

## FORMER PLEASANT CREEK COURT HOUSE



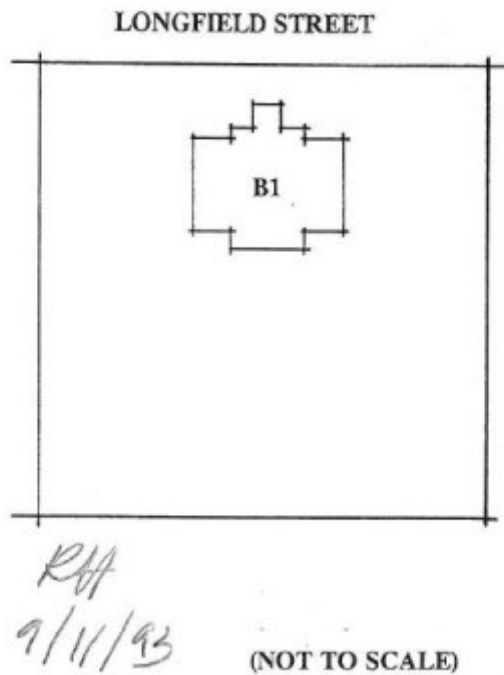
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house longfield street stawell  
front view



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### Location

46-48 LONGFIELD STREET STAWELL, NORTHERN GRAMPIANS SHIRE

### Municipality

## Level of significance

Registered

## Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H0998

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO14

## VHR Registration

December 16, 1993

## Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Register

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## Statement of Significance

Last updated on - June 3, 1999

The former Pleasant Creek Court House, built in 1859, is identified by Court Houses in Victoria A Survey as the best and most intact example of four identically planned court houses in the Victorian Free Classical style with projected entry and gable roof.

The building, used as a court house for a short time before the shift of population resulted in another court house built in 1877 and 1878 at Stawell East, is an important reminder of the transient goldfields population and its effect on the government building program.

The former court house retains the internal layout of court room, offices, Judges chambers, prisoners cell and interview room. The court room retains none of its furniture or fittings although the retention of the entry windlock and visitors gallery mezzanine enhances the significance of the building.

The building is important in the history of police administration in Victoria as, after removal of the court to the Stawell East building in 1878, it was used as a Mounted Constables quarters during the period when Stawell was the headquarters of the Wimmera Police District.

## 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 [notify](#) 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 [here](#).

Construction dates        1860,  
Heritage Act Categories   Registered place,  
Hermes Number            4631  
Property Number

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## History

Associated People: Owner CITY OF STAWELL; Tenant STAWELL HISTORICAL SOCIETY;

## Extent of Registration

### AMENDMENT OF REGISTER OF HISTORIC BUILDINGS

Historic Building No. 998.

Former Pleasant Creek Court House, Longfield Street, Stawell West.

(To the extent of:

1. The whole of the building known as the former Pleasant Creek Court House, marked B1 on Plan No. 605587(A) signed by the Chairperson, Historic Buildings Council and held by the Director, Historic Buildings Council; and
2. The land marked L1 on Plan No. 605587(B) signed by the Chairperson, Historic Buildings Council and held by the Director, Historic Buildings Council being all of the land contained in Certificate of Title Volume 6855 Folio 845.)

[*Victoria Government Gazette* No. G49 16 December 1993 p.3349]

*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.*

*For further details about Heritage Overlay places, contact the relevant local council or go to Planning Schemes Online <http://planningschemes.dpcd.vic.gov.au/>*