

SORELL HERITAGE SURVEY

Address: Fitzroy Street Sorell 7172		UPI: 2902738	PID: 5933934
Name: GRAVEYARD (CEMETERY) STREET GEORGES ANGLICAN CHURCH			
Feature Type:	Structure Type	Site Feature Type	Dating: 1800 - 1829 1826
		Cemetery	Access Restrictions: Unrestricted
			Inspection Date: October 96 P Davies
			Style: N/A
		Grid ref: 5462 546000 5262900	
Indication of Significance: High probable significance		Theme: Phases of Life	
Material:		Listings: National Trust SMC Schedule 3 AHC	
Condition: Deteriorated Ruins			
Integrity: Disturbed or damaged			
National Estate Criteria: A4 C2 D2 E1 F1 G1 H1		Photograph Index: 1:36; 2:1-2	
Risk:	Excavation: ☐	Development: ☐	Maintenance: ☒ Vandalism: ☒

SITE DESCRIPTION:

One of the early cemeteries of Sorell in a prominent location adjacent to the church and in the centre of the town in contrast to the other three cemeteries which are on the outskirts of the township. The cemetery is full and contains the graves of many of the pioneers and prominent citizens of the district. The site is in poor condition with many of the graves requiring urgent attention and stabilisation including the removal of trees growing in some sites. Basic maintenance would preserve many of the sites. Some of the earliest graves have collapsed. A feature of the site is the fine hedge across the front of the site and other trees on the site appear to be of significance.

HISTORY:

This Anglican cemetery succeeded the first cemetery at Sorell which was consecrated in 1823. It was in use very early with the most prominent early grave being that of James Gordon of Forcett House. Concerned with health issues saw a campaign to stop burials taking place in the cemetery during the 1880s due to its central location in the town. Nonetheless interments have continued at the cemetery to the present.

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 very fine representing a range of periods of interment. The site is important for its association with early families in the area and the adjacent Anglican Church.

It meets Criteria A4, C2, D2, E1, F1, G1 and H1 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.

BIBLIOGRAPHY + PREVIOUS STUDIES:

Tasmanian Mail 7 August 1886, p21

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