

TIMARU DISTRICT COUNCIL
HISTORIC HERITAGE ITEM RECORD FORM

HERITAGE ITEM NAME Pleasant Valley Hall
ADDRESS 477 Pleasant Valley Road, Pleasant Valley, Geraldine Downs

PHOTOGRAPH



(Dr J Wilson, September 2018)

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

LEGAL DESCRIPTION RS 19887

VALUATION NUMBER 2466025900

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION 1920

**ARCHITECT/DESIGNER/
BUILDER** Unknown

STYLE Vernacular

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION

Single-storey building with rectangular footprint and split-level gabled roof. Two external chimneybreasts attached to lean-tos at each end, ridgeline ventilators (2), east gable end has a simple king post truss and name plaque. Exposed rafters, multi-pane casement windows. Recessed entry on northern elevation.

MATERIALS/STRUCTURE

Corrugated iron, timber, concrete.

ADDITIONS/ALTERATIONS

External repairs and maintenance (2016).

SETTING

The hall stands at the intersection of Pleasant Valley Road and School Road, on the north side of the latter. St Anne's Anglican Church (1863, heritage item # 63) is located to the south-east along Pleasant Valley Road; the former Pleasant Valley School is to the south-west along School Road. The extent of scheduling is limited to the immediate setting of the building, rather than the land parcel as a whole.

HISTORY

The Pleasant Valley settlement dates to the early 1860s but the fortunes of the area were such that a public hall was not erected until early 1920. Previously local events were held in the school (1875, rebuilt 1920, now closed). In October 1919 the intention was to build a concrete hall beside the school but in the event, another site and building material were selected and the new hall was in use by July 1920. Messrs Murphy and Brophy were instrumental in building the hall. Over the years it has hosted social events, farewells and political meetings. The hall is still in use today, run by a local committee which oversaw its recent maintenance and repair.

HISTORICAL AND SOCIAL SIGNIFICANCE

The Pleasant Valley Hall has historical and social significance for its association with the local community and as a reminder of the role played by public halls in the life of rural people.

CULTURAL AND SPIRITUAL SIGNIFICANCE

The Pleasant Valley Hall has cultural value as a site of community identity and historic continuity since 1920. The hall houses Rolls of Honour for local World War I and II servicemen.

ARCHITECTURAL AND AESTHETIC SIGNIFICANCE

The Pleasant Valley Hall has architectural value as a vernacular building that was designed to be fit for purpose. The designer of the hall is currently unknown.

TECHNOLOGICAL AND CRAFTSMANSHIP SIGNIFICANCE

The Pleasant Valley Hall has technological and craftsmanship significance as an interwar hall clad entirely in corrugated iron. While iron roofs are standard for vernacular halls of this nature around the country, the Pleasant Valley Hall is unusual for the use of corrugated iron as a wall cladding.

CONTEXTUAL SIGNIFICANCE

The Pleasant Valley Hall has contextual significance as a local historic feature that constitutes the historic and social hub of the community.

ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND SCIENTIFIC SIGNIFICANCE

As the Pleasant Valley Hall post-dates 1900, any potential archaeological values would likely relate to the prior use and development, if any, of the site.

SUMMARY OF HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE

The Pleasant Valley Hall has overall heritage significance to Pleasant Valley and Timaru district as a whole. The building has historical and social significance for its association with the Pleasant Valley community and cultural value as a site of community identity and historic continuity. The Pleasant Valley Hall has architectural value as an interwar vernacular building and technological and craftsmanship significance for its corrugated iron construction. The Pleasant Valley Hall has contextual significance as a local historic landmark; the potential archaeological value of the site may be limited.

HERITAGE CATEGORY

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