

JERICHO POLICE STATION

c.1862

Early in 1862, reports began reaching the authorities of the absolute need for police protection on the Jericho and Jordan goldfields. A report was ordered to be undertaken by Superintendent F. Cobham of Benalla.

As a result of this report, the sum of 60 pounds was allocated to build the Jericho Police Station. This consisted of slab huts, shingled roof and stone fireplaces attached. A small sum left over financed the building of furniture as it was deemed too expensive to transport it in. This was completed in 1862.

By the end of 1866, Senior Constable McGlone was in charge of the Jericho Police Station.

Police remained stationed at the Jericho Police Station until 1875 when it was manned by one solitary Policeman, Constable J.S. Hodgson. He was ordered to close the Station in 1875 and he then moved to Mansfield.

On the 12th March 1897, the Police Station re-opened temporarily, but closed again a year later on 1st April 1898.

Some of the Policemen stationed at Jericho Police Station were :



*(Nunawading H.Soc Collection)
Snr Const. John McGlone*

James Ford – Mounted Constable #1874
(Born 1831 in Ireland)

Ford was discharged from the Force for misconduct when he turned up for gold escort duty and was intoxicated

Patrick Harty – Sergeant #553
(Born 1832 in Ireland – Died 1883 in Stawell)

Transferred from Wood Point to Jericho in 1865

John McGlone – Senior Constable #880
(Born 1828 in Ireland)

McGlone was at Jericho between 1865 and 1868. Left Jericho in 1868 due to ill health. (Pictured left)

John Studholme Hodgson – Mounted Constable #2498
(Born 1843 in England)

Once accused of assaulting and robbing the Chinese, this was not proven. He rose through the ranks of the Police Force in the following years at Mansfield.

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