

SORELL HERITAGE SURVEY

Address: 12 Somerville Street Sorell 7172		UPI: 2902809	PID: 5934558
Name: COUNCIL CHAMBERS			
Feature Type:	Structure Type Government Building	Site Feature Type	Dating: 1891 - 1915 1910
			Access Restrictions: Restricted
			Inspection Date: October 96 P Davies
			Style: Federation
		Grid ref: 5462 545800 5262780	
Indication of Significance: High probable significance		Theme: Local Government	
Material:	Brick Corrugated iron	Listings: SMC Schedule 3	
Condition:	Good		
Integrity:	Altered, extended sympathetically		
National Estate Criteria:		Photograph Index:	3:1-2
Risk:	Excavation: ☐	Development: ☐	Maintenance: ☐
			Vandalism: ☐

SITE DESCRIPTION:

A Federation face brick building with corrugated iron roof, brick chimneys and patent roof vents. The building features rough cast and timber gable ends, asymmetrical design, curved window heads and a stone plinth. Some windows have been replaced with aluminium units. The building has recently been refitted and extended with a matching extension, all new services and finishes have been installed but some early fittings have been retained. The building is in good condition except that the base course is deteriorating.

HISTORY:

Built in 1910 on the site of the 1820s gaol and courthouse, the site has been the Council Chambers since, although it has been extended over the years. The site has been the primary civil site in the township since before its proclamation by Macquarie in 1821.

BOUNDARY:

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

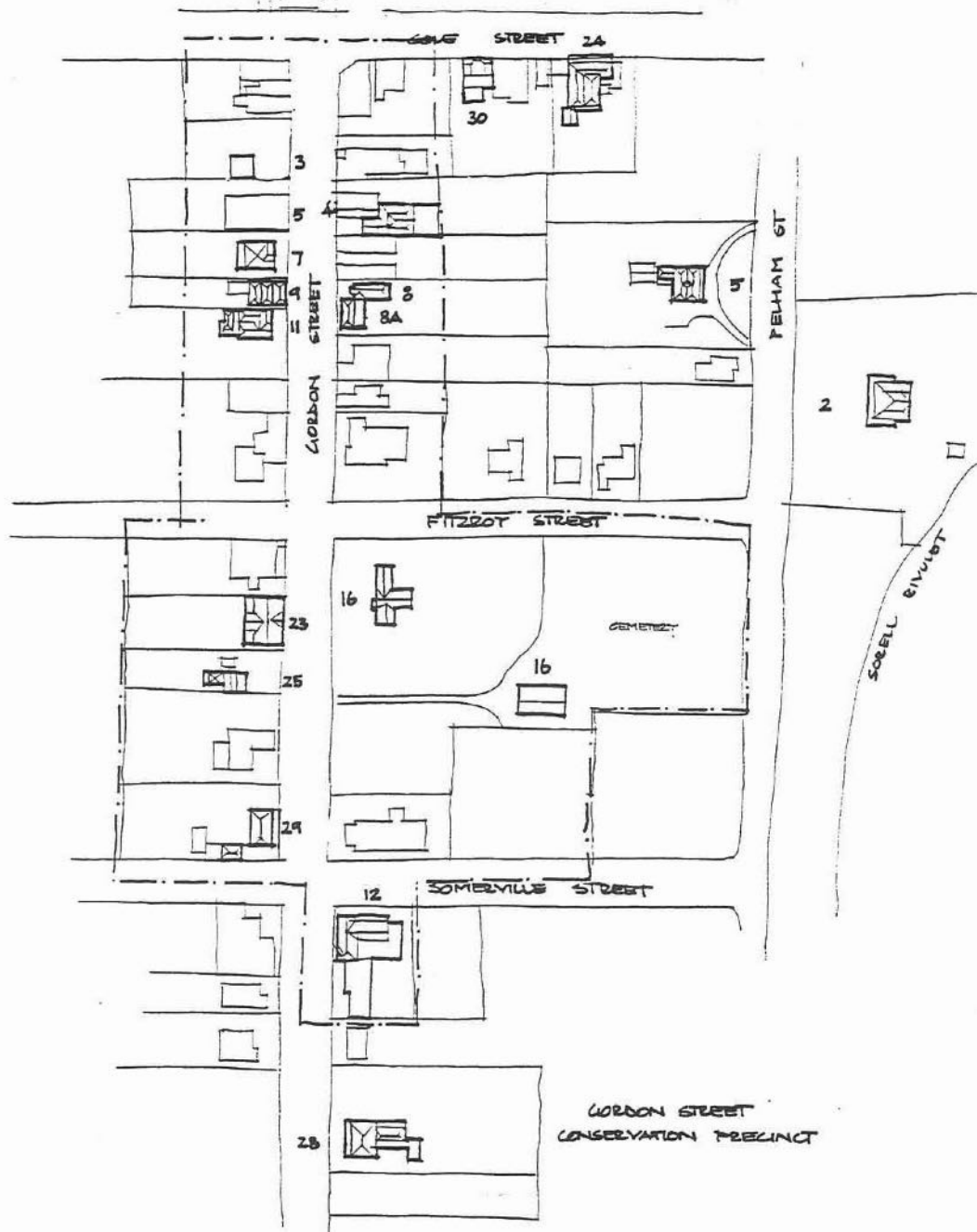
COMMENTS:

The Council Chambers have significance for the quality of the 1910 building, the most substantial building in the town from that period, for the association of the site with law and order since the foundation of the town, for the social significance of the use as Council Offices and Chamber and for the streetscape value of the main 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.

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