

# HERITAGE PLACE

**NAME OF PLACE:** LOCK-UP, STABLES AND WC (FORMER)

**ADDRESS/LOCATION OF PLACE:** cnr Parker and Templeton Sts DUNKELD

**STUDY NUMBER:** 091

**HERITAGE OVERLAY NUMBER:**

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**PRECINCT:** Dunkeld

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA:** Southern Grampians Shire

**SECTION:** 24      **PARISH:** PARISH OF DUNKELD

**ACCESS DESCRIPTION:**

CFA 433J7; VicRoads 229 S4; south-east corner of Parker and Templeton Streets, Dunkeld in the centre of the township.

**SIGNIFICANCE RATING:** State



Dunkeld Lock-up (former), WC and Stables, Dunkeld.

**Image Date:** 9/12/02

**EXTENT OF LISTING:**

To the extent of: 1. All the lock up, stables and WC buildings but not police station building and the whole of the reserve.

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## **PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:**

The Dunkeld lock-up, stables and former WC is a complex of structures located on the corner of Parker and Templeton Streets in the centre of the township of Dunkeld. The lock up is single storey symmetrical bluestone building in the Victorian Period (1851-1901) Georgian style. To the front of the building is a symmetrical entrance porch, the door of which is made from iron bars. The simple gable roof is covered with slate. The interior includes two cells accommodating a small number of prisoners; small high-level windows with iron bars provide light and ventilation. The walls are finely detailed rock face blocks of local bluestone. The structure was designed by the Public Works Department and built in 1861-2 by contractor John Gray of Geelong (Saunders, 278). The lock up is identical to those at Balmoral and Cavendish.

The stables are set some distance to the south of the lock up. They are rectangular in shape, approximately 3 metres by 6 metres, the ridgeline being about 3.5 metres. The stables are also built of rock-face bluestone. There are three 'windows' with fixed timber louvers on north side. There is a standard timber door at the eastern end and a large opening with double timber doors into a loft area above. A large door at the western end has been crudely introduced with a new concrete lintel. Above this there is a small louvred opening to the loft. The main entrance appears to have been on the south side. The simple gable roof has deep eaves and is clad with corrugated iron. Simple timber brackets support the eaves at each end.

The third building is a WC again built to a standard design in rock face bluestone. It is approximately 1metre by 2metres and is 3 metres high to the ridge line. The gable roof is corrugated iron. There is a small ventilation hole in the gable.

## **HISTORY:**

The land on which the complex of lock-up, stables and WC stands was set aside as a reserve for public buildings in the late 1840s but not gazetted until 1861 (Department of Lands & Survey, 1927). Section 24, at the centre of the Township of Dunkeld, comprises just over four acres and is bounded by the Parker, Templeton and Wills Streets (three of the most important streets in the township) and Salt Creek on its eastern boundary. The National School reserve was on the opposite side of the creek. The disposition, plan and subdivision of the town follow the directions of Governor Darling laid down in 1829 for the laying out of new towns in the colony of New South Wales.

The first police constables were Walsh and Nevit from Hamilton who were active in the 1850s, including dealing with horse rustlers (Claburn, 24). It is said that intemperance, presumably by others, was the main problem for the constabulary. The police station (residence and office), lock-up, lock up, stables and WC were built in 1861, all in bluestone, for the Public Works Department by the contractor John Gray of Geelong. The police paddock, used to graze their horses, was located on the north side of Salt Creek. The police residence has since been demolished.

## **THEMATIC CONTEXT:**

Theme: 7 Governing  
7.6 Administering Australia  
7.6.3 Policing Australia  
7.6.4 Dispensing justice  
7.6.5 Incarcerating people

## **CONDITION:**

All the buildings are in good condition and they retain a high degree of integrity.

## **INTEGRITY:**

good degree of integrity

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## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

What is significant?

The Dunkeld lock-up, stables and former WC are located on the Public Buildings Reserve (Section 28) in the centre of Dunkeld, bounded by Salt Creek and three of the most important streets in the township, Parker, Templeton and Wills Streets. All of the buildings are bluestone and were constructed by the Department of Public Works in 1861-2 by contractor John Gray of Geelong.

How is it significant?

The Bluestone Lockup, Stables and WC are of historical significance to the State of Victoria and the Southern Grampians Shire.

Why is it significant?

The complex of lockup, stables and WC are of historical significance as they illustrate the long association of the Victorian Police with law enforcement in Dunkeld and the surrounding area, such as the mounted police. The complex is important for demonstrating previous police practices, including mounted police and incarcerating prisoners in local lock-ups.

## COMPARISON:

SSG 0239 Former lock up, 6-7 Glendinning St, Balmoral

SSG 0326 Police station, lock up and residence, cnr Riley and Scott Sts, Cavendish

**ASSESSED BY:** tfh

**ASSESSMENT DATE:**

29-Oct-01

## EXISTING LISTINGS:

## HERITAGE STUDY RECOMMENDATIONS:

**Include in VHR**  **Include in RNE**  **Include in Local Planning Scheme**

**No Recommendations for Inclusions**

## REFERENCES:

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