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### Mail to:

Stawell Historical Society  
P.O. Box 133  
Stawell  
VIC 3380

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## *The Early Years of Stawell*

**Aboriginal area** - Stawell is in the Djab Wurrung district (Jardwadjali clan)

**1836** - Major Mitchell's expedition passed close to Stawell.

**1840/41** - The first Pastoral stations established in the Stawell district.

**1853** - Gold discovered in Pleasant Creek (Now Stawell West)

**1854** - Mr Wakeham establishes first store near Pleasant Creek (Now Burgh Street)

**1855** - Quartz gold discovered on Western slopes of Big Hill (Became Quartz Reef area)

**1858** - Township of Stawell declared on 11<sup>th</sup> June. Streets laid out at Pleasant Creek, which is now Stawell West.

Stawell was named after Sir William Stawell, the first Law Officer of the Colony of Victoria. In February 1858 he was the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Victoria.

**1859** - The first Hospital was built on area in the Goldfields between Illawarra and Deep Lead, known as Doctor's Hill.

**1860** - First Court House built

**1861** - New Pleasant Creek Hospital opened

**1869** - The Borough of Stawell was proclaimed (Combined Pleasant Creek and Reefs areas)

**1876** - Railways came to Stawell

**1878** - First Stawell Gift run at Botanical Reserve (Now known as the Old Lake)

In more recent years -

**1969** - Stawell became a City

**1995** - Northern Grampians Shire Council formed



## STAWELL HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC.

No. A0016205E ABN 48 396 833 108

## RESEARCH CENTRE AND MUSEUM

44 - 46 LONGFIELD STREET,  
STAWELL  
P.O. Box 133, STAWELL, VIC, 3380

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11 AM TO 4 PM  
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## STAWELL HISTORICAL SOCIETY

STAWELL HISTORICAL SOCIETY IS RUN BY VOLUNTEERS WHOSE MAIN PURPOSE IS TO PRESERVE THE HISTORY OF STAWELL, AND DISPLAY OBJECTS AND MEMORABILIA IN THE MUSEUM (OLD COURT HOUSE) THAT HAVE BEEN COLLECTED OR DONATED OVER THE YEARS.

STAWELL HISTORICAL SOCIETY FIRST STARTED IN 1962, REFORMED IN 1965, AND A PERMANENT HEADQUARTERS WAS ESTABLISHED IN 1982 IN THE OLD COURT HOUSE.

THE OLD COURT HOUSE BUILDING WAS ERECTED IN 1860 AND USED AS A COURT HOUSE UNTIL 1878. IT THEN BECAME A POLICE BARRACKS, AND AROUND 1900 BECAME A PRIVATE RESIDENCE. IN 1973 THE TOWN COUNCIL BOUGHT THE PROPERTY WHICH WAS RESTORED, AND THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY BECAME THE CUSTODIANS IN 1982.

ON THE 21<sup>ST</sup> APRIL 2016 THE '*STEWART BRADLEY RESEARCH CENTRE*' WAS OFFICIALLY OPENED AND IS NOW THE HEADQUARTERS OF STAWELL HISTORICAL SOCIETY. THE OLD COURT HOUSE IS NOW AN ACCREDITED MUSEUM.

## Stewart Bradley RESEARCH CENTRE

OUR RESEARCH DEPARTMENT HAS AN EXTENSIVE COLLECTION OF RECORDS AND PHOTOGRAPHS TO ASSIST YOU

### OUR HOLDINGS INCLUDE:

- FAMILY RECORDS – FILES, PHOTOGRAPHS
- BIRTH, BAPTISM, MARRIAGE AND DEATH RECORDS.
- CEMETERY RECORDS
- CHURCH RECORDS
- BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY RECORDS
- COUNCIL RATES (SOME EARLY DAYS)
- HISTORICAL LOCAL NEWSPAPERS AND ARTICLES DATING BACK TO 1868

HISTORY BOOKS AND MAGAZINES

BOOKS FOR SALE – SEE WEBSITE

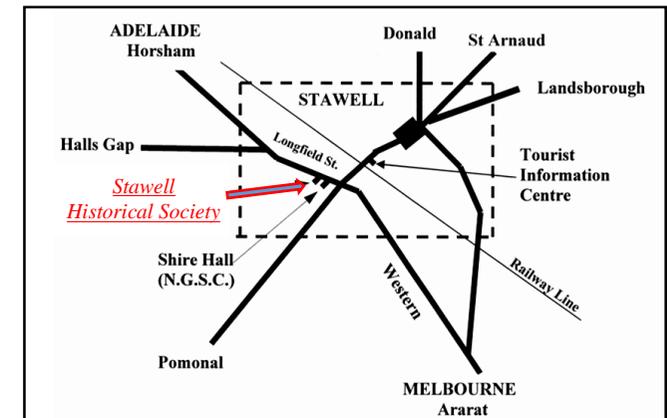


OLD COURT HOUSE  
MUSEUM

Our displays include

- Rare Aboriginal artefacts,
- Photographs,
- Mining photos & mining tools and objects.
- Clothing – Many various items
- Coins, tokens and medals
- HMAS Stawell - permanent display
- And much, much more

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