

TIMARU DISTRICT COUNCIL
HISTORIC HERITAGE ITEM RECORD FORM

HERITAGE ITEM NAME former Job Brown's Beehive Stores

ADDRESS 88 King Street, Temuka

PHOTOGRAPH



(A McEwan, 12 July 2018)

DISTRICT PLAN ITEM NO. HHI110 **HNZ LIST No. & CATEGORY** 2031 / 2
(at time of assessment) Former No. 117

LEGAL DESCRIPTION Lot 14 DP 13141

VALUATION NUMBER 2477027400

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION 1901-2

**ARCHITECT/DESIGNER/
BUILDER** James Turnbull, architect; Messrs Clinch & Lloyd,
contractors

STYLE Edwardian commercial classicism

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION

Two storey-building with slightly irregular rectangular footprint and hipped and gabled roof forms. Symmetrical façade with arched double-hung sash windows at first floor level, decorative parapet with building name and date in relief beneath segmental pediment. Rusticated or fluted pilasters frame bays on plastered façade and side elevation overlooking Commerce Street. Suspended veranda on King Street elevation, ornamental urns atop parapet and hood moulds over ground floor windows on Commerce Street elevation.

MATERIALS/STRUCTURE

Brick, cement plaster, timber, cast iron internal columns, corrugated iron.

ADDITIONS/ALTERATIONS

Building extended to the rear (c.1958).

SETTING

The building stands on the east side of King Street and is bordered by Commerce Street to the south. A terrace of single-storey shops immediately to the north have been designed in keeping with the Beehive Stores. The extent of scheduling is the land parcel on which the building is located. It is noted that the HNZPT list entry excludes the single-storey wing at the rear of the store overlooking Commerce Street.

HISTORY

The Beehive Stores building was built for Job Brown, the son of Elijah Brown of 'Dinting House' (heritage item # 128). Job Brown (1836-1907) was a successful draper and general merchant as well as a member of the Temuka School Committee and the town's Cemetery Board. Like his parents, Brown supported the Methodist Church by hosting social functions at his home, 'Ashfield'. Originally the Beehive Stores were run by Messrs Brown and Plante and they also operated a short-lived outpost in Timaru (1870) and another store in Geraldine (est. 1871). After 1875 Job Brown ran the business alone. Brown's daughter Amelia Hayhurst took over the property after her father's death. The Beehive Stores continued to accommodate retail services throughout the 20th century and were extended along Commerce Street in the late 1950s by G Leonard, which is reported to have opened Temuka's first TAB (Totalisator Agency Board) in the building. Currently (September 2018) the main portion of the building is vacant and offered for sale or lease.

HISTORICAL AND SOCIAL SIGNIFICANCE

The former Beehive Stores building has historical and social significance for its association with Job Brown and, more generally, the development of the Temuka town centre. The building represents the second wave of commercial development in Temuka, whereby the early timber shops and business premises were replaced by masonry structures.

CULTURAL AND SPIRITUAL SIGNIFICANCE

The former Beehive Stores building has cultural value as a demonstration of the way of life of its former owners, retailers and their customers.

ARCHITECTURAL AND AESTHETIC SIGNIFICANCE

The former Beehive Stores building has architectural significance as the work of Timaru architect James Turnbull. After training in Melbourne, Turnbull (1864-1947) returned to New Zealand and established a practice in Timaru in c.1895. The son of Richard Turnbull, a prominent Timaru businessman and politician, Turnbull also designed Chalmers Church (1903-4, heritage item # 38) and a large number of Timaru houses. Turnbull went into partnership with Percy Watts Rule in c.1920 and the practice was responsible for the former Temuka Library (heritage item # 118).

TECHNOLOGICAL AND CRAFTSMANSHIP SIGNIFICANCE

The former Beehive Stores building has technological and craftsmanship significance for its brick masonry construction and the quality of its plasterwork detailing. Messrs Clinch and Lloyd were Temuka contractors who also erected the Temuka Courthouse (heritage item # 120, 1900-1).

CONTEXTUAL SIGNIFICANCE

The former Beehive Stores building has contextual significance as a notable historic feature within the Temuka town centre. The concentration of scheduled heritage items and historic character buildings lining King Street, between Fraser Street in the south and Wood Street in the north, gives Temuka's main commercial thoroughfare its distinctive identity and sense of place. The Beehive Stores building is also associated with 'Ashfield', the home of Job and Elizabeth Brown in Cass Street (1878-79, heritage item # 113).

ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND SCIENTIFIC SIGNIFICANCE

Although the building post-dates 1900 its site has potential archaeological significance relating to the earlier commercial activity undertaken on the site.

SUMMARY OF HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE

The former Beehive Stores building has overall heritage significance to Temuka and Timaru district as a whole. The building has historical and social significance for its historic retail use and association with Job Brown and cultural value as a demonstration of the way of life of its former proprietors and their customers. The former Beehive Stores building has architectural significance as the work of the Timaru architect James Turnbull and technological and craftsmanship significance for its brick construction and plaster detailing. The former Beehive Stores building has contextual significance as a historic landmark within the Temuka town centre streetscape and its site may have potential archaeological significance in view of the earlier commercial use of the property.

HERITAGE CATEGORY

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REFERENCES

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Extent of setting, 88 King Street, Temuka.