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Historic SA Police Station Home for Sale

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A historic bluestone home in regional South Australia, once serving as Whyte Yarcowie's original police station, has hit the market, offering a blend of rustic charm and quirky heritage features. Listed for \$175,000, the property at 22 Main Road has drawn attention for its peaceful surroundings, though its criminal past appears to be less of a selling point.

The 1897-built residence still retains two original jail cells, now repurposed for modern living. Selling agent Angus Barnden of Wardle Co Real Estate said interest in the property has been steady, but not a single potential buyer has inquired about its former life as a police station.

“There’s been a fair bit of hype around old police stations we’ve sold before,” Barnden said. “Buyers were usually interested in the story behind them, but in this case, people are mostly commenting on the character and remoteness.”

Despite the absence of historical curiosity, the home offers a unique layout. The current owners have lived in the property for 32 years and are now relocating to be closer to family and healthcare services. During their time, they made use of the two original jail cells, one accessed through a bedroom, the other from outside.

“The cell inside could easily be turned into a walk-in wardrobe, wine room, or even a creative nook,” Barnden said. “The second cell still has its original jail door, which is bound to be a conversation starter.”

Although the exact closure date of the former police station remains unknown, the property’s historical value is preserved in its architecture. With three bedrooms, the home provides a rare opportunity for buyers seeking something distinct in South Australia’s Mid North region.

Whyte Yarcowie, a quiet country town situated between Peterborough and Terowie, has become increasingly attractive to those chasing affordable housing options and regional serenity.

The listing comes as part of a broader trend in South Australia, where historic public buildings such as courthouses, train stations, and former police precincts are being converted into private homes.

“We’ve seen a shift in what buyers are looking for,” Barnden added. “While some chase the story behind the home, others are more interested in the lifestyle it offers today.”

With a low entry price and plenty of charm, 22 Main Road stands out as a unique real estate offering regardless of its law-and-order origins.