

TIMARU DISTRICT COUNCIL
HISTORIC HERITAGE ITEM RECORD FORM

HERITAGE ITEM NAME former Temuka Fire Station

ADDRESS 16 Hally Terrace, Temuka

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

LEGAL DESCRIPTION RES 39228 & 39229

VALUATION NUMBER 2477032000

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION 1930

**ARCHITECT/DESIGNER/
BUILDER** Harold Broadhead, architect; JC Butcher, contractor

STYLE Georgian Revival

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION

Single-storey building with rectangular footprint and hipped roof forms. Principal, south-facing elevation is almost symmetrical about a central vehicle door, which is framed by wide pilasters and a parapet with name panels and circular motifs. West elevation has external chimneybreast with decorative brickwork and the building's foundation stone. Contrasting bricks create quoin effect at corners of south and west elevations. Panel at base of chimney bears the name of the current occupants. Rear, north-facing elevation, which retains an original multi-pane window, has two projecting bays with either a hipped or lean-to roof.

MATERIALS/STRUCTURE

Brick, concrete, timber and corrugated iron.

ADDITIONS/ALTERATIONS

New fenestration (post-1999).

SETTING

The former fire station stands on the east side of Hally Terrace, opposite its intersection with Commerce Street. Several historic buildings stand on the south side of Commerce Street, including a former grain store and commercial building (latter is heritage item # 116). The South Island Main Trunk railway line and Gunnion Square recreational ground are immediately to the east. The extent of scheduling is the two land parcels on which the building is located.

HISTORY

The Temuka fire brigade held its inaugural meeting on 24 November 1874. An engine shed was built in King Street in the following year and several wells were dug around the town to enable the brigade to fight fires. The brigade's own station burned down in late 1929. In its place, after a poll of ratepayers confirmed the borough council's intention to borrow £1000 to fund the project, a new brick station was built on the edge of the town's railway reserve. It was officially opened by Temuka Mayoress Margaret Gunnion on 28 August 1930. Mrs Gunnion later hosted invited guests to an afternoon tea to mark the opening and launch of a new fire appliance and then in the evening the fire brigade held its annual ball in the Parish Hall. The building contained an engine room, social room with open fire and two bedrooms at the rear. After a new fire station was built further north on Hally Terrace in 1963, the 1930 station building was leased to the Temuka Boxing Club. Temuka hosted the New Zealand amateur boxing championships in 1996 and the club continues to meet in the building for weekly training sessions.

HISTORICAL AND SOCIAL SIGNIFICANCE

The former Temuka Fire Station has historical and social significance for its association with members of the Temuka community who formed a fire brigade, under municipal control, for the benefit of local people in 1874. The building also represents the renewal of many of Temuka's town centre buildings in the early decades of the 20th century.

CULTURAL AND SPIRITUAL SIGNIFICANCE

The former Temuka Fire Station has cultural value as a demonstration of the way of life of the community members who constituted the Temuka fire brigade as well as, more recently, the members of the Temuka Boxing Club.

ARCHITECTURAL AND AESTHETIC SIGNIFICANCE

The former Temuka Fire Station has architectural significance as a Georgian Revival style building designed by Timaru architect Harold Broadhead. Broadhead (1887-1950) was the son of Timaru builder and contractor John Broadhead and he (Harold) appears to have commenced practise in 1911, in which year he designed the Unitarian Hall in Church Street. Broadhead was registered as an architect in 1914 and, amongst a variety of residential, commercial and ecclesiastical commissions, he extended the Highfield Presbyterian Church (1913) and added the porch to St Paul's Presbyterian Church in Totara Valley in 1925 (heritage item # 77).

TECHNOLOGICAL AND CRAFTSMANSHIP SIGNIFICANCE

The former Temuka Fire Station has craftsmanship significance for the quality of its brick masonry construction and polychrome detailing. JC Butcher was a Timaru builder.

CONTEXTUAL SIGNIFICANCE

The former Temuka Fire Station has contextual significance as a local historic feature and for its relationship with the current Temuka Fire Station, which is located at the corner of Hally Terrace and Wood Street. The building is visible from the roadway and can be seen from the railway reserve and recreation ground.

ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND SCIENTIFIC SIGNIFICANCE

Although the former fire station post-dates 1900, its site and wider setting have potential archaeological values in relation to the railway reserve, which dates to the mid-1870s.

SUMMARY OF HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE

The former Temuka Fire Station has overall significance to Temuka and Timaru district as a whole. The building has historical and social significance for its association with the Temuka Fire Brigade and the community's provision of its own civic facilities. The former Temuka Fire Station has cultural value as a demonstration of the way of life of Temuka's fire fighters and architectural significance as a Georgian Revival style building by Timaru architect Harold Broadhead. The former Temuka Fire Station has craftsmanship significance for its brick masonry construction and detailing and contextual significance as a local historic feature. Although the building post-dates 1900 its site has potential archaeological values in relation to the adjacent railway reserve.

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Extent of scheduling, 16 Hally Terrace, Temuka.