
LOCK-UP (FORMER)



23228 Lock up Balmoral 0363

Location

Urquhart Street and rear 37 Glendinning Street BALMORAL, Southern Grampians Shire

Municipality

SOUTHERN GRAMPIANS SHIRE

Level of significance

Stage 2 study complete

Heritage Listing

Southern Grampians Shire

Statement of Significance

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What is significant?

The lock-up at 6-7 Glendinning Street, Balmoral is a single storey symmetrical stone 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 Cavendish. It is part of a complex of other police and judicial buildings. The building is in good condition and retains a high degree of integrity.

How is it significant?

The former lock-up at 6-7 Glendinning Street, Balmoral is of historical and architectural significance to the township of Balmoral and the Southern Grampians Shire.

Why is it significant?

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

Heritage Study/Consultant	Southern Grampians - Southern Grampians Shire Heritage Study, Timothy Hubbard P/L, Annabel Neylon, 2002;
Construction dates	1860,
Heritage Act Categories	Registered place,
Hermes Number	23228
Property Number	

Physical Conditions

The building is in good condition and retains a high degree of integrity.

Physical Description 1

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, adjacent to the former courthouse and to the east of the original police station and residence.

The Police Station is a post-World War Two replacement of the former. It is a simple single storey timber building of standard design.

Historical Australian Themes

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

Usage/Former Usage

No longer used for incarceration.

Integrity

Excellent

Physical Description 2

Constable Isaac Gelston Gray (possible first policeman, 1860)
Constable Gorman (policeman, 1875)

Physical Description 3

Police Reserve Gaz. 72.2007

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