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# Former Police Stables, 38 Longfield Street, STAWELL



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Stables, Griffith Street,  
STAWELL

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## Location

38 Longfield Street STAWELL, NORTHERN GRAMPIANS SHIRE

## Municipality

NORTHERN GRAMPIANS SHIRE

## Level of significance

Recommended for Heritage Overlay

## Heritage Listing

Northern Grampians Shire

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## Statement of Significance

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The former Police Stables, 38 Longfield Street, Stawell, forms part of a coherent group of government, civic and community buildings that have significance for their close associations with the foundation of the town. The former Police Stables is a single storey mid Victorian brick outbuilding having a simple gable roof, and was constructed in 1873. Although most of the building is largely intact, there is a substantial punctuation in an end wall.

The former Police Stables are **architecturally** significant at a **LOCAL** level. It demonstrates original design qualities of a rudimentary mid Victorian style. These qualities include the simple gable roof form clad in slate.

Other intact qualities include the unpainted brick wall construction, modest eaves, four small early window openings with masonry sills on the longitudinal facades, louvered gable ventilator with masonry sill, unpainted stone base, and the decorative features (three courses of brick voussoirs forming the shallow arches of the window and ventilator openings).

The former Police Stables and site are **historically** significant at a **LOCAL** level. They are associated with the early development of the Township of Stawell at Pleasant Creek, and particularly with the development of police administration in the Pleasant Creek goldfields, Stawell and the wider Wimmera region from c.1857 until 1993. They form part of a significant government precinct which includes the Police Station and Residence, Lock up, former Stawell courthouse, former Stawell Shire Offices and the Scientific and Literary Institute.

Overall, the former Police Stables and site are of **LOCAL** significance.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Northern Grampians - Shire of Northern Grampians - Stage 2 Heritage Study, Wendy Jacobs, Vicki Johnson, David Rowe, Phil Taylor, 2004;
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## Physical Description 1

The police stables site, 38 Longfield Street, Stawell, is characterised by a single storey brick stables building which has a front set back of approximately 4 metres. A painted galvanised corrugated iron fence forms the front and side boundary.

The single storey, unpainted brick, rudimentary mid Victorian police stables is characterised by a simple gable roof form clad in slate tiles. Modest overhangs are a feature of the eaves. Along the longitudinal facades are four small early window openings with masonry sills. The louvered gable ventilator with masonry sill is a feature of the gable end. The brick walls are supported on an unpainted stone base. One of the end walls of the building has been substantially damaged, leaving a considerable punctuation. Early decorative features of the design are the three courses of brick voussoirs forming the shallow arches of the window and ventilator openings.

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