

SORELL HERITAGE SURVEY

Address: 28 Gordon Street Sorell 7172		UPI: 2902805	PID: 7812968
Name: DISTRICT CONSTABLE'S HOUSE			
Feature Type: House	Structure Type	Dating:	1830 - 1890 1832c
	Site Feature Type	Access Restrictions:	Not available
		Inspection Date:	October 96 P Davies
		Style:	Colonial Georgian
		Grid ref:	5426 545850 5262650
Indication of Significance: High probable significance		Theme:	Law and Order Building Settlement and Towns
Material:	Rendered brick Corrugated iron	Listings:	National Trust
Condition:	Good		SMC Schedule 3
Integrity:	Altered, extended sympathetically		AHC
National Estate Criteria:	A4 C2 D2 F1	Photograph Index:	3:3-4
Risk:	Excavation: ☐	Development: ☐	Maintenance: ☐ Vandalism: ☐

SITE DESCRIPTION:

The house is a fine example of Colonial Georgian architecture in rendered brick with a corrugated iron roof and a separate corrugated iron verandah. The verandah is supported on turned timber columns and the floor is stone flagged of recent date. The very fine entry door is flanked by tapered pilasters of elegant proportion and original French doors open onto the verandah. The guttering has been replaced with unsympathetic aluminium guttering which should be replaced. There is a rear wing which appears to be of early date.

The house is fronted by a hedge to the road and stone path and low stone fence of recent construction.

HISTORY:

Located on land owned by the Sorell district constable, Alexander Laing from the 1820s through to about 1840. The house was adjacent to the pound and the civic centre of the town represented by the gaol, Anglican Church, military barracks and school. A small complex of buildings appears on the site in plans dated from 1832. It appears that the term 'Police Commissioner's House' is a misnomer and might be better replaced with 'District Constable's House'. It should be noted that it is unlikely that the house was built with public funds and could not have afforded on a district constable's wages unless a further source of income was available. The property was later owned by John Jackson.

BOUNDARY:

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

COMMENTS:

The house is a relatively intact Victorian Georgian style residence demonstrating the pattern of genteel colonial life. The building has fine craftsmanship with cedar joinery and an excellent front door ensemble of Huon pine set in a superb verandah with shutters, well detained posts and stone flagging. The building is an important streetscape element and one of the few early buildings to survive in the town from the period of a farming village. It is related to law and order and early local government.

