

SORELL HERITAGE SURVEY

Address: Delmore Road Forcett 7173		UPI: 2904426	PID: 5935710
Name: ST MARY'S ANGLICAN CHURCH FORCETT			
Feature Type: Church	Structure Type Mature trees	Dating:	1891 - 1915 1897
		Access Restrictions:	Not available
		Inspection Date:	October 96 P Davies
		Style:	Victorian
		Grid ref:	5426 551800 5260250
Indication of Significance: High probable significance		Theme: Worship	
Material:	Timber siding Corrugated iron	Listings: SMC Schedule 3	
Condition:	Fair Deteriorated		
Integrity:	Altered, extended sympathetically		
National Estate Criteria:		Photograph Index:	5: 16-17
Risk:	Excavation: ☐	Development: ☐	Maintenance: ☒ Vandalism: ☒

SITE DESCRIPTION:

A small timber church comprising a nave and small chancel with the later addition of a porch which contains a small vestry and covered access area. The building is furnished simply and appears to be used for occasional services. The windows, two to each side and one at the east end, are painted white and have trefoil patterned tops in timber. The church is fairly typical of small country Anglican churches. Its location is adjacent to the main road, now realigned, and opposite the former store. The site has several mature trees of landscape significance.

The building requires maintenance with guttering missing and failing and downpipes required. Painting will be required in the near future.

HISTORY:

The building was built in 1897 by George Quinn on land donated by Joseph Cooper (Studley Park) as a mission church. It cost 40 pounds and was lined in weatherboard and baltic pine internal lining.

BOUNDARY:

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

COMMENTS:

St Mary's is one of a number of small timber churches in the municipality at outlying locations. This is one of the earlier buildings, built as a mission church, on land donated by the major landholder in the area and which has had a continuous use for 100 years this year. It indicates the importance of religion and churches in remote communities and the strong 'civilising' influence that they had despite their modest form. The building has important aesthetic value sited in relation to Dodges Store and on the alignment of the old main road.

It should continue to be included in Schedule 3 of the Sorell Planning Scheme.

BIBLIOGRAPHY + PREVIOUS STUDIES:

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