# FORMER POLICE RESIDENCE AND LOCK-UP



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Former Police Residence& Lockup Talbot Police Quarters Jun 1981

#### Location

19 HEALES STREET TALBOT, CENTRAL GOLDFIELDS SHIRE

# Municipality

**CENTRAL GOLDFIELDS SHIRE** 

#### Level of significance

Registered

## Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H0533

## **Heritage Overlay Numbers**

HO125

## **VHR Registration**

July 14, 1982

### **Heritage Listing**

Victorian Heritage Register

#### Statement of Significance

Last updated on - June 3, 1999

The Former Talbot Lock-up was constructed by GF Langridge & Co in 1863 at a cost of ?749. The police quarters were built by Robert Linay and completed in 1866 at a cost of ?667 and the police stables were built by William Phelan at a cost of ?151. All designs were by the Public Works Department.

The Lock-up is constructed of coursed rusticated bluestone on a smooth finished plinth and the corners and openings have arrised edges. The building has three cells and a lobby and is planned with a long gabled wing. The roof is clad with slate, has broadened eaves and the gables have simple timber bargeboards. The building is substantially intact and retains the grilles to the slit windows, its iron doors and cast- iron roof-plumbing (one down-pipe has been removed).

The Talbot Lock-up pre-dates the other two known examples of this type of lock-up in Victoria (Smythesdale, 1869 and Bairnsdale, 1890) and is complete with the residence and stables. It is a reasonably rare surviving example of a sizeable country lock-up in bluestone given additional significance by its siting within the public precinct of the town and in proximity to its related police buildings and as a survivor of the middle years of the Talbot and Clunes gold rushes.

The residence is a standard Public Works Department design of the time and is constructed of face red brick with a slate roof. It is double- fronted with an asymmetrical gabled projection and a verandah on timber posts. Originally of four rooms, it has been extended to the rear.

The stable is a small rectangular building constructed of face red brickwork on a coursed bluestone plinth with a gabled slate roof with a gabled slate roof with deep eaves and has lattice work at the head of the gables. It

retains its brick floor.

The Talbot police buildings derive their significance primarily from the bluestone lock-up but, taken as a whole, present a significant reminder of the police work on the goldfields of Victoria.

[Source: Historic Buildings Council]

#### **Permit Exemptions**

#### **General Exemptions:**

General exemptions apply to all places and objects included in the Victorian Heritage Register (VHR). General exemptions have been designed to allow everyday activities, maintenance and changes to your property, which don't harm its cultural heritage significance, to proceed without the need to obtain approvals under the Heritage Act 2017.

Places of worship: In some circumstances, you can alter a place of worship to accommodate religious practices without a permit, but you must <u>notify</u> the Executive Director of Heritage Victoria before you start the works or activities at least 20 business days before the works or activities are to commence.

Subdivision/consolidation: Permit exemptions exist for some subdivisions and consolidations. If the subdivision or consolidation is in accordance with a planning permit granted under Part 4 of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* and the application for the planning permit was referred to the Executive Director of Heritage Victoria as a determining referral authority, a permit is not required.

Specific exemptions may also apply to your registered place or object. If applicable, these are listed below. Specific exemptions are tailored to the conservation and management needs of an individual registered place or object and set out works and activities that are exempt from the requirements of a permit. Specific exemptions prevail if they conflict with general exemptions.

Find out more about heritage permit exemptions <a href="here">here</a>.

Construction dates 1863,

Heritage Act Categories Registered place,

Other Names LOCKUP, LOCK UP,

Hermes Number 1142

**Property Number** 

#### **History**

from Richard Aitken's Talbot Walking Tour.

Gold was first discovered in the area in the early 1850s and until 1859 development consolidated along Back Creek on 'the Flat'. In that year golad was discovered on the present township of Talbot and the name Scandinavian Lead was chosen for the ridch alluvial lead. The find was so attractive that, despite an earleier government survey of blocks on Back Creek Flat as many as 30,000 people descend on Scandinavian Lead and created a huge canvas town in the early months of the rush. The population soon stablised at several thousand

and the early canvas stores were quickly replaced by brick or timber structures. A second wave of buildings were erected in the mid to late 1860s and now form the bulk of the buildings still found in Talbot.

## **Extent of Registration**

Historic Building No. 533 - Former Talbot Police Residence and Lock-Up, Heales Street, Talbot (to the extent of the bluestone lock-up, the brick stable and the external fabric of the brick part of the residence).. [Victoria Government Gazette No. 71 14 July 1982 p.2357]

This place/object may be included in the Victorian Heritage Register pursuant to the Heritage Act 2017. Check the Victorian Heritage Database, selecting 'Heritage Victoria' as the place source.

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