

SORELL HERITAGE STUDY

Address: 2202 Arthur Highway Copping 7174		UPI: 2900131	PID: 5957506
Name: ST PAUL'S ANGLICAN CHURCH			
Feature Type: Church	Structure Type:	Site Feature Type:	Dating: 1891-1915 1893
			Access Restrictions: Restricted
			Inspection date: October 96 P Davies
			Style: Victorian Gothic
			Grid ref: 5625 565100 5258700
Indication of Significance: High Probable Significance		Theme: Building Settlement and Towns Worship	
Material: Timber Siding	Corrugated Iron	Listings: National Trust SMC Schedule 3	
Condition: Good			
Integrity: Intact			
National Estate Criteria:		Photograph Index: 6:22-24, 26	
Risk: Excavation: ☐ Development: ☐ Maintenance: ☐ Vandalism: ☐			
SITE DESCRIPTION: A fine small country church set in a large allotment with the graveyard on the hill behind. The building is set on a stone base, of timber construction with a porch facing the street on the side and an end vestry (often this is reversed with entry preferred from the end). The sanctuary is in a separate section with faceted sides and a coloured glass window in three decoratively shaped panels. The roof is topped by a small belfry at one end and a timber cross at lie other. The windows, apart from the main window, are gothic shaped clear glass. The interior is simply finished with pine lining following the roof shaped and flat across the top, the pews are early and elegant if simply constructed and a stone font is located opposite the entry door. The sanctuary is also simply furnished with a table, prayer desk and lectern.			
HISTORY: The Copping church was opened in June 1893 on land purchased from the Government. It was built in 1892 by the contractors, 'Messrs Hughes and Partington', with plans and specifications drafted by the honorary architect, Robert Huckson. The building cost almost £200 with most of the money being donated by local subscribers and all the furniture apart from the seating also being donated. In 1893 the Church News noted that: <i>The exterior of St Paul 's Church at Copping is completed, and does credit to the honorary architect and contractors. In addition to the subscriptions published there are several gifts. Mrs Copping is responsible for the font, and Misses Pike, of Hobart, for a bell. Mrs Bloomfield has provided service books. Mrs Bloomfield junr., has put coloured glass in the east window; Miss A.B. Garrett presents an altar cloth, and there is a lectern provided ... The timber was all carried gratis from Dunalley, and as the distance is seven miles this would have been a very heavy item.</i> The church was eventually consecrated on June 5 following a postponement due to an outbreak of diphtheria and its first harvest festival was celebrated in May 1895.			
BOUNDARY: The listing boundary is formed by the title boundary of the property.			
COMMENTS: The church is a very fine small-scale church, intact and with early furnishings and detailing set in an early township. The building is prominently located on the high side of the road at the centre of the township and is related to the cemetery behind. It is one of the focal buildings of the town. It should continue to be included in Schedule 3 of the Sorell Planning Scheme.			

BIBLIOGRAPHY + PREVIOUS STUDIES:

Church News December 1892, p776, January 1893, p788 July 1893

Tasmanian Mail 25 May 1895, p29.

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