHOP

Loss Estimated at £850 £70 in Cash Burnt

Portion of the frame-work, and twisted blackened sheets of galvanized iron, was all that remained of the shop of Mr. W. L. G. Hill, hairdresser and tobacconist, of London street, Port Lincoln, after a fire had occurred there early Saturday morning. Mr. Hill estimated that it would cost £850 to replace the shop and contents, which was covered by insurance with the Co-operative Insurance Company of Australia for £500.

The fire was discovered about 2.45 a.m. by Mr. Stagg, night-watchman at the railway-station, who blew his whistle to attract attention. Mr. F. Freak then called the fire brigade, but it could do nothing to save the building, which, fortunately, stood on an allotment, isolated from other structures. The building, which was of wood and iron, was totally destroyed, together with stock valued at £250, plant (including three chairs worth £37 each), and fittings. English money to the value of £35 and a like amount in Australian notes, which Mr. Hill was keeping on the premise to convert into English currency, was also lost.

Mr. Hill left the shop shortly before nine o'clock on Friday night, when everything appeared in order. It is believed that the fire was caused by a short-circuiting of the electric current. The matter was reported to Mr. W. Paddon (coroner), who decided that an inquest was unnecessary. Mr. Hill is carrying on business in the banquetting room at the Hotel Boston, pending the rebuilding of his shop.

News (Adelaide, SA : 1923 - 1954), Saturday 18 July 1931, page 1

TRAPPED IN BURNING HOUSE

Man Injured at Port Lincoln

NARROW ESCAPE PORT

LINCOLN, Today.

WHILE attempting to retrieve some of his belongings from his burning home last night, Mr. R. D. Halliday, of Lincoln Gardens, was trapped by a door slamming. He was almost overcome by the fumes. He staggered from the place badly burned on the face and hands and dazed. He was taken to Port Lincoln Hospital on the fire reel. He was reported this morning to be progressing. The fire began while Mr. Halliday was absent on a walk. When he returned at 9 o'clock the flames had a strong hold. Mrs. Halliday was attending a gathering at the local Baptist Church. Although the brigade was on the scene promptly, it could do nothing to save the building, which was of wood and Durabestos. It was completely destroyed. As there is no water supply in the vicinity the efforts of the firemen were confined to preventing the flames from spreading to an adjoining house, occupied by Mr. W.

N. Ancell. Only a few clothes belonging to the family were saved by Mr. Halliday. The building, a State Bank home, and its contents were insured.

West Coast Recorder (Port Lincoln, SA : 1909 - 1942), Thursday 10 September 1931, page 2

FIRE BRIGADE CALLED OUT

Between five and six o'clock on Wednesday afternoon the Fire Brigade was summoned to the home of Mr Cecil Doudy, "The Terraces," Port Lincoln. The brigade were quickly on the scene. The fire was caused by coals falling from the fireplace, and the furniture of one room was damaged.

Port Lincoln Times (SA : 1927 - 1986; 1992 - 2002), Friday 11 September 1931, page 12

Outbreak of Fire

NO SERIOUS DAMAGE

Caused by the airing of clothes at a fireplace, an outbreak of fire occurred at the home of Mr. C. R. Doudy about 5.15 p.m. on Wednesday. The Port Lincoln Volunteer Fire Brigade attended, but the flames were extinguished by means of a garden hose, without the reel being called into service. The fire occurred in a room overlooking the balcony, and slight damage was caused to the contents.

Port Lincoln Times (SA : 1927 - 1965; 1992 - 2002), Friday 16 October 1931, page 6

Fire Station Finance

On Monday night, at a meeting of the Port Lincoln Town Council, a cheque to the amount of £15 12/-, being rent due on the fire station, was received from the Fire Brigade Board. The board also forwarded a statement of expenses payable by the council, amounting to £24 8/-.

West Coast Recorder (Port Lincoln, SA : 1909 - 1942), Thursday 29 October 1931, page 2

A FALSE ALARM.

Last Saturday the Mayor spent the afternoon in burning around the grounds of the hospital for safety of the building. The fire alarm was given by someone who noticed the smoke and in a short time the fire brigade was on the scene. Many people are under the impression that there is a fine of £5 if the brigade is called out and the fire is not serious. This is not the case. The Corporation pays an amount to the fire brigade each year which covers the town.

Port Lincoln Times (SA : 1927 - 1986; 1992 - 2002), Friday 20 November 1931, page 6

Grass Fire

The Port Lincoln Volunteer Fire Brigade received a call to a paddock in Liverpool street last Saturday, to attend to a grass fire that threatened to spread to the adjoining properties of Millers Lime Ltd. and Clarkson Limited. A paling fence was scorched, but no further damage was done.

Mr. E. F. Derbyshire (local representative of Clarkson Limited) expressed thanks to the brigade and to Messrs. H. H. Wright and C. E. Rowe for services before the arrival of the fire-reel. It is believed that the fire originated with some children who were playing in the paddock.

Port Lincoln Times (SA : 1927 - 1986; 1992 - 2002), Friday 4 December 1931, page 1

SCRUB FIRE

HOMES IN DANGER.

GOOD WORK BY VOLUNTEERS.

A scrub fire that started near Salt Creek on Tuesday, and travelled in a northerly direction along the waterfront, caused considerable concern to residents on the far side of Kirton Point. With the help of a number of volunteers, who burnt breaks for the protection of the homes in the locality, the fire was subdued toward evening, but a freshening wind on Wednesday brought it to life again.

Volunteers again turned out in large numbers, and under the direction of the police and members of the Port Lincoln Fire Brigade, turned the flames back before they reached any of the properties. Although no damage was done, the consequences might have been serious but for the efforts of citizens who helped to check the outbreak. On behalf of the council, the Mayor (Mr. D. O. Whait) expressed thanks to them. Messrs. N. W. Wright and C. H. Draper, whose homes were at one stage in danger, also expressed thanks to the firefighters.

1932

Port Lincoln Times (SA : 1927 - 1986; 1992 - 2002), Friday 19 February 1932, page 6

Fire in Laundry

The Port Lincoln Volunteer Fire Brigade received a call on Monday afternoon to the home of Mrs. J. Veitch, where a fire had broken out in the laundry. The brigade was on the spot promptly, and the outbreak was subdued with a chemical extinguisher before it had a chance to spread.

1933

Port Lincoln Times (SA : 1927 - 1965; 1992 - 2002), Friday 7 April 1933, page 6

Rent for Fire Station

The Port Lincoln Town Council, at a meeting on Monday night, received from the Fire Brigades Board a cheque to the value of £16 12/-, in payment of rent for the local fire station.

1934

News (Adelaide, SA : 1923 - 1954), Saturday 10 March 1934, page 1

PORT LINCOLN, Saturday,—No homesteads in the Port Lincoln district were in danger from the fires burning there early this afternoon. The fire, which threatened danger this morning, was stopped by cleared ground on the property of Mr. J. Schmidt, and the fighters then got it under control. This was the fire travelling in the direction of the freezing works. Another section of the original fire was then burning on Northside Hill. Probably this will end at Tulka, at the head of Proper Bay. There are no homesteads in the fire area at this point. This outbreak is not likely to prove dangerous unless the wind changes to the westward.

Port Lincoln Times (SA : 1927 - 1965; 1992 - 2002), Friday 6 April 1934, page 7

Rent for Fire Station

At a meeting of the Port Lincoln Town Council on Tuesday night, a cheque for £15 12/- was received from the Fire Brigades Board, payment of rent for the local fire brigade station.

Port Lincoln Times (SA : 1927 - 1965; 1992 - 2002), Friday 18 May 1934, page 6

Fire Brigade Area

The town clerk (Mr. F. E. Sharley) reported at a meeting of the Port Lincoln Town Council on Monday evening that last week he had interviewed Mr. Shepherd (chairman of the Fire Underwriters' Association), who was on a visit to the town, with regard to the council's request for a new fire area, embracing houses served with water mains since the present plan was drawn up, to be declared. Mr. Shepherd had suggested that the council supply his association with a plan showing the new mains laid, and the houses served by them. On the motion of Crs. W. K. Robertson and J. W. Goulter, it was agreed that Mr. Sharley forward the information.

