

HERITAGE PLACE

NAME OF PLACE: LOCK-UP (FORMER)

ADDRESS/LOCATION OF PLACE: Cnr Riley & Scott Street CAVENDISH

STUDY NUMBER: 151

HERITAGE OVERLAY NUMBER:

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA: Southern Grampians Shire

ALLOTMENT: 1 & 2 **SECTION:** 2

ACCESS DESCRIPTION:

CFA 432 A; VicRoads ; located on the north side of Scott Street, between Barker Street and Government lane at the centre of the township of Cavendish.

SIGNIFICANCE RATING: Local



Lock-Up (former), Riley and Scott Streets, Cavendish. Bluestone Lock-up

Image Date: 02/11/02

EXTENT OF LISTING:

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

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PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:

The lock-up is a typical single-storey building with a small porch and two cells. The walls are constructed from coursed rock-faced ironstone. The roof is corrugated iron. The doors are massively constructed plank and brace with forged ironmongery. The cells are lit and ventilated by small barred windows at a high level and there appears to be a ventilation system lower in the walls. The lock-up is sited immediately behind the modern police station.

HISTORY:

The land on which the former Cavendish Lockup now stands was in 1858, vacant land, as yet unclaimed, (being Allotments 1 & 2 of Section 2, Township of Cavendish) (Public Lands Office, 1858). The township map of 1858 shows that this location has been the central point of the township from earliest times, as it was the location where the Melbourne, Adelaide and Mount Sturgeon roads intersected.

The central location of the site is perhaps what decided the Victorian Police to take up the site in the late 1850s or early 1860s as the site of their police station and lockup. The lock up was probably built in the early 1860s at the same time as other identical buildings in Balmoral and Dunkeld. The contractor is not known, but the architect is most likely the Public Works Department.

There is very little information known regarding the history of the Cavendish Police or the Lock-up. The exact date which the lock-up ceased to be used is unknown, but it was still being used as late as 1963.

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:

The buildings are in good condition and retain a high degree of integrity.

INTEGRITY:

good degree of integrity

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

What is significant?

The former Cavendish lock - up, located behind the Police Station in Scott Street, Cavendish is a single storey symmetrical bluestone building. The roof is a simple gable. It has a porch with an iron bar door and two cells each with heavy timber doors. The walls incorporate a ventilation system but light is provided only by small barred windows high in the wall. The design is standard for the Public works Department and identical to the lock-ups at Dunkeld and Balmoral. It is part of a complex of other police buildings. The building is in good condition and retains a high degree of integrity.

How is it significant?

The former Cavendish lock -up is of historical and architectural significance to the township of Balmoral and the Southern Grampians Shire.

Why is it significant?

The former Cavendish lock-up is of historical significance for its long association with the enforcement of

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law and order in both the township and surrounding area. It is of further historical importance for its association with many important events which ended in the incarceration of prisoners, such as the shearing strikes of the 1890s, and for its prominent location in the historical centre of the township. The lock up is important for demonstrating a previous local practice of incarcerating prisoners in local lockups, rather than having them serve sentences in large prisons. The former lock up is of architectural significance for its strong, simple purposeful design and its comparative value with other identical lock-ups.

COMPARISON:

150 Former lock up, 6-7 Glendinning St, Balmoral

091 Lock-up (Former) cnr Parker and Templeton Streets, Dunkeld

EXISTING LISTINGS:

HERITAGE STUDY RECOMMENDATIONS:

Include in VHR Include in RNE Include in Local Planning Scheme

No Recommendations for Inclusions

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