

SORELL HERITAGE SURVEY

Address: 9 Gordon Street Sorell 7172		UPI: 2902855	PID: 5933790
Name: BOTTLE SHOP FORMERLY BRAITHWAITES STORE			
Feature Type: Shop	Structure Type	Dating:	1891 - 1915 1910
	Site Feature Type	Access Restrictions:	Restricted
		Inspection Date:	October 96 P Davies
		Style:	Federation
		Grid ref:	5462 545850 5263000
Indication of Significance: High probable significance		Theme:	Retailing Building Settlement and Towns
Material:	Timber siding Corrugated iron	Listings:	SMC Schedule 3
Condition:	Good		
Integrity:	Altered, extended sympathetically		
National Estate Criteria:		Photograph Index:	2:28-30; 3:23
Risk:	Excavation: ☐	Development: ☐	Maintenance: ☐ Vandalism: ☐

SITE DESCRIPTION:

A small shop in three separate bays each with hipped roofs running parallel to the street and with a street verandah with good detailing. The shopfront is intact and of special interest with its fine central door and flanking shop windows. All of the joinery appears to be original. The awning is supported on square timber posts with a decorative cast iron valence, now partially covered by signs. The streetscape value of the building is high. the exterior has been reclad in part to the sides. The interior retains much of its original finish including hooks on the ceiling from its general store use.

HISTORY:

Built as Braithwaites general store in 1910 and extended a number of times by adding successive bays.

Formerly a general store, it was built for Vic Braithwaite by Mr Quinn in 1908. In 1816 the new water scheme incorporating the Cherry Tree Opening reservoir was opened when Mrs Hean, the wife of the warden, turned on a tap outside Vic Braithwaite's store. The building remained a general store until the mid 1970s when the present owners acquired the store and opened a bottle shop on the premises.

BOUNDARY:

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

COMMENTS:

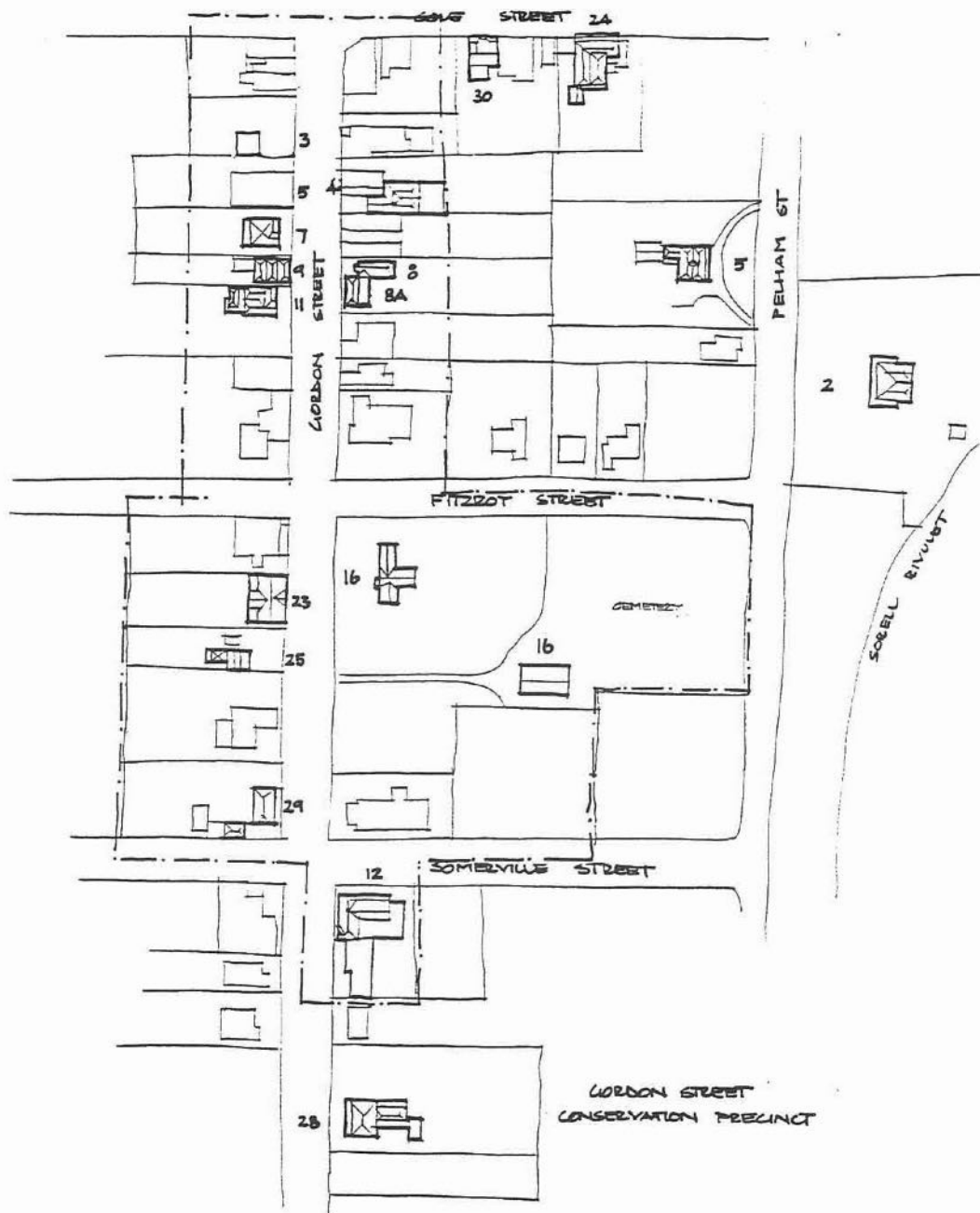
An excellent example of retail development from the early years of the century in contrast to the earlier Colonial and Victorian buildings that retains its form, built in three stages as business grew and retaining its fine shopfront and street verandah. It demonstrates the form of retail development of the period.

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.

BIBLIOGRAPHY + PREVIOUS STUDIES:

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