Port Lincoln Times (SA : 1927 - 1965; 1992 - 2002), Friday 30 October 1931, page 1

Fire Brigade Calls

NO CHARGE

The town clerk (Mr. F. E. Sharley) stated on Wednesday that the attention of citizens was drawn to the fact that no charge was made for calling out the fire brigade to attend fires, but a penalty would be incurred in the case of malicious calls.

West Coast Recorder (Port Lincoln, SA : 1909 - 1942), Thursday 15 November 1934, page 1

FIRE BRIGADE CALLED OUT.

A couple of minutes after 12 noon last Tuesday, the Port Lincoln Fire Brigade was called out to a fire at the back of Mr C. R. Doudy's house, situated on the North Road. The Brigade returned a few minutes after being called out, the fire being made up of old bags and rubbish. No damage was done.

1935

West Coast Recorder (Port Lincoln, SA : 1909 - 1942), Thursday 24 January 1935, page 1

FIRE BRIGADE CALLED OUT

Last Thursday afternoon, the Port Lincoln Fire Brigade was called out to a fire at the home of Mr J. Connell, which is situated in Napoleon Street. A blaze was started in the kitchen, but only a small amount of damage was done.

West Coast Recorder (Port Lincoln, SA : 1909 - 1942), Thursday 11 April 1935, page 11

FIRE BRIGADE TESTED.

This morning (Thursday), at about a quarter past 10, the Port Lincoln Fire Brigade was called out. The officials of the Fire Brigade's Board, who were passengers on the Moonta, which berthed at Port Lincoln today, called the Brigade to Liverpool Street, near Reid Bros., to test their ability. The engine was on its way within a couple of minutes from when the whistle first sounded, and the Brigade was very smart in its work of joining the hose to the plug in the street. The local Brigade consists of Messrs P. J. Gibson (Foreman), Jim Fulwood, K. Almond and R. J. Hayman.

West Coast Recorder (Port Lincoln, SA : 1909 - 1942), Thursday 5 December 1935, page 1

FIRE NEAR PORT LINCOLN.

Last Sunday morning, the Port Lincoln Fire Brigade was called out to a bush and grass fire on Winter's Hill, about 1½ miles from Port Lincoln. Although a fair area of scrub and grass was burnt, the damage was not very great. The fire was started when a tree was struck by lightning, during the short storm on Sunday morning. Besides the Fire Brigade, the police and several other volunteers assisted with the quelling of the blaze.

1936

West Coast Recorder (Port Lincoln, SA : 1909 - 1942), Thursday 2 January 1936, page 1

FIRE BRIGADE CALLED OUT

Last Tuesday week, at about 7 o'clock in the morning, members of the Port Lincoln Fire Brigade were called out to an outbreak of fire in the chimney of Mr Ted Redding's residence, near the Proper Road, and about a mile from the town. The Brigade were out in very quick time, but the flames had been subdued when they arrived on the scene. No damage was done.

Port Lincoln Times (SA : 1927 - 1965; 1992 - 2002), Friday 24 January 1936, page 3

FIRE STATION MAINTENANCE

The Fire Brigades Board advised the Port Lincoln Town Council at a meeting on Monday evening that the estimated expenditure in connection with the Port Lincoln fire station for the financial year ending on June 30 next was £423. The council's contribution towards the brigade's maintenance for the current quarter was £23.

West Coast Recorder (Port Lincoln, SA : 1909 - 1942), Thursday 12 March 1936, page 1

FIRE BRIGADE CALLED OUT

On Friday morning last, the Port Lincoln Fire Brigade was called out to a bush and grass fire on a vacant allotment at the rear of the High School. The hoses were not used, the fire being beaten out with green bushes. No damage was done.

Port Lincoln Times (SA : 1927 - 1965; 1992 - 2002), Friday 8 May 1936, page 9

TEST CALL FOR FIRE BRIGADE

The Port Lincoln Auxiliary Fire Brigade received a test call to Quality Hill on Thursday morning, when members of the Fire Brigades Board visited the town on their half-yearly inspection.

Port Lincoln Times (SA : 1927 - 1965; 1992 - 2002), Friday 5 June 1936, page 12

FIRE STATION REPAIRS

A letter was received by the Port Lincoln Town Council from the Fire Brigades Board on Tuesday night, drawing attention to painting and repair work required to be carried out at the fire station. It was agreed that the Mayor (Mr. R. F. Poole) and the town clerk (Mr. F. E. Sharley) inspect the building, and report.

Port Lincoln Times (SA : 1927 - 1954), Friday 26 June 1936, page 6

Fire Station Repair

The town council recently asked the Mayor (Mr. R. F. Poole) and town clerk (Mr. F. E. Sharley) to inspect the fire station, and report upon renovations required. The report was submitted at a meeting on Monday night, when it was decided, at the instance of Cr. T. B. Aveling, that tenders be called for the renovations and painting as outlined in the report. On the motion of Cr. F. G. W. Payze, it was agreed that tenders be invited for the provision of additional public lavatory accommodation, which was also recommended. If the work is carried out, the cost will be charged to the four wards in the town, and not to Boston ward only, in which, the building is situated.

West Coast Recorder (Port Lincoln, SA : 1909 - 1942), Thursday 12 November 1936, page 2

FIRE BRIGADE CALLED OUT.

Early on Tuesday morning about 1.30, the fire alarm was sounded and the Brigade were soon on the scene of trouble. It was found that the cake sop and tea-rooms occupied by Mr B. Hage in Mr Johnson's premises, in Lewis Street, was ablaze. It was soon under control by the firemen. The fire started in the front portion of the shop, the cause being unknown. The stock was insured in the Australian National Assurance Society for £250, and the building for £100. Part of the furniture was not damaged.

1937

West Coast Recorder (Port Lincoln, SA : 1909 - 1942), Thursday 14 January 1937, page 2

PORT LINCOLN FIRE BRIGADE.

Staging a surprise visit to Port Lincoln an officer from headquarters arrived by the Minnipa on Tuesday morning last. Shortly afterwards the siren of the local brigade rang and the brigade turned out very promptly in response to a call to Mr W. M. McFarlane's auction mart. On arrival the officer at once proceeded to drill the men and some very smart work was witnessed. The staff was also drilled at 7 p.m. the same night, 5 a.m. the following morning, 7 p.m. at night, and also at 6 p.m. this morning. The officer is returning by the Moonta today, feeling quite satisfied that the people of Port Lincoln are well catered for by the staff of the local brigade. This visit is the result of the high efficiency required in the South Australian Fire Brigade under the new Chief Officer (Mr Whyte) who is introducing some new drill throughout country stations.

West Coast Recorder (Port Lincoln, SA : 1909 - 1942), Thursday 15 July 1937, page 1

FIRE REEL CALLED OUT.

About 1.30 on Sunday morning last as Mr Owen from Kirton Point was passing along Liverpool Street he noticed sparks flying around in the Standard Meat Store. He gave the alarm to the Fire Brigade who were soon on the scene. They gained entrance without any damage and found that the trouble was a short circuit on the electric motor of the refrigerator and turned the switch off. The coil of the motor was burnt out which necessitated it being sent to the city for repairs, and no damage was done to the premises. The refrigerator is out of action for a few days and it is fortunate the cold weather is with us at this time.

Port Lincoln Times (SA : 1927 - 1965; 1992 - 2002), Friday 15 October 1937, page 16

FIRE BRIGADE INSPECTION

The Port Lincoln Fire Brigade was called out on Thursday morning, when Chief Officer J. Whyte, of Adelaide, and members of the Fire Brigades Board visited Port Lincoln. Members of the board also inspected the local fire station.

1938

Port Lincoln Times (SA : 1927 - 1965; 1992 - 2002), Friday 9 September 1938, page 1

VISIT OF FIRE BRIGADE BOARD

On Thursday morning the Fire Brigade Board made their bi-annual inspection of the local brigade. The alarm whistle blew at 9.45 for a fire supposed to have broken out at Geddes' timber yard at Kirton Point. The brigade promptly turned out and ran out hoses. Afterwards an inspection was made of the premises. The visiting inspector commended the local members on their work. It will be remembered that the local brigade recently won the Country Championship.

West Coast Recorder (Port Lincoln, SA : 1909 - 1942), Thursday 17 November 1938, page 10

FIRE BRIGADE.