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

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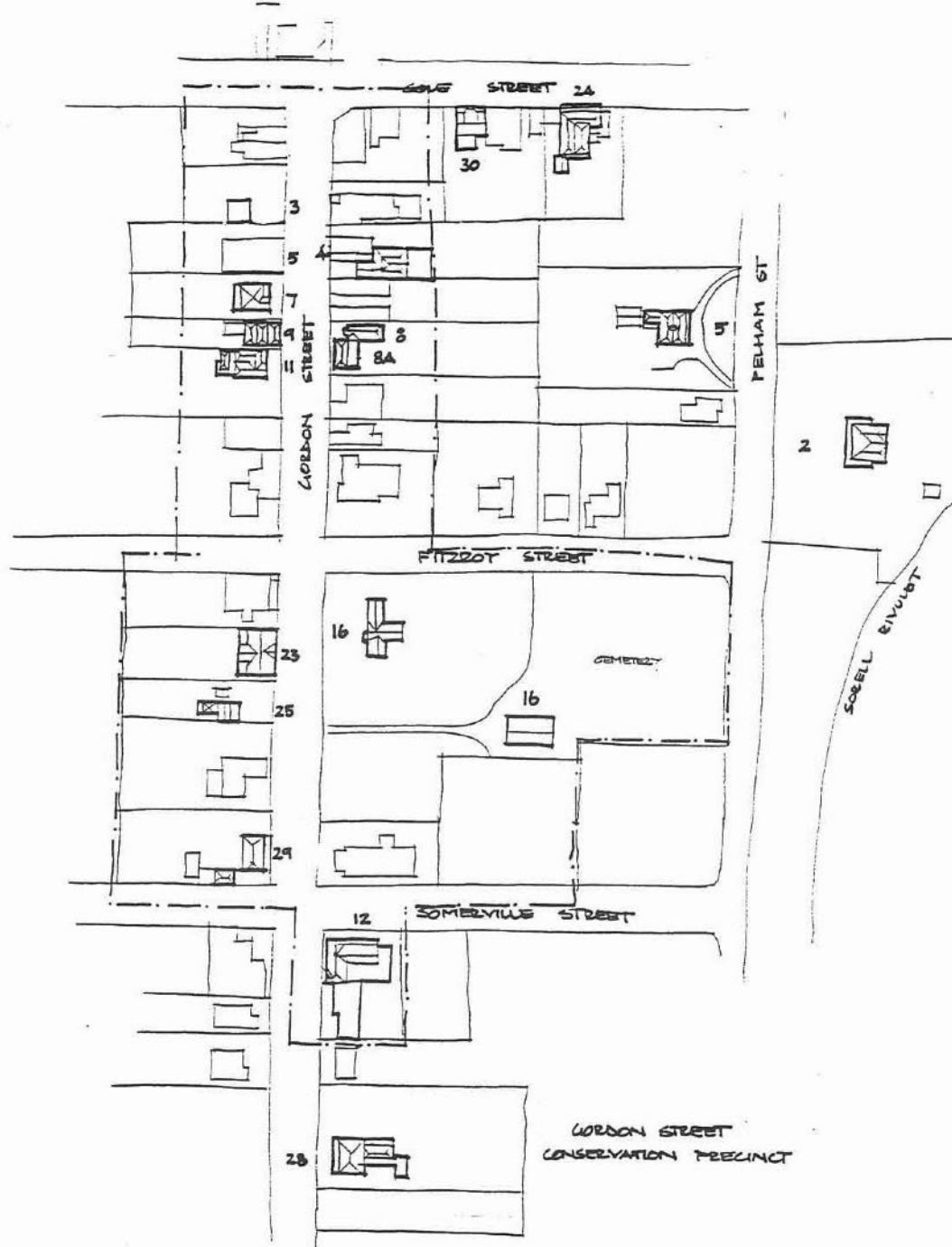
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Address: 29 Gordon Street Sorell 7172		UPI: 2902835	PID: 5933707
Name: PEMBROKE HOTEL			
Feature Type: Hotel	Structure Type	Dating:	1830 - 1890 1842c
	Site Feature Type	Access Restrictions:	Restricted
		Inspection Date:	October 96 P Davies
		Style:	Colonial Regency
		Grid ref:	5462 545800 5262800
Indication of Significance: High probable significance		Theme: Pubs	
Material:	Rendered brick Corrugated iron	Listings: National Trust SMC Schedule 3	
Condition:	Fair		
Integrity:	Altered, extended unsympathetically		
National Estate Criteria:	A4 B2 C2 D2	Photograph Index:	2:34, 35, 37
Risk:	Excavation: ☐	Development: ☒	Maintenance: ☐ Vandalism: ☐

SITE DESCRIPTION:

One of the early hotels of the town which is now encapsulated in additions to the street. The original building is two storey and the exposed section is rendered brick with rendered bands around windows and stone sills. The building has a galvanised iron roof and brick chimneys. Overall it had a symmetrical Georgian design. The upstairs rooms appear to be reasonably intact. The additions are of poor design and detract from the integrity of the building. They are located on the front and Somerville St side. Their removal is recommended.

HISTORY:

Located on a block where 'Wilson had a building in 1832 the Pembroke was built by 1842 and licensed to Mr Thomas and then to George Wright from 1847, with the license showing that there was accommodation for an officer, three soldiers and a horse. For many years in the mid-nineteenth century the Pembroke was owned by Samuel Iles along with the Gordon Highlander which he appears to have regarded as the more profitable hostelry. Photographs in the late nineteenth century show that there was an open verandah on the Gordon St facade although this has since been enclosed.

BOUNDARY:

The listing boundary is formed by the title boundary of the property and forms part of the wider, Gordon St, conservation precinct.

