HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE

This stone farm storage shed was once Council offices. The District Council of Booborowie was proclaimed in 1875, and from 1877 was based at Council offices at Baldry (See separate sheet). However, it was soon apparent that the Council needed to be based in a more central area, particularly as the population was increasing rapidly in the southern part of the Hundred.

Without referring to residents' preferences for the location of a central township, the Government surveyed the township of Booborowie, which was declared in 1877. It was not well received and no buildings were at first erected there. The District Council made the first move to accept the new town, and as no provision was made in the survey for Council Chambers, the Council erected this building on a site north of the town. The office was built by Sara and Dunstan for $131/4/0 and completed in 1888.

The Council ceased to exist when it amalgamated with the Burra Burra District Council in 1935.

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