Our local brigade had two calls out during the last week, one to the police station and the latter to a grass fire out on the Proper Road, but in both cases all danger was over before the brigade was on the scene, and no harm done in either case.

1939

West Coast Recorder (Port Lincoln, SA : 1909 - 1942), Thursday 16 February 1939, page 1

FIRE.

Breaking out at the rear of Chas. Geddes and Co., a fire, fed on highly inflammable materials may have assumed serious proportions had it not been for the quick action of the Port Lincoln Fire Brigade. Five fire extinguishers were being used without avail before the brigade arrived on the spot.

1941

Port Lincoln Times (SA : 1927 - 1965; 1992 - 2002), Thursday 10 July 1941, page 7

A.R.P. Organisation

EMERGENCY FIRE SERVICE SECTION

At the suggestion of the Director of A.R.P. (Lt.-Col. Shaw), a class in emergency fire fighting commenced on Monday last. The classes will be held at the Port Lincoln Fire Brigade Station under the leadership of Fire Officer P. J. Gibson. The personnel of the class are representatives from the following firms :— Geddes & Co., Cresco Fertilizers Ltd., Shell Co., Government Produce Department, Corporation of Port Lincoln, Adelaide Steamship Co. and the Engineering and Water Supply Department.

Any other large firm is invited to send a representative. The classes will be held from 10 a.m. to 12 noon on Mondays, and on Wednesdays from 7 to 8 p.m. The course will last about six weeks, when the men will be examined and if successful they will receive a certificate of competency. The men will then organise a group in their own business undertakings and

convey to them the same course of instruction. In the event of an emergency each large firm will then have an efficient fire fighting organisation of its own capable of dealing with any emergency. This will considerably lighten the work of the permanent brigade and the fire wardens of the A.R.P. corps.

The following wardens have completed their training and after successfully passing an examination were issued with A.R.P. Fire Warden's Badge : —Messrs. R. W. C. Hele, H. O. Gage, T. E. Lawton, F. W. Modra, S. H. Ware, L. R. Curnow, B. Prettejohn, M. Martin, W. G. Hurrell and E. W. Hawke. Fire warden's badges cover the following subjects : — Squad drill, hose drill, ladder drill, chemical extinguishers, incendiary bombs, extinction of various classes of fires, and gas drill, etc. An air raid exercise schedule for all branches of A.R.P. services has been received by the fire officer, and it is hoped that all sections will carry on with their training so that the combined exercise can be carried out.

Port Lincoln Times (SA : 1927 - 1954), Thursday 4 September 1941, page 6

FIRE ALARM

The Port Lincoln Fire Brigade received a call to Mr. L. W. B. Gibson's dental surgery in Liverpool street, between 9 and 10 o'clock on Tuesday. A container of methylated spirits had upset and caught fire. Very little damage was caused.

Port Lincoln Times (SA : 1927 - 1954), Thursday 25 December 1941, page 2

Fire Reel Called Out

Just before 9 a.m. last Friday morning, the Port Lincoln Fire Brigade was called to a fire at Kirton Point. A brush fence at Mr. N. W. Wright's was ablaze. The fire brigade was on the scene in a few moments, and quickly had the fire under control. The work had been done and the fire engine was again stabled at the station in less than half an hour from the time of the alarm.

1942

West Coast Recorder (Port Lincoln, SA : 1909 - 1942), Monday 30 November 1942, page 2

Emergency Firefighting Services Exam

The following passed their emergency firefighting theory examination held on November 17 : — Messrs. J. Reynolds, J. Millhouse, G. W. Proctor, H. Daniels, S. Robb, J. Robins, J. Foote and A. Donnelly. The examination was conducted by the district fire officer (Mr. P. J. Gibson) with the assistance of Mr. R. W. C. Hele (area officer) and Mr. K. Miller (section leader). The above members also passed their practical examination last Tuesday night. At the field day on the Centenary oval on November 15, 34 members were present and seven different fire fighting operations were practised. They commenced at 10 a.m. and finished at 5 p.m.

1943

Port Lincoln Times (SA : 1927 - 1954), Thursday 25 November 1943, page 1

ADDITIONAL FIRE FIGHTING APPLIANCE IN PORT LINCOLN

DEMONSTRATION AT BRENNAN'S JETTY

The motor hose carriage which has been in service since the inception of a fire brigade at Port Lincoln in 1928 has been returned to Adelaide for overhaul. It has been temporarily

replaced by a Garford motor fire appliance fitted with a pump. This has been done in order that the personnel of both the auxiliary and emergency fire services may become accustomed to pump operation. It is thought that a seaport the size of Port Lincoln should have a pump in case of break-down of water services and to deal with ship's fire. On Monday evening Station-Officer T. Meaney, who is deputy director of emergency fire services, gave a demonstration of the capabilities of the pump to the emergency fire services. On Tuesday a further trial of the pump was given on Brennan's jetty when it lifted the water in five seconds, from sea level (18 ft.) Station-Officer Meaney expressed surprise and pleasure at the quickness with which the emergency men adapted themselves to the handling of the new plant. L.A.C. W. P. Teagle returned to duty last Friday, after spending leave with his parents at Port Lincoln.

1944

Transcontinental (Port Augusta, SA : 1914 - 1954), Friday 29 September 1944, page 2

LONG JOURNEY BY FIRE REEL

An up-to-date International motor fire reel with a 600 gallon per minute water pumping unit attached, passed through here on its journey from Adelaide to Port Lincoln on Tuesday. The vehicle, which is painted a khaki colour, will replace the Port Lincoln reel, which is out of commission owing to a vital part being broken.

Port Lincoln Times (SA : 1927 - 1954), Thursday 16 November 1944, page 4

TRAILER PUMP TO ARRIVE

ALSO 1,000 FT. 2½-INCH HOSE

The District Fire Officer (Mr. P. J. Gibson) has been advised by the Deputy-Director of Fire Services (Mr. T. J. Meaney) that a trailer pump and 1,000 ft. of 2½-inch fire brigade hose will arrive in Port Lincoln shortly for the District Council of Lincoln. Mr. Meaney will visit the town shortly to demonstrate the pump, which will be housed at Port Lincoln.

1945

Port Lincoln Times (SA : 1927 - 1954), Thursday 18 October 1945, page 4

DEMONSTRATION OF FIRE FIGHTING APPLIANCE

DEPUTY-DIRECTOR OF FIRE SERVICES SUPERVISES

The Deputy-Director of Fire Services (Mr. T. Meaney) arrived in Port Lincoln on Friday last from Adelaide. The object of his visit was to arrange crews to man the Beresford trailer pump at Port Lincoln, to remove a similar pump from Cummins to Tumbby Bay, and to install a new one at Cummins.

Mr. Meaney also arranged for interested parties to be present at a demonstration at the Town Jetty on Monday afternoon. The pump was operated in open water at the jetty. Later, a test was made and a 400 gallon tank was filled with sea water in less than two minutes. The unit was then loaded on a lorry with the 400-gallon tank of water, and a trip made round the town with the unit pumping water from the tank and discharging through a small hose. This particular operation demonstrated the efficiency of the unit in combating grass or scrub fires. A large crowd of interested spectators watched the demonstration. With the Port Lincoln trailer pump is included 1,200 ft. of canvas hose. If the Corporation and District

Council are prepared to organise bush fire-fighting groups this unit should be of great service. Mr. Meaney attended a meeting of the Town Council on Monday evening and discussed matters in connection with the unit.

Port Lincoln Times (SA : 1927 - 1954), Thursday 8 November 1945, page 3

Demonstration Of Beresford Trailer Pump At Bushfire

A large crowd, comprising members of the Southern Eyre Peninsula Central Bushfire Fighting Committee, farmers, pastoralists and others, at-tended the bushfire demonstration at Coomunga on October 29. This bushfire was started in calm weather, but did not spread as de-sired. It was arranged for the purpose of enabling the Deputy-Director of Fire Services (Mr. J. T. Meaney) to demonstrate the capabilities of the Beresford trailer pump, which has been stationed at Port Lincoln by the Civil Defence authorities. Within 18 minutes of the call being received at Port Lincoln the pump arrived at Coomunga. By the courtesy of the railways superintendent (Mr. A. E. Ferry) 500 gallons of water was made available for the demonstration. A tank, containing 120 gallons of water, was placed on Mr. Bruce Ritchie's utility, with the trailer (taken from its mountings) on the tray, and a fire in a small patch of burning scrub was quickly extinguished. Onlookers agreed that the pump is capable of effectively dealing with bushfires, provided ample supplies of water are available.