COMMENTS:

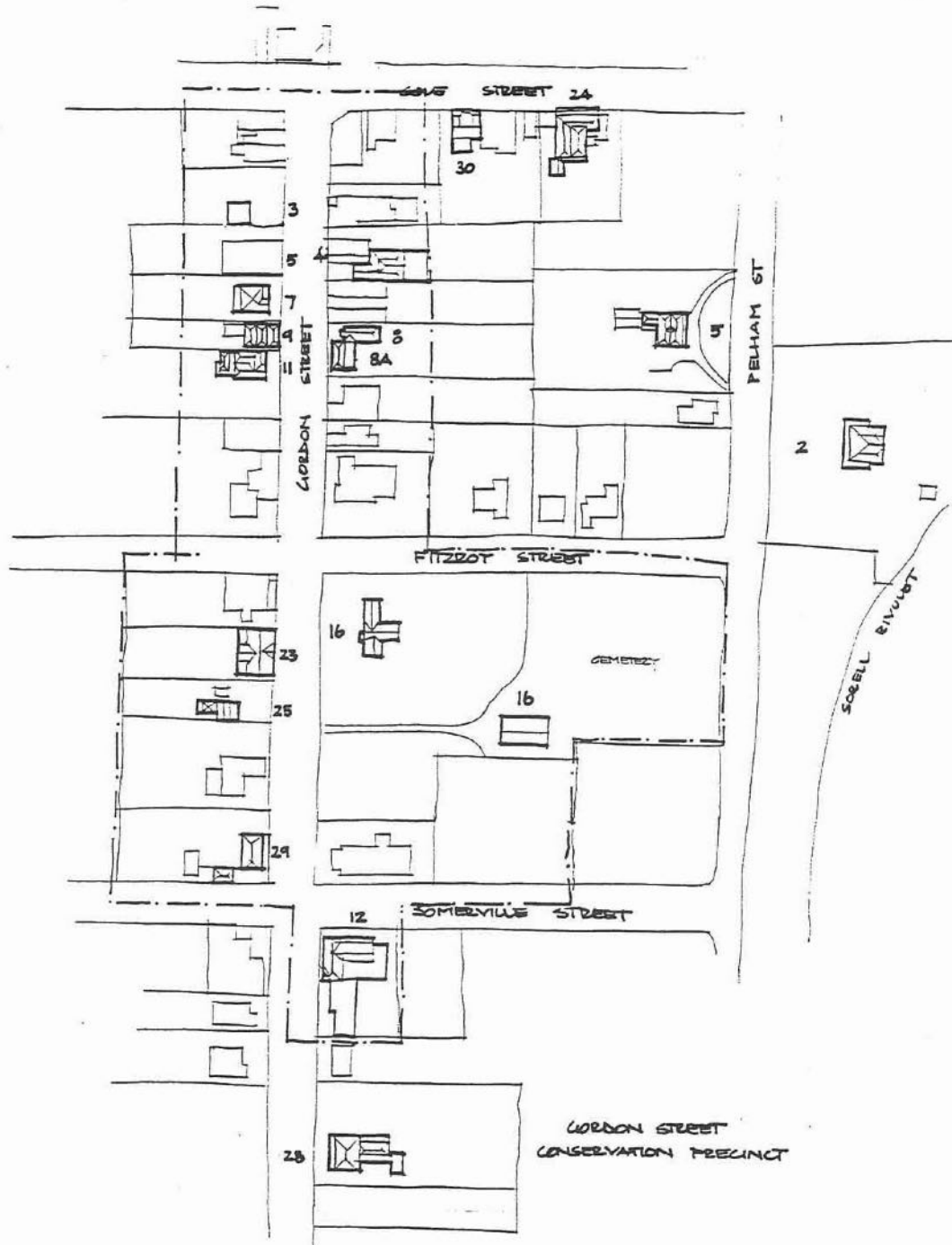
Of significance as an early hotel in the town which retains a significant part of its original structure and which is an important part of the streetscape and early history of the town.

It meets Criteria A4, B2, C2 and D2 for inclusion in the Register of the National Estate. It should continue to 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.

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