

SORELL HERITAGE SURVEY

Address: 48 Arthur Highway Sorell 7172		UPI: 2902599	PID: 5935358
Name: BELMONT			
Feature Type: House Barn	Structure Type	Site Feature Type	Dating: 1830 - 1890 c1840
		Mature trees	Access Restrictions: Restricted
			Inspection Date: November Ian Terry
			Style: Victorian Georgian
		Grid ref: 5426 546900 5263130	
Indication of Significance: High probable significance		Theme: Early Settlement	
Material:	Timber siding	Corrugated iron	Listings: SMC Schedule 3
Condition:	Deteriorated		
Integrity:	Intact		
National Estate Criteria:	A4 B2 C2 D2		Photograph Index: 17: 11-16
Risk:	Excavation: ☐	Development: ☐	Maintenance: ☒ Vandalism: ☐

SITE DESCRIPTION:

A complex of three hipped weatherboard dwellings built one behind the other over a period of nearly one hundred years, joined by skillioned sections and comprising one residence. The oldest structure is a weatherboard clad brick nogged structure built in c1840 and featuring early shingles under the corrugated iron roof. The hipped section behind was built later in the century and had a bay added to the western side. The front part of the house is square in plan and has a front facing bay and a front verandah. There is a mature oak tree in the garden to the front. The property also contains an early timber barn on the road frontage with an adjacent later slab stable. The barn features all pit sawn timbers and handmade nails in the flooring.

HISTORY:

Belmont was probably built by G Featherstone in c1840 on 400 acres of land originally granted to R W Loane. The front part of the house was formerly the Sorell hospital and was transferred to the site in around 1935. The property remained in the Featherstone family until the 1950s when it extended to the Pitt Water water front adjacent to Kidbrook and was sold for approximately £180 000. The property was purchased by the current owner in 1968.

BOUNDARY:

The listing boundary is formed by the title boundary of the property.

COMMENTS:

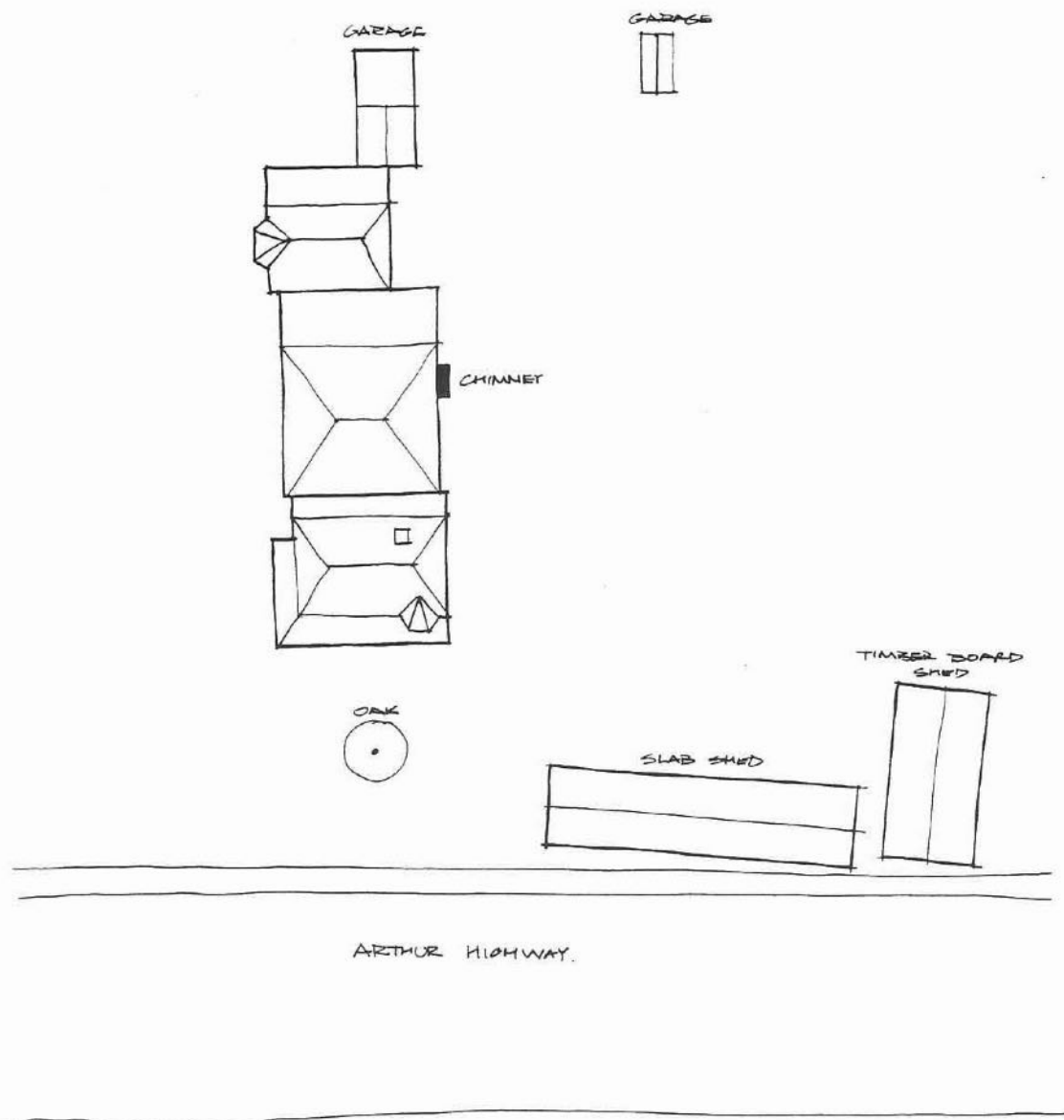
Belmont has high heritage significance as a very early dwelling in the Sorell area utilising a now rare building technology (brick nogging).

It meets Criteria A4, B2 and C2 for inclusion in the Register of the National Estate. 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 and the Register of the National Estate.

BIBLIOGRAPHY + PREVIOUS STUDIES:

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