1947

Advertiser (Adelaide, SA : 1931 - 1954), Wednesday 1 October 1947, page 3

State Fire Fighting Competitions

The Director of Emergency Fire Services (Mr. T. J. Meaney) returned to Adelaide from Eyre Peninsula yesterday after inspecting fire fighting equipment and judging elimination contests in preparation for the State fire fighting competitions to be held in Adelaide on November 22. The Port Lincoln crew, with Mr. B. Richie as officer in charge, will represent Eyre Peninsula in the State competitions. Tomorrow Mr. Meaney will leave for Bordertown and Mount Gambier to judge similar events.

Port Lincoln Times (SA : 1927 - 1954), Thursday 20 November 1947, page 5

Port Lincoln's Firefighting Services

RULING ON TRAILER PUMP SOUGHT AT LAST COUNCIL MEETING

That valuable piece of firefighting equipment, the trailer pump, was the subject of considerable discussion at the last meeting of the Port Lincoln Town Council. A deputation comprising Messrs. P. Woods and S. Baillie stated that the pump, which is housed at Port Lincoln, was not being kept in proper order, and they wanted to know who was responsible for its upkeep and maintenance. The firefighting units which were represented in the Lincoln and Louth Wards were prepared to contribute to the cost, if necessary, so that the pump would be in efficient order in the event of an outbreak of fire in the district. The mayor (Mr. H. H. Bascombe) said the pump was originally offered to Port Lincoln under an arrangement whereby the Corporation undertook the cost of housing it next to the fire station, and the local fire brigade undertook to keep it in working order. The town clerk (Mr. L. Paige) said the pump had been inspected by the Fire Brigade's Board and, at their request, maintenance work had been carried out by the local fire brigade. Apart from that, Council's attention had never been drawn to any other work required on it. After further discussion, Cr. Aveling

proposed that the pump be left in the care of the Corporation, as in the past, so that it would be available in event of fires both in the town and country, also that Mr. P. J. Gibson be asked to train his firemen in the proper use of it so that one of them could always take charge in event of an outbreak. This would be a precaution against the pump being incompetently operated, which appeared to be part of the trouble. Cr. Crotty stated that the pump would be of more value to the farming community, and he considered it should be transferred to the control of their firefighting units. On the resolution of Councillors Crotty and Jones, it was decided that Mr. P. J. Gibson arrange for a competent man to put the pump in order and that the authorities in Adelaide be approached with a view to having the control of it transferred to the Lincoln District Council. Even the purest looking air has rubbish suspended in it.

1949

News (Adelaide, SA : 1923 - 1954), Thursday 20 January 1949, page 16

Late News

FIRE THREAT

Port Lincoln.—Threat to Port Lincoln township became most acute late this afternoon when wind changed to south. Fire now endangering hospital and railway cottages. White's Flat fire menacing Tod river main pumping station. (See Page 1).

News (Adelaide, SA : 1923 - 1954), Thursday 20 January 1949, page 1

WORK STOPPED TO FIGHT FIRE AT PT. LINCOLN

Port Lincoln.—Business was suspended in Port Lincoln today as every able-bodied man was pressed into service to fight a series of scrub and grass fires. While most men were checking a fire advancing on the town on a five-mile front, two other outbreaks were reported and emergency squads had to be rushed to them. Watersiders holding their annual picnic at Louth Bay, about 30 miles from Port Lincoln, had to leave their families to fight a blaze menacing the township of White's Flat and Tod River Reservoir area. Reinforced by volunteers from Port Lincoln, watersiders are still battling with this outbreak. The fire which menaced Port Lincoln itself, and cast a smoke pall over the town, began in grassland and timbered country to the south-west. After advancing several miles, it was between the Government Produce Department freezers, which supply the town with electricity, and the town when checked. About 50 trust homes on the edge of Port Lincoln were threatened at one stage. Danger is not over yet, because if the wind changes from west to south-west, Port Lincoln and a large area of farming country will be in danger. All fire hoses in Port Lincoln are connected in case the fire extends to the town. A fire which broke out some distance along the coast near Koppio did extensive damage to fencing and feed before it was controlled.

1950

The Advertiser, Thursday 16th November 1950 page 15

RURAL NEWS IN BRIEF

NEW FIRE STATION As a result of a conference between the town council and members of the Fire Brigades Board, negotiations are proceeding for a new site for the Port Lincoln fire station. The council proposes converting the present building on the fore shore into a women's rest room.

1951

The Advertiser, 12th May 1951 page 5

Rural News In Brief

FIRE STATION

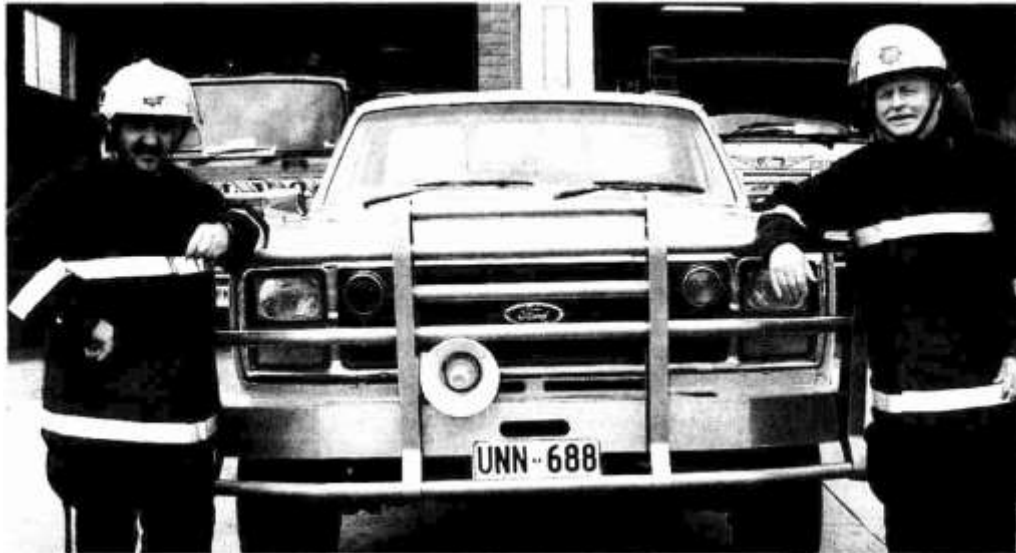
The Port Lincoln Town Council, which considers that the local fire station should be more centrally situated, has offered the Fire Brigades Board portion of the closed road at the corner of Edinburgh and Porter streets as a suitable site.

Port Lincoln Times (SA : 1927 - 1965; 1992 - 2002), Tuesday 11 January 2000, page 5

Appliance on trial

THE protection offered to the community by the Metropolitan Fire Service has now increased, with the allocation of a third appliance to the fire station. The appliance has been given to the MFS on a trial basis to aid them during the fire season, and will become a permanent fixture if they receive sufficient call-outs over the next three months. MFS station officer John Wise said the appliance would be used for grass fires, and light scrub fires, as it was smaller than the two current appliances and could travel further into the bush. "The unit, a Ford F350 4x4 was previously at the Port Augusta station, but because of the isolation of the Port Lincoln station and our very busy callout rate over the last few months, it's been justified to bring it here on a trial basis for three months," he said. "It has been allocated because of our increased call rate and suspected late summer fires; it's here in preparedness.

"We are the third busiest MFS station in the state, after Mount Gambier and Whyalla. "The areas of response for the MFS are fairly remote, and this vehicle will allow us to access grass and light scrub we wouldn't normally be able to get to. "It will also be utilised for towing our dangerous substances trailer, and also for crew transport. "Previously, if we've had fires at the station that have arrived after the two vehicles have left, they are transported to the scene by police in a police vehicle. "Now we'll be able to use this appliance for transporting crews. "The appliance is also one of the firefighting units which was used at the Grand Prix track." The third vehicle would provide better protection for the local area, Mr Wise said. "Now that we have an extra pump for the City Council area, it gives us fast response to remote areas far quicker than the other pumps, giving better protection for the community." Mr Wise said the appliance would be useful, as it carried all the necessary appliances. "It can carry three crew, a supervisor and two firefighters. "It carries 1100 litres of water, along with other firefighting equipment such as hose and generator sets. "It has a Godiva pump and can run a high pressure line, first aid line and has the capacity to run one 64 millimetre line." Mr Wise said senior firefighter Doug Schill will be the driving instructor for the crew, who will undertake a course on pump and safe operations. The pump will remain at the station if it travels to a sufficient amount of callouts over the next three months. "If we can justify the need for it here, with the number of call-outs we're doing, it could possibly become a permanent addition to the station."



