

SORELL HERITAGE SURVEY

Address: 20 Montagu Street Sorell 7172		UPI: 2902996	PID: 5934304
Name: PRESBYTERIAN CEMETERY			
Feature Type:	Structure Type	Site Feature Type	Dating: 1830 - 1890 1850c
		Cemetery	Access Restrictions: Unrestricted
			Inspection Date: October 96 P Davies
			Style: N/A
		Grid ref: 5426 545200 5262500	
Indication of Significance: High probable significance			Theme: Phases of Life
Material: Stone			Listings:
Condition: Fair Deteriorated			
Integrity: Intact			
National Estate Criteria: A4 C2 D2 E1 F1 G1			Photograph Index: 1:7
Risk: Excavation: ☐ Development: ☐ Maintenance: ☒ Vandalism: ☐			

SITE DESCRIPTION:

The smallest of the three cemeteries in the town with burials appearing to date from around 1850. The ground disturbance pattern however suggests that there are unmarked grave sites which may be earlier. It is of interest that the site is very irregularly laid out so that rows of graves are not straight or ordered but are uneven as if they have not been carefully laid out. It appears that the site may have been 'cleaned up' at some point as it appears that a number of stones have been removed.

The site of this cemetery is more remote than the others and not on one of the roads from the town to the Orielton Lagoon. The site is still used for burial. The grave sites and overall condition of the place is poor. Several headstones are on the point of collapse and require urgent attention to prevent breakage. The place is overgrown and requires general maintenance.

HISTORY:

Used as a Presbyterian cemetery from around 1842 when the Scots Church was opened. Prior to this time the Presbyterian church had used the Anglican cemetery.

BOUNDARY:

The listing boundary is formed by the title boundary of the property.

COMMENTS:

The cemetery is significant as part of the pattern of development of the area, for its relationship to the town adjacent and for the social value and links to the early community of Sorell. The funerary art is typical of the various periods of interment. The site is important for its association with early families in the area.

It meets Criteria A4, B2, C2, D2, E1, F1 and G1 for inclusion in the Register of the National Estate. It should be included in Schedule 3 of the Sorell Planning Scheme and should be nominated for inclusion in the Tasmanian Heritage Register and the Register of the National Estate.

BIBLIOGRAPHY + PREVIOUS STUDIES:

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