

SORELL HERITAGE SURVEY

Address: Parsonage Place Sorell 7172		UPI: 2902600	PID: 0
Name: WEIR AND SPILLWAY			
Feature Type:	Structure Type	Site Feature Type	Dating: 1891 - 1915 1892
		Weir	Access Restrictions: Unrestricted
			Inspection Date: October 96 P Davies
			Style: N/A
		Grid ref: 5462 546100 5262750	
Indication of Significance: Probable Significance		Theme: Railways Water	
Material:	Reinforced concrete		Listings: AHC
Condition:	Fair		
Integrity:	Intact		
National Estate Criteria:	A4 B2 C2 D2 F1		Photograph Index: 2:15-16
Risk:	Excavation: ☐	Development: ☐	Maintenance: ☐ Vandalism: ☐

SITE DESCRIPTION:

A concrete weir built to supply water to the newly opened railway. The pump house was located on the eastern bank but has now been removed. The riverbank has been recently upgraded with walking tracks removing any other likely material related to the weir or pumping station. The construction is concrete and rubble, about eight metres in length, three metres wide and one metre wide at the top.

HISTORY:

The weir was constructed to provide water for the newly constructed Sorell railway. Water was pumped to the station and locomotive yard and was the first reliable source of water in the town. Water in the town had been a problem up to this time. A small pump house was located on the east bank (now removed). The weir supplied the town as well as the railway with the first tap being turned on outside Braithwaite's store.

BOUNDARY:

The listing boundary is formed by the boundaries of the reserve on either side of the creek, a line crossing the creek 10 metres below the spillway and a line crossing the creek at the upper end of the dam.

COMMENTS:

Of significance for its role in supplying water to the railway and for the scenic effect that the weir now has in creating the river park area.

It meets Criteria A4, B2, C2, D2 and F1 for inclusion in the Register of the National Estate. It should continue to be included in the Register of the National Estate. It should be included in Schedule 3 of the Sorell Planning Scheme and should be nominated for inclusion in the Tasmanian Heritage Register.

BIBLIOGRAPHY + PREVIOUS STUDIES:

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