- Metropolitan Fire Service station officer John Wise and senior firefighter Doug Schill, who will be teaching the local unit to drive the new appliance, which has been allocated to the station due to increased call-outs over the fire season.

1952

Port Lincoln Times (SA : 1927 - 1954), Thursday 31 January 1952, page 1

NEW FIRE STATION SITE

The town council has approved a site in Porter Street, adjacent to the Vacuum Oil depot, for a possible new fire station. It has been proposed that the existing fire station be used for a rest room for women and children, and that men and women's conveniences be considerably increased.

News (Adelaide, SA : 1923 - 1954), Friday 1 February 1952, page 2

News from the Country

Fire station Port Lincoln, Fri.: A site in Porter street has been approved by the town council as a possible site for a new fire station. It has been proposed that the existing fire station on the foreshore be converted into a rest room for women and children.

Port Lincoln Times (SA : 1927 - 1965; 1992 - 2002), Thursday 3 July 1952, page 1

Fire Brigade Discussions

The chief fire officer (Mr. Whyte) and Mr. Parkinson, of the Fire Brigades Board, will meet members of the Port Lincoln town council tomorrow morning to discuss problems associated with the running of the Port Lincoln Fire Brigade.

Port Lincoln Times (SA : 1927 - 1965; 1992 - 2002), Thursday 31 July 1952, page 1

Fire Brigade Officer Trains New Recruits

Mr. D. O. Farthing, from Fire Brigade Headquarters, Adelaide, is spending a week at Port Lincoln to train and lecture local fire brigade officers. He is also recruiting new men for the brigade. At a recent conference between Chief Fire Officer Whyte and members of the town

council, it was considered necessary to strengthen the brigade from four to six part-time men.

The Advertiser, Wednesday 10th September 1952 page 15

Fire Board Sees Turn-out

PORT LINCOLN. Sept. 9.

The chairman of the Fire Brigade Board (Mr. Powell), the chief fire officer (Mr. J. Whyte) and two board members visited Port Lincoln to-day to discuss with the town council a proposal to build a new fire station here. During the visit the fire alarm was sounded and the party watched the newly formed brigade of six men turn out. They expressed satisfaction at the quick response and efficient handling of the equipment. The brigade was recently given a week's training by the District Officer (Mr. W. Farthing).

1953

Port Lincoln Times (SA : 1927 - 1965; 1992 - 2002), Thursday 5 March 1953, page 1

FIRE AT POWER STATION

The Port Lincoln Fire Brigade was called to the Kirton Point power station at 2 a.m. today when a quantity of fuel caught alight. The oil ignited when it overflowed onto the exhaust hotplates of one of the engines during refuelling. The blaze was extinguished with out any damage being done

Port Lincoln Times, Thursday 26th March 1953 page 1

INSTALLATION OF NEW FIRE SIREN AT PORT LINCOLN

A new fire siren has been installed at Port Lincoln by the Electricity Trust of S.A. on behalf of the Fire Brigade. The siren was tested successfully this morning. The old siren has been silent since it broke down on Tuesday of last week after it had sounded continuously to call volunteers to fight a bushfire. The new siren is situated in the Fire Station yard. The pole on which it is erected will be fitted with a rack to be used for drying hoses.

1954

Port Lincoln Times (SA : 1927 - 1965; 1992 - 2002), Thursday 18 November 1954, page 1

FIRE BRIGADE PRAISED

The Fire Brigades Board of S.A., in a letter read at the meeting of the Town Council on Monday night, told the council that it was impressed by the high standard of efficiency of the Port Lincoln Fire Brigade.

1956

Port Lincoln Times (SA : 1927 - 1965; 1992 - 2002), Thursday 2 February 1956, page 2

Fire Brigade Receives Three Calls

The Port Lincoln Fire Brigade was called to three fires in just over 24 hours at the end of last week. The first outbreak occurred in scrub and grass near Mr. H. Tournier's brick yard on the New West Road last Thursday afternoon. The blaze was extinguished before it had a chance to spread. On Friday morning the brigade was called to the Bayview Building in Lewis Street,

where a dish of fat had caught alight in the oven of an electric stove. No damage was done. The third fire occurred in a small room at the rear of Dollard's butcher shop, where fat was being rendered into dripping. Heat from a stove ignited roofing timbers and the flames spread to an adjoining room at the rear of Mr. Carney's chemist shop. Damage was confined to the timber framework.

Port Lincoln Times (SA : 1927 - 1965; 1992 - 2002), Thursday 26 April 1956, page 1

Fire Destroys Caravan

NEW AUSTRALIAN LOSES BELONGINGS

A caravan was destroyed by fire at 10.30 last Saturday night. The owner, Mr. John Vitols, a New Australian, of Morialta Crescent, Port Lincoln, was attending a local picture theatre and the caravan was not occupied when the fire occurred. Vitols lost all his belongings, together with the caravan which was valued at £200. When the brigade arrived the caravan was gutted and nothing could be saved. The alarm was given by Mr. Lawrence Bruce Wright. Constable G. L. Poole made inquiries.

Port Lincoln Times (SA : 1927 - 1965; 1992 - 2002), Thursday 14 June 1956, page 1

Fire Brigade Takes A Bough !

When "Moaning Minnie", the fire siren, screamed at 10 a.m. last Saturday, hurrying shoppers in busy Tasman Terrace halted in their stride. As fast as you could say "the Leith police dismisseth me", the fire brigade was hurtling firewards. A Port Lincoln resident had raised the alarm, stating that clouds of smoke were rising from a house in Porter Street. When the pyrotechnicians reached the scene, thick smoke was belching up in typical atomic mushroom formation. Seeking the seat of the fire, the brigade discovered that the occupier of the dwelling was merely burning wet boughs that sent out clouds of smoke and steam. All of which proves that a fireman's lot is not a happy one, even if he does have some "reel" experience. It shows, too, that where there is smoke does not necessarily mean there is fire.

Port Lincoln Times (SA : 1927 - 1965; 1992 - 2002), Thursday 12 July 1956, page 1

Fire Brigade Officer Visits Town

"STATION VERY ORDERLY"

Mr. R. A. Gericke, inspecting officer of the S.A. Fire Brigade, made a routine check of the Port Lincoln Fire Station during a visit this week. He was pleased with local organisation. Mr. Gericke added: "I found the Fire Station very orderly and the staff contented. The Port Lincoln station compares favourably with all other country fire stations in its maintenance work". Mr. Gericke will visit the town during the summer, when the brigade will be tried out in drill and faults, if any, rectified.

Port Lincoln Times (SA : 1927 - 1965; 1992 - 2002), Thursday 6 September 1956, page 1

Small Laundry Fire

When the fire siren screamed at 9.10 a.m. on Monday, promenaders in Tasman Terrace thought the Port Lincoln Fire Brigade was off on a big mission. The outbreak occurred at the home of Miss Rita Telfer in New West Road. While she was operating a washing machine in

the laundry, smoke and flames rose from the electric motor. Damage was confined to the washing machine.

Port Lincoln Times (SA : 1927 - 1965; 1992 - 2002), Thursday 15 November 1956, page 1

Fire At Kirton Point Home

When the fire siren sounded at 3.35 p.m. on Monday, the local fire brigade attended a fire at the home of Mrs. C. R. Thorpe, Eltham Avenue, Kirton Point. The outbreak occurred when a kerosene refrigerator blew up and burnt a partition wall and cupboard.

Port Lincoln Times (SA : 1927 - 1965; 1992 - 2002), Thursday 15 November 1956, page 1

Siren Not On Test

Mr. J. E. McKinnon, foreman, of the Port Lincoln Fire Brigade, said this week he wished to apologise for the 7 p.m. siren not being on test on Monday, November 12, owing to circumstances beyond his control.

