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The old building known as the Police Barracks has been out of use for some time and suffering from the action of vandals owing to the windows and doors not being secured. A Group consisting of the President of the Royal Historical Society of Victoria (Bendigo Branch), (Mr G Richardson), the Treasurer of that body (Mr H Biggs) and a number of interested persons took action on 25/4/70 to have the windows and doors boarded up and a proper lock put on the main door. Items of broken equipment and a large amount of litter were transferred to the basement. It is felt that the building could be used as a meeting hall for Groups after restoration and construction of toilets.

An expert in Stonework has offered to assist in restoration of the stone & brickwork. I believe that the National Trust have also written

- enquiries with a view to obtaining the building. If the Historical Society formed a sub committee for this purpose and funds were available could the following action be taken by this Group
- (a) restoration of the more important base stones to stabilize the structure under the guidance of a stone mason
 - (b) placing of welded mesh panels over doors and windows
 - (c) restoration of spouting and/or downpipes to prevent water damage

Yours faithfully
H Biggs Treasurer RHSV (B/10)