

**Place name** Sale Waterworks Pumping Station & Treatment Plant

**Survey Date:** 13/04/2004

**Other name**

**Id:** 1043

**Street** cnr. Cunninghame Street and Waterworks Road

**Last Update** 12/06/2007

**Locality** Sale

**Postcode**

**Official Locality**

**Property No** HO152

**Local Government Area** Wellington Shire

**Property Info**

**Precinct:** Not in precinct

**Easting**

**Northing**

**Map**

**Workshop number**

**Workshop votes**

**Field survey number**

**Community priority**

**Designer** Gordon Gutteridge

**Builder** Jaskel Filtration Systems

**Ownership** Shire

**Built Date** 1934-6 **Change Date**

**Description** The Sale Waterworks pumping station and treatment plant, constructed in 1934, is a single storey concrete rendered building designed in the Classical mode with bold pilasters extending to the parapet. The metal-framed windows are in pairs. A pediment is set into the facade over an entrance, with the date 1934 in the centre. Originally unpainted, the building has recently been painted but is otherwise externally intact.

The building has not been inspected internally but is said to contain some of the early filtering equipment. There is a storage reservoir situated underneath the building. Part of the building has been converted for use as an office and laboratory.

The 1934 building is set within a complex of buildings, which all appear to date from the post-WWII period. The most dominant feature is the recent concrete water tower which is a local landmark.

Feature	Style	Wall Materials	Roof Materials
Main building	Inter-War	Rendered Masonry	

**Condition** Good

**Integrity** Minor Modifications

Redevelopment/change

Public Infrastructure

Building

National Themes	Local Themes
	7. BUILDING SETTLEMENTS & TOW
	7.1 Ports

**History** When the decision was made to improve Sale's water supply, tenders were called in 1932 to build a filtration plant. Built by Jaskel Filtration Systems, and consulting engineer Gordon Gutteridge, the new pumping scheme and filtration plant began operating in 1934. The new water treatment added chemicals to remove odours and turbidity and chlorine to render the water sterile. The official opening of the plant was in early 1935, while the chlorination plant was not finalised until early 1936 (1).

The designer and consulting engineer, Gordon Gutteridge, was very prominent in the water industry right across Australia. As a recipient of a Travelling Fellowship under the Rockefeller Foundation, he undertook a post-graduate course at Harvard University, Cambridge, USA. As Engineer-in-Chief to the Commonwealth Department of Health, his expertise was used in the Royal Commission of Enquiry into the Brisbane Water Supply, and in the study of the provision of a water supply to Port Moresby, Papua (New Guinea). (2)

These waterworks were important in maintaining Sale's historical function as the main town in Gippsland and enabled further growth and development. This status was being threatened by the increasing pollution of an untreated water supply drawn from the Thomson River.

REFERENCES

- (1) Synan, Peter, 'Precious Water: 100 Years of Reticulated Supply in Sale', City of Sale, 1988.
- (2) Gutteridge, Gordon, Report on Extension and Filtration of the Sale Water Supply, 1932 Sale Archive (Sale Museum), Box 36A. Synan Archive

REFERENCE

(1) Synan, P., 'Precious Water: 100 Years of Reticulated Supply in Sale', p.17.

Heritage Protections Register	Reference	Zoning	Status
Planning Scheme	HO152		Recommended
Victorian Heritage Inventory	x		Recommended

**National Estate**

**Research Required**

**Recommendations** Detailed inspection to assess archaeological potential.

**Fieldwork priority?**

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

**Final Ranking** Local significance **Final Recommendation** Amendment C26 (Part 2)

**Statement of significance** The Sale Waterworks Pumping Station and Treatment Plant, constructed in 1934-6, at Cunningham Street, Sale is of local aesthetic, historic and technical significance to Wellington Shire. Aesthetically, it is significant as a fine example of an inter-war industrial building, which is notable for its concrete rendered classical design. It provides evidence of the importance placed upon the architecture of public buildings during the early twentieth century when such undertakings were a matter of considerable civic pride. Historically, it is significant as evidence of an important phase in the development of the Sale's water supply infrastructure, which was vital in ensuring the continued development of the town. It is now one of three structures, including the nearby pipe bridge and the water towers in Victoria Park, which collectively demonstrate the development of Sale's water supply. Technically, the 1934 complex is significant as an early example of a rural water treatment planting utilising then up-to-date technology to provide a substantially improved water quality. (RNE criteria A.4, D.2, F.1)

**Extent of designation**

**Informant**

**Notes**

**Follow up**

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

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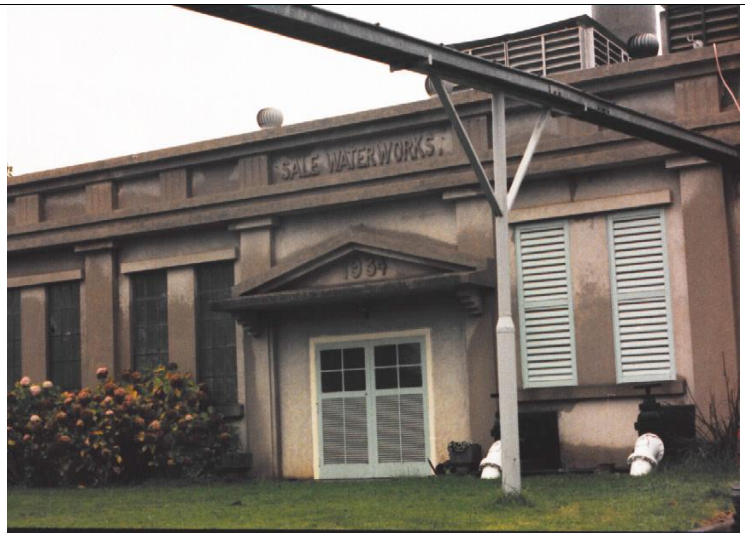
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