Port Lincoln Times (SA : 1927 - 1965; 1992 - 2002), Thursday 20 December 1956, page 4

Fire Brigade's Smart Save

FOREMAN RAISES ALARM

Quick action by the auxiliary foreman of the Port Lincoln Fire Brigade (Mr. J. E. McKinnon) prevented a small fire from menacing homes in the New West Road at 3 p.m. yesterday. While Mr. McKinnon was patrolling the town he saw sparks coming from an incinerator in the yard of Mrs. S. K. Pedersen's home on the New West Road. He immediately raised the alarm. The brigade was on the job in three minutes. Sparks had set a wormwood scrub alight and dry grass and a large wood heap were serious fire hazards. Petrol was in store only 10 feet from the fire. No damage was done, but householders in the fire area were grateful for the brigade's smart save.

1957

Port Lincoln Times (SA : 1927 - 1965; 1992 - 2002), Thursday 4 April 1957, page 2

Scrub Fire At Railway Station

Last Friday morning a scrub and stubble fire broke out on a vacant block at the corner of London Street and Railway Place, opposite the Port Lincoln railway station. Before it could endanger a timber house and outbuildings, the fire was controlled by the local fire brigade who were on the job with the usual punctuality. The brigade foreman (Mr. J. E. McKinnon) said he reported to the Engineering and Water Supply Department that hydrants were covered with soil and identification posts broken.

1959

Port Lincoln Times (SA : 1927 - 1965; 1992 - 2002), Thursday 26 March 1959, page 1

New Fire Station Mooted

The Port Lincoln Town Council has received notice from the Fire Brigade Board that it is expected that work on a new fire station opposite the Railway Station will be commenced before the end of the year. This follows a request by the Town Council 12 months ago for repossession of the existing fire station in order that alterations and improvements could be

made for the purpose of public toilets and dressing sheds. An Architect is being engaged to prepare plans and specifications, and work on the modernisation will commence as soon as the Brigade moves to its new premises. The possibility of engaging an attendant or caretaker for the building has also been discussed by the Council.

Port Lincoln Times (SA : 1927 - 1965; 1992 - 2002), Thursday 10 December 1959, page 1

NEW FIRE STATION

A representative of the firm of architects preparing plans and specifications of the new Fire Brigade Station visited Port Lincoln yesterday to view the site where test holes have been dug. It is hoped that the new station will be built shortly, following which the existing station in Tasman Terrace will be reconstructed immediately for the purpose of up to date public lavatory accommodation.

1960

Port Lincoln Times (SA : 1927 - 1965; 1992 - 2002), Thursday 21 January 1960, page 6

LETTER TO EDITOR --

Danger At Fire Station

Mr. Frank Wraubek, Port Lincoln, writes: — During the past few years I have witnessed the actions of the Port Lincoln Fire Brigade in getting ready, and I found that the sound of the siren is mistaken by some firemen as a starting signal for a car race, with the fire station (the most crowded point) as the winning post. The efficiency of the brigade is not questioned, and the public appreciates the swift action of our fire fighters. However, the speedy approach to the fire station is not warranted, when, people, especially children, could be endangered. With the police station only a few yards away, perhaps it could be arranged for a policeman to regulate traffic as long as is necessary. Last week I watched a little boy riding a bicycle past the fire station when a fireman just missed him by a whisker. With the advent of the swimming season, children gather round the station at each fire alarm. Perhaps common sense, and a police officer on the spot, would solve the problem.

Port Lincoln Times (SA : 1927 - 1965; 1992 - 2002), Thursday 28 January 1960, page 6

LETTER TO EDITOR

Danger At Fire Station

Mr. Murray Copp, Port Lincoln, writes: — With reference to F. Wraubek's letter to the "Times" on 21/1/60: — The danger of children congregating in front of the Fire Station when a fire alarm is sounded has always been a hazard to firemen coming in to the station. The fact that no accidents have occurred to this date proof that firemen take all precautions necessary for the safety of the public, knowing that the movements of children are unpredictable. This occurs not only in front of fire stations, but at any place where there is a source of interest to children. Regarding the incident mentioned by P. W., I was greatly concerned, and immediately after the fire, approached the Police Department. How can F. W. talk about the efficiency of the Brigade, and yet refer to the swift action of the fire crew as a so-called "car race"? I wonder what he would expect of the fire crew if his own home was ablaze?

Port Lincoln Times (SA : 1927 - 1965; 1992 - 2002), Thursday 31 March 1960, page 4

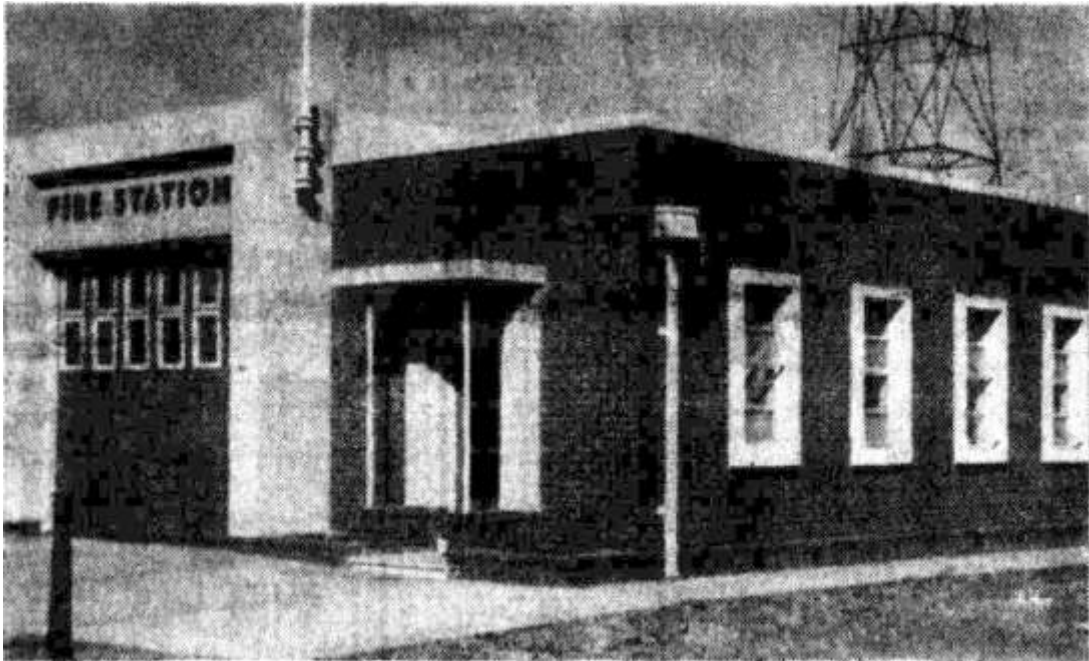
FIRE STATION BUILDINGS

Tenders will be received until 12 noon on Wednesday, April 27, for the erection of two fire station buildings, one each at Port Lincoln and Whyalla. The architects are Glover and Pointer, of Adelaide.

1961

Port Lincoln Times (SA : 1927 - 1965; 1992 - 2002), Thursday 18 May 1961, page 1

NEW FIRE STATION



Pictured is the new Port Lincoln fire station adjacent to the railway station. The official opening will be on June 6. It is understood the Chief Secretary (Sir Lyell McEwin) will conduct the ceremony. The modern brick dwelling has all amenities and is of standard fire station design for country areas. A 55-ft. hose tower can also be used as a lookout.

Auxiliary fire brigade foreman (Mr. Murray Copp) said the new station is better placed than the old structure in Tasman Terrace. It is away from the main street and will not be a hazard to curious children when the fire unit dashes off on a hurried call. The builders were R. J. Buddle and Sons. Mr. Copp said the fire siren will be removed from the old fire station to a power pole adjacent to Kschenka's store. The former fire station will be converted to a rest room and public conveniences.

Port Lincoln Times (SA : 1927 - 1965; 1992 - 2002), Thursday 8 June 1961, page 1

Chief Secretary opens town's new Fire Station

When the fire siren sounded at Port Lincoln after midday on Tuesday, the local fire brigade did not answer the call. "Let's tell the town we've opened a new fire station," the Chief Secretary (Sir Lyell McEwin) said to several hundred people when he officially opened the new fire station adjacent to the Railway Station.

