

SORELL HERITAGE SURVEY

Address: 29 Walker Street Sorell 7172		UPI: 2902908	PID: 5934929
Name: FORMER POST OFFICE			
Feature Type:	Structure Type: House	Dating:	1830 - 1890 1850c
	Post Office	Access Restrictions:	Not available
	Shed	Inspection Date:	October 96 P Davies
		Style:	Colonial Georgian
		Grid ref:	5426 545700 5262850
Indication of Significance: High probable significance		Theme: Postal Service	
Material:	Timber Corrugated iron	Listings: SMC Schedule 3	
Condition:	Good Fair		
Integrity:	Altered, extended unsympathetically		
National Estate Criteria:		Photograph Index:	1:26, 28, 29
Risk:	Excavation: ☐	Development: ☐	Maintenance: ☐ Vandalism: ☐

SITE DESCRIPTION:

This is an interesting structure built in two stages and possibly three. The shopfront to Walker Street appears to date from around 1850 or earlier and is part of a small Georgian cottage, the roof of which can still be clearly seen. To one side of this is the form of another small Georgian styled wing now surrounded with an enclosed verandah. Over the top of this is a larger timber house connecting the two small wings probably dating from around 1905 and having typical detail from the Federation period. The shopfront is of particular interest having a very fine set of shop windows and central doorway and elegant fanlight, now stripped of paint and polished. They are under a simple verandah that appears to be an addition.

At the rear of the property is an early shed with altered openings of unknown date.

The available photographs of the post office do not correlate with this building.

HISTORY:

BOUNDARY:

The listing boundary is formed by the title boundary of the property within the wider, Walker Street, conservation precinct boundary.

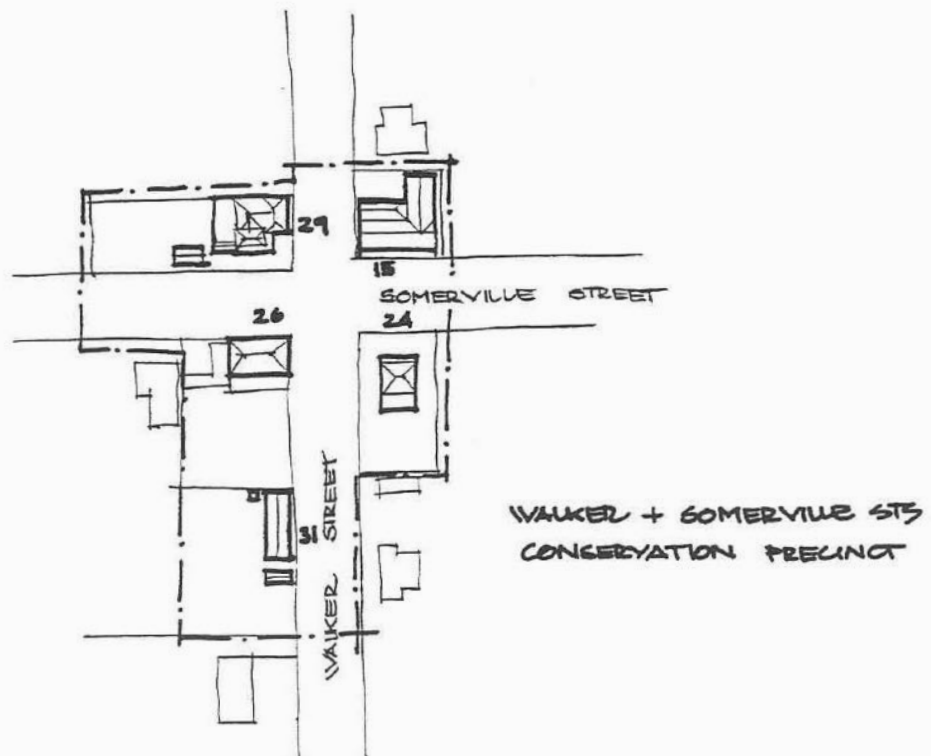
COMMENTS:

This building is of high significance for its superb shopfront and verandah detailing on the former main street of the town, for its streetscape value as part of one of the major historic precincts in the town and for the way the building demonstrates adaptability with the incorporation of two smaller buildings into one larger building.

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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