

**TIMARU DISTRICT COUNCIL**  
**HISTORIC HERITAGE ITEM RECORD FORM**

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**HERITAGE ITEM NAME** former Presbyterian Manse  
**ADDRESS** 99 Waitohi Temuka Road, Temuka

**PHOTOGRAPH**



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**DISTRICT PLAN ITEM NO.** New      **HNZ LIST No. & CATEGORY** n / a  
(at time of assessment)

**LEGAL DESCRIPTION** Part Lot 5 DP 608

**VALUATION NUMBER** 2468015600

**DATE OF CONSTRUCTION** 1910-11

**ARCHITECT/DESIGNER/  
BUILDER** JS Turnbull for Messrs Turnbull & Lusk, architects; W  
Baird & Sons, contractors

**STYLE** Italianate villa

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION**

Two-storey building with rectangular footprint and hipped roof forms. Symmetrical, north-facing façade has central porticoed entry flanked by faceted bay windows and surmounted by a first floor balcony. Cross gables over paired first floor windows framing balcony bear inscriptions '19' and '10'. Glazed veranda on west side; front door has side- and fanlights. Double-hung sash windows with multi-pane uppers. Leadlight windows over stair well and at front entrance. Corbelled eaves and plaster detailing.

**MATERIALS/STRUCTURE**

Brick cavity walls, cement plaster, timber, corrugated metal roofing.

**ADDITIONS/ALTERATIONS**

Unknown, if any.

**SETTING**

The former Presbyterian manse stands on the south side of Waitohi Temuka Road, west of the Temuka River and close by the Manse Bridge that spans the river. The property is bounded to the south by Raupo Creek. The extent of setting is limited to the immediate garden setting of the former manse, notwithstanding any potential archaeological values that may exist on the property as a whole.

## **HISTORY**

The first Temuka Presbyterian church was erected in 1871; eight years later Temuka became a separate parish. A new brick church was built in 1900-1 and in 1910-11 a new manse was erected on the outskirts of the township; the previous manse on the same site (1880) having been sold for removal. The Rev Charles McDonald was the first resident of the manse, which was superseded by a bungalow in the township in 1934. The 1910-11 manse was then sold; it remains in private residential use today.

## **HISTORICAL AND SOCIAL SIGNIFICANCE**

The former Presbyterian manse has historical and social significance for its association with the clergy who lived in the house between 1911 and 1934 and the Presbyterian congregation they served. It was customary to provide accommodation for the parish minister and his family and the manse also served as a setting for church events and activities, including weddings.

## **CULTURAL AND SPIRITUAL SIGNIFICANCE**

The former Presbyterian manse has cultural value as a demonstration of the way of life of its resident clergy.

## **ARCHITECTURAL AND AESTHETIC SIGNIFICANCE**

The former Presbyterian manse has architectural significance as a residential design by noted local architect JS Turnbull. Timaru-born James Turnbull (1864-1947) trained in Melbourne and then established a practice in Timaru in c.1895. The son of Richard Turnbull, a prominent Timaru businessman and politician, Turnbull also designed Job Brown's Beehive Stores (1901-2) in Temuka, Chalmers Church (1903-4, heritage item # 38), and a large number of Timaru houses. Turnbull was in partnership with Thomas Lusk (c.1882-1946) until June 1911; he later went into partnership with Percy Watts Rule (c.1920), after which time Percy Rule was the principal designer in the firm. The firm designed St James' Anglican Church at Franz Josef (1928-31) and Rule was awarded a Gold Medal from the NZ Institute of Architects for his design of the Surgical Wing at Timaru Hospital (1936-40) in 1939. The former manse retains a high level of exterior authenticity and was credited to Turnbull alone at the time of its construction.

## **TECHNOLOGICAL AND CRAFTSMANSHIP SIGNIFICANCE**

The former Presbyterian manse has technological and craftsmanship value for its pre-WWI masonry construction and plaster detailing. William Baird & Sons were also responsible for erecting the Jackson Memorial Methodist Sunday School in Timaru in 1907 to JS Turnbull's design.

## **CONTEXTUAL SIGNIFICANCE**

The former Presbyterian manse has contextual value as a historic feature on the outskirts of Temuka. It is associated with the former Guild Memorial Sunday School Hall (Presbyterian) in Hally Terrace, Temuka (1916), which was also designed by JS Turnbull, and a later manse erected at the corner of Davie Street and Ewen Road (1934). The house gives its name to the nearby Manse Bridge over the Temuka River.

## **ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND SCIENTIFIC SIGNIFICANCE**

Although the former manse post-dates 1900 its site has potential archaeological significance relating to the Presbyterian church's earlier use and development of the property. The first manse was erected on the same site in 1880.

## SUMMARY OF HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE

The former Presbyterian manse at Temuka has overall heritage significance to Temuka and Timaru district as a whole. The former manse has historical and social significance for its association with Temuka's Presbyterian clergy from 1911 until 1934 and cultural value as a demonstration of their way of life. The former Presbyterian manse has architectural significance as an Italianate villa designed by notable Timaru architect JS Turnbull and technological and craftsmanship value for its brick masonry construction and plaster detailing by W Baird & Sons. The former Presbyterian manse has contextual value as a local historic feature and in relation to the Presbyterian church, former Sunday School and manse within the township. The site of the former manse has potential archaeological significance in view of the property's pre-1900 use and development.

## HERITAGE CATEGORY

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## REFERENCES

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Extent of setting, limited to immediate garden setting, 99 Waitohi Temuka Road, Temuka.



Land parcel as a whole, with house marked by star.



'The New Presbyterian Manse at Temuka'. *Otago Witness* 2 August 1911, p. 48.