Welcoming the crowd, including scores of School children, the Chairman of the Fire Brigade Board (Mr. S. Powell) invited Sir Lyell McEwin to perform the opening ceremony. Sir Lyell

said: "The growth of Port Lincoln has been such that many improvements have taken place. Great drives have been made in the last few years as a major town gradually grows to the status of a city. "The new fire station takes the place of the old one, 'which for years has been maintained by the Port Lincoln Corporation. "The building was built by the Fire Brigade Board to cater for further requirements. With the growth of the town you have seen improvements in the fire appliances. "The essential part of the service is the personnel. I would pay a tribute to the Fire Brigade which has operated since 1909. I congratulate the Board in building the new station." Sir Lyell also expressed appreciation to the Commissioner of Railways (Mr J. Fargher) for providing the site for the building. The building is in a good situation. When a fire breaks out in the stump heap opposite, the brigade will be in a good position to handle it," said Sir Lyell. "I express appreciation to the Port Lincoln Corporation for maintaining the old fire station and co-operating with the Fire Brigade Board. I also pay a well deserved tribute to the local volunteer firemen. (Continued on page 2)

Chief Secretary Opens Town's New Fire Station (Continued from page 1)

Success Assured

"The success of these premises is assured in the interests of property at Port Lincoln" Sir Lyell McEwin then unveiled a plaque on the station wall. Declaring the station open, Sir Lyell added: "Now we'll let the town know we've opened a new fire station!" Then the fire siren sounded briefly.

"Good Types"

Thanking Sir Lyell for taking time out during his busy week to open the fire Station, the deputy mayor (Cr. R. D. Whait) said he was pleased the Government had provided the funds to build a modern station comparable to any in South Australia. Cr. Whait added that a group of competent firemen gave their services voluntarily. There has never been a complain about their conduct. This speaks well for the type of men who volunteer. The Chairman of the Fire Brigade Board (Mr. S. Powell) said he appreciated the gesture of the Commissioner of Railways (Mr. J. Fargher) in making land available for the new fire station. The Fire Brigade Board had worked well with the Corporation in using the old station for 30 years. Chairman's Tribute "I cannot say enough in praise of the local firemen. The station could not operate with-out them. "I also pay special tribute to the brigade foreman (Mr. Murrall Copp). His job carries heavy responsibilities. The local brigade operates within the town boundaries.

"The Fire Brigade Board will authorise its services outside the area if some good can be done. This is left to the discretion of Mr. Copp. "When a big fire started outside the town boundaries toward the end of last year, Mr. Copp's prompt action was responsible for preventing the outbreak spreading to the town. He lost his car in that fire while trying to save somebody's property.

"Not All Honey"

"Being a member of the local fire brigade is not all honey. It's not a matter of turning out in uniform and attending fire drill. Mr. Powell also paid a tribute to the architect (Mr. S. T. Pointer), and the builders (R. J. Buddle & Sons), of Port Lincoln. The Chairman of the Fire Brigade Board ended his speech on a cautionary note. He said: "The only fire that never does

any damage is one that never starts. Be careful with electrical equipment. Children, don't press alarms, don't play with matches — and don't start fires."

Port Lincoln Times (SA : 1927 - 1965; 1992 - 2002), Thursday 8 June 1961, page 2

Crowds Inspect New Fire Station

Port Lincoln's new fire station is indicative of the growth of Port Lincoln. Following the official opening by the Chief Secretary (Sir Lyell McEwin) on Tuesday, crowds inspected the building and its excellent amenities. Members of the local brigade looked obviously proud of their new acquisition when Sir Lyell McEwin inspected the group. The Chairman of the S.A. Fire Brigade Board (Mr. N. Powell) said the Station was one of eight opened by the Board at country centres during the past five years. Functional in design, the station is well equipped with efficient electrical devices. The building, which is of brick, is of standard design for country fire stations.

CONVERTING OLD STATION

There is a neat kitchen and comfortable sleeping quarters for two firemen. The station will be manned throughout the night. A 55-ft. hose tower can be used as a look-out. Well away from the main streets, the station will not be a hazard to curious children, and the fire unit will be able to get a clear get-away on urgent fire calls. The fire siren is being transferred from the old fire station to a power pole adjacent to Kschenka's store. The architect was Mr. T. S. Pointer, and the builder was R. J. Buddle and Sons, of Port Lincoln. The former fire station will be converted to a rest room and public conveniences, thus adding more foreshore amenities near the new bathing sheds.

Port Lincoln Times (SA : 1927 - 1965; 1992 - 2002), Thursday 8 June 1961, page 2

Minister, Fire Brigade Chiefs Welcomed

The deputy mayor (Cr. R. D. Whait) welcomed the Chief Secretary (Sir Lyell McEwin) and members of the S.A. Fire Brigade Board at a civic reception at the mayor's parlour on Tuesday morning. He apologised for the absence of the mayor (Mr. P. L. Puckridge) and the Minister of Works (Hon. G. G. Pearson). The reception preceded the official opening of the town's new fire station, adjacent to the Railway station. The Ceremony was performed by the Chief Secretary. Members of the S.A. Fire Brigade and other executives were present. This was the first time all members of the Board were able to attend an opening cere-

Adelaide visitors who arrived here for the ceremony were Messrs. S. Powell, Chairman of the S.A. Fire Brigade Board; J. H. Parkinson, representing local government bodies; Ald. J. Irwin, nominee of Adelaide City Council; Messrs. W. H. Jackson and A. Findlay, insurance company representatives; N. T. Williams, S.A. Fire Brigade Board secretary; H. A. Patton, Chief Officer; Messrs. R. A. Gericke and E. F. Lehmann, Inspecting Officers; S. T. Pointer, architect; J. Fargher, Railways Commissioner; and R. Buddle, builder.

Port Lincoln Times (SA : 1927 - 1965; 1992 - 2002), Thursday 8 June 1961, page 1

AT FIRE STATION OPENING



After the opening of the new fire station by the Chief Secretary (Sir Lyell McEwin) on Tuesday, officials inspect the brigade unit. From left, Messrs. N. T. Williams, Fire Brigade Board secretary; the Chief Secretary (Sir Lyell McEwin); Chief Fire Brigade Officer (H. A. Patton); Railways Commissioner (Mr. J. Fargher); Auxiliary Foreman of Port Lincoln Fire Brigade (M. Copp); and fireman R. Richardson.

1963

Port Lincoln Times (SA : 1927 - 1965; 1992 - 2002), Thursday 21 March 1963, page 1

FIRE BRIGADE COMPETITIONS

The SA Fire-Brigade Board has advised the Town Council that the local fire brigade will compete in the State Competitions at Port Lincoln on Sunday, March 24, at 10 a.m. Several Council members will be present and an invitation has been extended to the public to see the local fire brigade in action.

1965

Port Lincoln Times (SA : 1927 - 1965; 1992 - 2002), Thursday 18 November 1965, page 1

Busy week for Fire Brigade

Following last week's outbreaks, the Port Lincoln Fire Brigade had another busy time when they attended local fires on Sunday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

Shortly before 2 p.m. on Sunday the brigade was called to a scrub fire in the Billy Light's Point area. About five acres of scrub were burnt out. There was no damage. Auxiliary foreman of the Port Lincoln Fire Brigade (Mr. Murray Copp) said that a cigarette could have caused the fire which probably started in some rubbish in the area. He said about 30 volunteer firefighters gave excellent assistance to the brigade at the fire scene.

Car Fire

At Tennant Street shortly before 8 p.m. on Tuesday, a Chrysler Royal sedan car caught fire in the engine compartment. The car is owned by Mr. J. Harbottle, of Tennant Street. Slight

damage was caused to the car's electrical wiring and fuel lines. The fire is believed to have been caused by a backfire.

Vacant Block

A grass fire broke out on a vacant block in Oxford Terrace, opposite the Port Lincoln Hospital drive-in, shortly before 8 p.m. last night. The land is owned by Mr. Douglas Blacker, of Cummins. Although the fire was burning out of control when the brigade arrived, there was no damage to adjacent properties.

Port Lincoln Times (SA : 1927 - 1965; 1992 - 2002), Thursday 9 March 1995, page 8

Fire station tender accepted

The tender from CG & MA Carpenter for \$69,000 to build the new Lincoln Fire Station was accepted by Council.

