

**Place name** HM Prison Sale

**Survey Date:** 04/07/2004

**Other name**

**Id:** 1171

**Street** 1 to 13 Reeve Street

**Last Update** 04/10/2004

**Locality** Sale

**Postcode**

**Official Locality**

**Property No**

**Local Government Area** Wellington Shire

**Precinct:** Not in precinct

**Easting**

**Northing**

**Map**

**Workshop number**

**Workshop votes**

**Field survey number**

**Community priority**

**Designer** unknown

**Builder**

**Ownership** Not known

**Built Date** 1887

**Change Date**

**Description** HM Sale Prison was originally identified and assessed by the 1994 Study. Since that time, a substantial amount of the fabric has been demolished and only part of the boundary wall along Reeve Street and the northern boundary still remains. In 2007, the balance of the site was cleared in anticipation of a new commercial development on the site. The description of the complex from the 1994 Study is as follows:

"Sale prison, distinguished by its high brick walls, is located at the intersection of Reeves Street with Princes Highway. A large proportion of the earliest part of the prison remain intact and have been integrated into the modified complex of buildings which is still used for prison purposes.

Wings A and B are two rectangular buildings which accommodate the cells and are connected by new office and bathroom amenities. Constructed with bluestone external walls, the interior is divided along a central axis by a passage with beaded pine ceiling and slate floor. Six individual cells are aligned along either side, each with vaulted brick ceilings, lit with a single small window placed high in the wall. Cell doors are original, with studded doors and peep hole. Two larger 'dormitory' cells are located at the entrance end of the southern block ('A'). Formerly used as a hospital room and warders cell, they are almost twice the size of the individual cells and each contain a fire place. Further additions have been added to both wings in the 1960s.(1)

The remainder of the structures in Sale Prison date from around the 1960s and include recreation room, offices, kitchen and teaching rooms.(1) The yard to the west has recently been landscaped. The prison is surrounded by an impressive redbrick wall with curved edges along the top which is stepped in the east wall and at the corners. The entrance is marked by a bluestone gateway complete with pilasters and pediment.

The first lock-up and stockade in Sale was located in Foster Street at the site of the Sale court house.(2)

The bluestone blocks A and B containing individual accommodation cells are in good condition and remain largely intact internally and externally, although additions have been added at each end. The external walls of the prison are also in good condition, however recent activities have seen demolition of parts of the upper section of the wall as part of a proposed redevelopment.(2004)."

Feature	Style	Wall Materials	Roof Materials
Wall	Other	Brick	Not applicable

**Condition** Good

**Integrity** Minor Modifications

Redevelopment/change

Not known

Buildings

**National Themes**

**Local Themes**

7. BUILDING SETTLEMENTS & TOW

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**History**

In February 1879, 'The Argus' advertised tenders for the erection of a gaol in Sale. On 20 March that year, Thos Corley won the contract.(3) Wings A and B were built before the surrounding wall was constructed in 1887.(2) Mr. William Gardner, the first Governor of the prison, commenced his appointment on July 1, 1887.(1)

Originally the prison was divided into separate parts, A, B and C, with additional facilities including a cookhouse,

separate labour yards for male and female prisoners, lumber yard and vegetable garden(1). Wings A and B are intact and have since been extended and surrounded by other buildings. The governor's residence was built originally within the walls of the prison in a detached building to the north-east of B wing. Later this residence was built outside, to the north of the prison walls and is currently used as officers quarters (4).

**REFERENCES**

- (1) Sale Prison in profile, unpublished notes provided by Sale Prison, 1993; Sale Newsletter Vol.2, No.4.
- (2) Information from Peter Synan.
- (3) Lewis, M. B., Australian Architectural Index.
- (4) Personal comment, current Governor of Sale Prison, Mr. Herron.

<b>Heritage Protections Register</b>	<b>Reference</b>	<b>Zoning</b>	<b>Status</b>
Planning Scheme	x		Recommended
Victorian Heritage Register	607817		File only

**National Estate**

**Research Required**

**Recommendations** HM Prison Sale requires detailed assessment and the development of a conservation management plan prior to redevelopment being approved.

**Fieldwork priority?**

**Stage 1 Ranking** Assessed: Sale Heritage Stu **Stage 2 priority** Planning Scheme: Individua

**Final Ranking** Local significance **Final Recommendation**

**Statement of significance** The prison, at 1 to 13 Reeve Street, Sale is of local aesthetic and historic significance to Wellington Shire. Aesthetically, the surrounding high brick walls make the prison an important landmark at the gateway to the City. The nineteenth century cell buildings and surrounding wall are of design importance as examples of nineteenth century prison architecture, valuable for the information they provide about design philosophy and construction techniques associated with such buildings. Historically, it is significant for its important land use, its demonstration of Sale's importance in the region and its historical use has a continuity with the present. (RNE criteria A.4, E.1)

**Extent of designation**

**Informant**

**Notes**

**Follow up**

**Bibliography** Context Pty Ltd, (1994), City of Sale Heritage Study  
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