

SORELL HERITAGE STUDY

Address: Arthur Highway, Dunalley 7177		UPI: 2900548	PID: 5957127
Name: DUNALLEY HOTEL			
Feature Type: Hotel	Structure Type:	Site Feature Type:	Dating: 1830-1890 1866/1891
	Access Restrictions: Restricted		
	Inspection date: October 1996 P Davies		
	Style: Victorian Georgian		
	Grid ref: 5625 555650 5250500		
Indication of Significance: High probable significance	Theme: Pubs		
Material: Brick Corrugated iron	Listings: National Trust SMC Schedule 3		
Condition: Good			
Integrity: Altered, extended unsympathetically			
National Estate Criteria:	Photograph Index: 8:33-35		
Risk: Excavation: ☐ Development: ☐ Maintenance: ☐ Vandalism: ☐			
SITE DESCRIPTION: A large brick hotel building with a steep pitched corrugated iron roof with 10 dormer windows and highly decorative chimneys. The dormer windows are capped in stone lintels with timberwork over the top. There is a single storey wing on the rear that dates to the first hotel and a two-storey wing of recent construction. The ground floor has been extended on three sides with a modern extension that has removed the form of the earlier building so that only the upper storey can still be seen. Remnants of the earlier outer wall survive in the interior but have been refinished. Some internal elements survive including the staircase, but the ground floor has largely disappeared in recent upgrades. The upper level and roof form with its impressive dormer form is a dominant building on the road leaving Dunalley and is on the axis of the road as it crosses the canal. The building is the most impressive in the town, despite the unsympathetic additions, and is an important reminder of the location as a stopping point on the way to Port Arthur. The original town morgue is located in the rear yard and is now used as a store.			
HISTORY: Built on land granted to John Clark in 1858, a licence for the hotel was held in 1862 by his son-in-law, George Scrimger. The original hotel was a single storey building which was destroyed by fire in 1891. A new two storey hotel was designed by Hobart architect, Robert Huckson, and built on the same site by Alfred Dorman. Dorman built the hotel for George Scrimger, then bought it at auction in November 1892 when Scrimger failed to meet his debts. The sale notice described the hotel as follows: <i>This hotel has just been erected, and is substantially built of brick. . . the whole work was designed and supervised by the Marine Board architect, Mr Robert Huckson, and carried out by that well-known builder, Mr Alfred Dorman . . . the hotel contains fourteen (14) rooms, including bar and kitchen, and commands a portion of the Peninsula traffic, and also the Lower Carlton and Bream Creek custom . . . whilst the excellent shooting and fishing almost at the door makes it a splendid resort for visitors.</i> Later Dorman entertained the vice regal party which visited Dunalley to open the Denison Canal in 1905. The Scrimger family regained the licence in 1922, holding it until 1969.			
BOUNDARY: The listing boundary is formed by the title boundary for the property.			

COMMENTS:

Although altered and substantially extended on its major facades, the Dunalley Hotel retains sufficient of its original fabric and form to be an important heritage structure within the town, the grandest building in Dunalley. Its dominant position and elaborate form indicate the importance of the location to passing traffic onto the peninsula and the importance of the canal and bridge.

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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