Port Lincoln Times (SA : 1927 - 1965; 1992 - 2002), Thursday 17 February 2000, page 2

An image from the past



- TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20,1990: The embattled Greenpatch Country Fire Service brigade manned one of six fire trucks that fought a blaze at Rustler's Gully on Saturday. The fire, which at one stage threatened the Betta-Bloc brickmaking company, was reported at 12.25pm and burnt some seven hectares of scrubland. CFS volunteer Mark Modra is pictured dousing the fire.

1968

Port Lincoln Times (SA : 1927 - 1965; 1992 - 2002), Thursday 4 April 1968, page 2

Fire brigade inspection

Under the direction of the South Australian Fire Brigade Board, who will be accompanied by South Australia's chief fire officer, Mr. Meaney, and inspecting officer, Mr. Leamann, the Port Lincoln brigade will be inspected at 2 p.m. on Sunday at the Fire Station. The inspection

will take the form of a competition, with marks being deducted during the drills and tests which the seven man voluntary crew will undertake. The results will later be compared with those of other fire stations which have been inspected. The fire station and engine will also be checked. The public are invited to attend.

1970

Port Lincoln Times (SA : 1927 - 1965; 1992 - 2002), Thursday 5 February 1970, page 7

New fire appliances for Port Lincoln

A modern new fire appliance was delivered to the Port Lincoln Fire brigade last week.

The vehicle, fitted with modern fire fighting equipment, arrived from Adelaide on Friday. On Saturday Station Officer D. Roberts of Adelaide, instructed members of the local brigade in the use of the vehicle's pumps and other equipment.

Pump

The new engine has a Dennis 500 gallon per minute pump mounted on an International chassis and is powered by a 34 hp International motor. Modern features incorporated in the new fire engine include a 200 gallon first aid tank and a pump at the rear which includes an automatic foam-generator. The engine has two aluminium ladders, one of 31 ft. and the other of 17 ft. Built by Combo Industries, of Adelaide, it embodies a large crew cab. The new engine will replace the Lend Lease model which has been in use here for the past four years. It is to be used in Port Pirie for a short time before being returned to Adelaide. The Lend Lease model of fire appliances have been in use in Port Lincoln for the past 20 years.



- ABOVE: Leaning against their hoses to counteract the force of the powerful jets of water pumped by the new fire engine are (from left): Firemen Miel Fulwood, Tony Richardson, Arthur Richardson and Robert Richardson.



- **BOTTOM:** The old Lend Lease model fire engine stands beside its modern successor at the Fire Station.
- **BELOW:** Station officer D. Roberts (left), of Adelaide, instructs, the Port Lincoln Fire Brigade foreman, Mr. Murray Copp (centre) and Robert Richardson in the use of the automatic foam appliance on the new engine.



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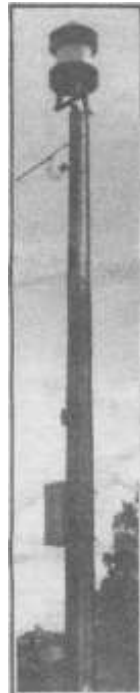
Port Lincoln Times (SA : 1927 - 1965; 1992 - 2002), Thursday 22 February 1973, page 3

Fire Brigade inspected

Members of the South Australian Fire Brigades Board will inspect the Port Lincoln brigade on March 11 and make an assessment of the efficiency of brigade officers for the annual competition.

1980

Port Lincoln Times (SA : 1927 - 1965; 1992 - 2002), Friday 20 June 1980, page 1



'Bleepers' replace fire siren

The fire siren will no longer shrill across the City to call Brigade officers to a fire. The fire crew in future will be called out by an electronic paging system. Each fireman now wears on his person a paging receiver which emits a beeping sound at times of emergency. The-50-year old call out siren will remain quiet during future emergencies and will sound but once a week, when it is tested to ensure it is in working order and ready as a back up to the paging system or for use in a disaster situation. The siren has been made redundant by the installation at the Port Lincoln Fire Brigade station of a twin purpose base radio transmitter. The transmitter will be used to activate the paging receivers and will also provide verbal contact between the station and the fire appliance in which a mobile receiver has been installed. The new system was brought into use yesterday after being officially tested by the South Australian Fire Brigades Inspecting officer Mr. G. Cooper.

1994

Port Lincoln Times (SA : 1927 - 1965; 1992 - 2002), Tuesday 1 March 1994, page 2

Homes threatened by fire

A FIRE which threatened two Port Lincoln homes on Saturday afternoon may have been started by children, according to the Metropolitan Fire Service (MFS). Port Lincoln MFS station officer Darryl Staunton said the fire started near Robertson Road on Saturday afternoon and spread to Reevesby Court, coming within metres of two homes and a horse stable. Mr Staunton said about 25 acres of scrub and grass was burnt during the fire. He said children seen in the vicinity of the fire were believed to have ignited the blaze. Two MFS fire trucks and two Port Lincoln and one North Shields Country Fire Service units attended the blaze. Mr Staunton said a Port Lincoln crop duster water-bombed the blaze using an

aeroplane. He said while the use of the aeroplane was not ordered by the MFS it did help to control the fire.

EP has a lot to learn

PORT Lincoln residents living on the outskirts of the city could face wildfires similar to New South Wales because of a loss in impetus for fire prevention, according to the Country Fire Service. CFS regional commander Ross Pagram said Eyre Peninsula had a lot to learn from the experiences in New South Wales. Mr Pagram said summer weather conditions, urban bushland areas and rural urban development resulted in "the potential for devastation on a locally disastrous scale". This follows a fire on Saturday which directly threatened two homes and a horse stable on the outskirts of Port Lincoln. Mr Pagram said Local Government had a duty of care outside of strict legislative requirements to provide a safe community for residents.

"This encompasses promoting an awareness of local hazards, acting to reduce those hazards, aiding voluntary organisations in training to deal with these hazards and ensuring that council actions do not exacerbate existing hazardous conditions," he said. Mr Pagram said bushfire prevention planning had begun in 1990 under the Country Fires Act but it had now lost its impetus. "Prevention efforts do cost money but this small investment in implementation may well avert a local bushfire disaster," Mr Pagram said. "These are truths for South Australia as well, homes need to be designed, situated, and maintained to withstand the impact of sparks, wind, and heat in order to enhance their survival without brigade attendance." Mr Pagram said an Australian Building Code provided detail of standard home improvements developed by the CSIRO following Ash Wednesday.



MFS firefighter Mick Whittaker battles the blaze which threatened two homes on the outskirts of Port Lincoln on Saturday.

2002

Port Lincoln Times (SA : 1927 - 1965; 1992 - 2002), Thursday 21 March 2002, page 3



Fire singes 70 acres

ABOUT 70 acres spanning several private properties was burnt in a fire started by slashing equipment at Winter Hill on Tuesday afternoon. While the damage bill was low as most of the property was grazing land, the fire has largely impacted the landscape, blackening most of the hill. The fire has prompted a reminder for contractors cutting grass to keep fire extinguishing agents nearby. Metropolitan Fire Service station officer John Wise said the MFS were called to the scene at 2.26pm, closely followed by Lincoln, White Flat, North Shields, Coffin Bay and Greenpatch Country Fire Service brigades. Mr Wise said the fire started when contractors slashing grass on a mower on private property adjacent the Winter Hill car park hit rocks and sent off sparks. The southerly wind quickly pushed flames northward down the hill, and the fire spread through several properties before being contained.

Three MFS and six CFS trucks were required to fight the fire, which was hard to access due to the terrain. "It was an extremely difficult fire to fight because of the terrain on the side of Winter Hill," Mr Wise said. "It's restricted to four-wheel-drive vehicles only, and in some areas only small four-wheel-drives can gain access, so we couldn't get into some areas." It took firefighters about two hours to contain the fire, with the clean-up lasting until about 9.30pm. The fire flared again briefly on Wednesday morning at 8.30am, where smouldering ashes underground sparked another blaze. This was however quickly extinguished by the MFS. Mr Wise said contractors should always keep fire extinguishers or pumps on their vehicles when working. "We would urge everybody with slashing equipment to have firefighting equipment on hand, such as a fire pump or extinguisher on their vehicle."