

4. **Museum Administrative Centre (2002)**

In 1997, a storage and display shed was built for the Gaol Museum. In 2002, the shed was lined and climate control was installed to become the Museum's administrative centre, which was officially opened in 2004.

5. **Old Toodyay Convict Depot Site**

The empty area behind the stables originally contained Convict Hiring Depot infrastructure. Built in 1852 this included the Commissariat (a store for depot supplies) and two Sappers' cottages.

After the Depot closed in 1872, these buildings were used by the local police, and were still standing in the early 1900s.

Archaeological remains still exist in this site which is why development has not yet continued.

6. **Whitfield House**

This house is thought to have been built in 1867. Mrs. Elizabeth Whitfield ran a private school here in 1871. Retired farmer Augustus Lee Steere bought the property from James Everett in 1887, having leased the house some years before, and added two more rooms on the east side.

After Lee Steere's death in 1903, the land and house was bequeathed to the Anglican Church, serving as the Anglican Rectory from 1904 to 1981. Now a private residence, it has also seen service as a bed and breakfast business.

7. **Old Police Station, Duke Street**

The small weatherboard building next to the old police quarters originally came to Toodyay from the Day Dawn township in 1919. It was used at the Duke Street School until it was moved again to this location in 1955.

It served as the Police charge room until 1967. Since then various community groups have been in residence.

8. **Old Police Quarters**

Behind the lock-up are the old police quarters built around 1896. Today there is a fence separating the two buildings but this was not originally in place. The police officer's wife is likely to have been called upon to feed the prisoners.

9. **Old Toodyay Lock-up**

In 1907 local builder, Morgan Ford, constructed this building for £450. It was closed in 1967 when new police facilities on Stirling Terrace were opened.

There were some escapes - in 1935 a labourer got out of the lock-up yard and in 1946 two young inmates took off in Fr Nolan's car.

10. **Wicklow Shearing Shed**

In 1999 this shed was relocated from the Wicklow Hills farming property to the museum precinct, using labour from the Work for the Dole scheme. It was reconstructed using the sound materials remaining and is not an exact replica of the original shed.

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Heritage Walk Around Gaol and Convict Hiring Depot Precinct



1. Newcastle Gaol (opened 1865)

In 1879 the Newcastle Lock-up was promoted to the status of gaol. Just over four decades later, however, it was replaced by what became known as the Toodyay Lock-Up which was built across the road. (see no. 9).

The old gaol was rented out by the government as private accommodation and became the home for local families until at least 1942 after which it became derelict.

Eventually a new role was found for the building. The Old Gaol Museum was officially opened in 1962.

2. Year of Youth Park (1985)

In 1985 the Toodyay International Youth Year Committee was formed. It was decided to create a Youth Park in Clinton Street and trees were planted there. A plaque wall and pathway was constructed in late 1990.

In 1991 the park was officially opened and a few years later the 1st Toodyay Scout Group undertook the responsibility for its maintenance for a while. Further development of this park has stagnated in recent years.

3. Old Police Stables (1891)

In 1890 a fire burnt down the original, much larger wooden stables on this site. The fire started in a dung heap nearby. Marris's Union Steam Flour Mill, then located over the road, blew its mill whistle to attract attention, and the horses and saddles were saved. The following year a stone replacement was built.

By the early 1950s the stables may have been used by the Toodyay Troop of the 10th West Australian Mounted Infantry for their armoured cars! In 1976-1977 the stables were restored to their original condition.

