

SORELL HERITAGE STUDY

Address: Booth Street Dunalley 7177		UPI: 2900552	PID: 0
Name: DUNALLEY CEMETERY			
Structure Type: Feature Type:	Site Feature Type: Cemetery Fence	Dating: 1830-1890 1860	
		Access Restrictions: Unrestricted	
		Inspection date: October 1996 P Davies	
		Style: N/A	
		Grid ref: 5625 555900 5250500	
Indication of Significance: High probable significance		Theme: Phases of Life	
Material:		Listings:	
Condition: Good Fair			
Integrity: Intact			
National Estate Criteria: A4, B2, C2, D2, G1		Photograph Index: 8:13-14	
Risk: Excavation: ☐ Development: ☐ Maintenance: ☒ Vandalism: ☐			
SITE DESCRIPTION: A small cemetery on the outskirts of the town, now separated from the main town by the canal but commenced before the canal was dug. The earliest graves date from the 1860's but most of the graves are from the latter part of this century. There is a small columbarium and a well detailed fence and wrought iron gates. The site is surrounded by bush. The site contains the graves of many of the prominent local families.			
HISTORY: The site, which is said to be on land donated for the purpose by John Clark (second owner of 'Stroud' and licensee of the Dunalley Hotel), was used as a cemetery from 1870 although several graves predate this. At a funeral in 1895 the cemetery was described as follows: <i>It is situated in a lovely spot, dry and shaded, near the Dunalley hotel, but so completely surrounded with graceful she-oaks, etc., that it cannot be seen from the road. . . a straight track was cut from the gate to the road, a distance of about 100 yards, so that strangers can find it. About 20 years ago the cemetery was cleared and ploughed . . . and again about 8 years ago it was cleared but not ploughed, and by the present year of grace the wattles have grown 20ft. high. The larger oaks and native cherries were left standing, and have quite a funereal aspect. The English trees have not grown well. A train around the fence was cut and cleared, and afterwards the reserved street - to be known as Cemetery-street - was cleared out to the Bream Creek Road. There was great cordiality in the united effort, all the trades and professions in the district being represented - apart from the medical.</i>			
BOUNDARY: The listing boundary is formed by the title boundary of the property.			
COMMENTS: A key element in the layout of the town, the cemetery reflects the history of Dunalley through its families. Its location on the border of the town, now disconnected by the construction of the canal, reflects the decision-making process concerning location (i.e. selection for suitability of the ground, respect in the distance from property and a quiet and tranquil setting). It meets Criteria A4, B2, C2, D2 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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