

HISTORY OF THE OLD POLICE STATION AND GAOL

The Old Police Station and Gaol, in King Street Tarnagulla, has a very interesting history. Now, it is a tourist attraction but previously it was the main police station in Tarnagulla.

The police station is made from wood and in the back yard there is the gaol made from bricks with a bar door. Today it is a tourist attraction you need a key to get in inside the gaol but you still can see through the bars and imagine what it would have been like to be a prisoner.

Previously it was the main police station for the town. The gaol could hold two prisoners at a time. People could be put in to the gaol for things like stealing, murder or being too drunk. There is a story that a prisoner broke out of the gaol and no one knows if it true or false. I would like to find this out because that could be another reason why the Police Station was closed.

The reason why I think the Old Police Station was closed was because it would have cost too much to fix the gaol and the building needed updating. The gaol didn't look like it would have been very nice to be put in. I think that any criminals now go to either Bendigo or Maryborough.

I wanted to write about the Old Police Station and Gaol as I wanted to find out if someone did break out of the gaol. I still haven't found this out but I will continue to research. I think people should come to Tarnagulla to see the original buildings that not all towns still have.

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