

SORELL HERITAGE STUDY

Address: Arthur Highway (off) Dunalley 7177		UPI: 2900508	PID: 0
Name: DUNALLEY DAM			
Feature Type:	Structure Type:	Site Feature Type:	Dating: 1891-1915 C1900
	Dam		Access Restrictions: Unrestricted
			Inspection date: November 96 P Davies
			Style: N/A
			Grid ref: 5625 566300 5251150
Indication of Significance:	Probable significance		Theme: Water
Material:	Concrete / earth		Listings:
Condition:	Deteriorated		
Integrity:	Intact		
National Estate Criteria:	Photograph Index:		
Risk: Excavation: ☐ Development: ☐ Maintenance: ☒ Vandalism: ☐			
SITE DESCRIPTION: A small dam formed with earth walls and a concrete spillway now overgrown. The dam is largely silted and contains reeds.			
HISTORY: One of a series of dams built in the area. One was built to supply water as part of the construction of the Denison Canal around 1900 due to the shortage of water in the area that has been a constant problem since early settlement. Another was constructed after Dunalley residents petitioned Council in 1914 for a reservoir to provide water for the new fish curing sheds. The reservoir was important when the canning factory was opened during World War II but did not supply sufficient water for the factory to be an enduring and certain success.			
BOUNDARY: The listing boundary is formed by an area extending around the rim of the dam and the base of the concrete spillway for a distance of 3m on all sides.			
COMMENTS: The dam structure with its concrete headwall and race is significant for its role in the development of the town through the supply of water for commercial and residential use and is a good example of dam construction techniques from the period. It should be included in Schedule 3 of the Sorell Planning Scheme.			
BIBLIOGRAPHY + PREVIOUS STUDIES: Informants: Mrs Nellie Rattenbury, Ph: 6253 5172 AOT AB 763/4/381 - Sorell Council minutes			

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