

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

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**HERITAGE ITEM NAME** former Guild Memorial Sunday School Hall  
(Presbyterian)

**ADDRESS** 49 Hally Terrace, Temuka

**PHOTOGRAPH**



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

**LEGAL DESCRIPTION** Lot 1 DP 312101

**VALUATION NUMBER** 2477023901

**DATE OF CONSTRUCTION** 1916

**ARCHITECT/DESIGNER/  
BUILDER** JS Turnbull, architect

**STYLE** Collegiate Gothic

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION**

Two-storey building with rectangular footprint and gabled roof forms. Symmetrical gable-end façade is flanked by cross-gabled wings and lean-tos at sides and rear. Lancet arched main entry with strip window, decorative moulding and louvred vent above. Multi-pane windows have arched head jambs set within rectangular frames with hood moulds. Clerestory above side lean-tos. Buttresses, quoins, roof ventilators, and string courses.

**MATERIALS/STRUCTURE**

Brick, cement plaster, corrugated metal.

**ADDITIONS/ALTERATIONS**

Conversion to visitor accommodation (c.2002).

**SETTING**

The former Sunday School Hall stands on the west side of Hally (formerly Railway) Terrace, immediately north of its intersection with Dyson Street. To the north is the new Trinity Presbyterian Church, which replaced an earlier church demolished after the Canterbury earthquakes. The neighbouring streetscape is residential in nature. The extent of setting is the land parcel on which the former Sunday School is located and it includes the boundary wall (erected 1917).

## **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. In September 1915 the trustees of James Guild's estate decided to provide £2000 for the building of a new Sunday School in Guild's memory. Guild (1836-1914), whose estate 'Trevenna' was on the outskirts of Temuka, was born in Scotland and emigrated to New Zealand in 1859. He was a member of the Presbyterian church and was survived by his wife Janet and four children. Tenders for the hall were called by Timaru architect JS Turnbull in February 1916 and the foundation stone was laid by Janet Guild (c.1855-1933) on 13 April. It appears that the Sunday School was built on the site of the first, timber church. The Sunday School Hall was officially opened on 3 December 1916. The building included a large hall, seven classrooms and a large scullery and kitchen. A Bible Class hall was built between the church and Sunday School in 1930; this was on the site occupied by the current church. Trinity Church was demolished in 2012 following the 2010-11 Canterbury earthquakes; a new church, extending the church hall built in 2003, opened in April 2015. The Sunday School Hall has been in private ownership since c.2002 and is currently operated as visitor accommodation.

## **HISTORICAL AND SOCIAL SIGNIFICANCE**

The former Guild Memorial Sunday School Hall has historical and social significance for its association with James Guild and the Presbyterian congregation of Temuka. Guild Road, on which 'Trevenna' is located, is also named for the family. The former Sunday School Hall represents the wealth attained, and the philanthropy practiced, by some of Canterbury's colonial settler farmers in the 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> centuries.

## **CULTURAL AND SPIRITUAL SIGNIFICANCE**

The former Guild Memorial Sunday School Hall has cultural value as a demonstration of the way of life of members of Temuka's Presbyterian church community, especially its children, for more than 80 years.

## **ARCHITECTURAL AND AESTHETIC SIGNIFICANCE**

The former Guild Memorial Sunday School Hall has architectural significance as a Collegiate Gothic style building designed 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 went into partnership with Percy Watts Rule in 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 Collegiate Gothic style was popular between the world wars for educational buildings and can also be seen in Turnbull & Rule's St Mary' Hall, Timaru of 1928-29.

## **TECHNOLOGICAL AND CRAFTSMANSHIP SIGNIFICANCE**

The former Guild Memorial Sunday School Hall has technological and craftsmanship significance as an early 20<sup>th</sup> century brick building with Gothic Revival detailing. The contractor for the building is currently unknown.

## **CONTEXTUAL SIGNIFICANCE**

The former Guild Memorial Sunday School Hall has contextual significance as a landmark on Hally Terrace and for its relationship with Trinity Presbyterian Church and the buildings that preceded the modern church. The style and materials of the building reflect that of the earlier 1900-1 church and the hall is also related to two manses built by the church, one in Waitohi

Road near Manse Bridge (1910) and the other at the corner of Davie Street and Ewen Road (1934).

### **ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND SCIENTIFIC SIGNIFICANCE**

Although the former Sunday School post-dates 1900 its site may have archaeological values relating to the property's prior use and development.

### **SUMMARY OF HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE**

The former Guild Memorial Sunday School Hall (Presbyterian) has overall heritage significance to Temuka and Timaru district as a whole. The building has historical and social significance for its association with James Guild and Temuka's Presbyterian church community and cultural value as a demonstration of the way of life of past Sunday School pupils and their teachers. The former Guild Memorial Sunday School Hall has architectural significance as a Collegiate Gothic style building designed by Timaru architect James Turnbull and technological and craftsmanship significance for its masonry construction and ornamental detailing. The former Guild Memorial Sunday School Hall has contextual significance as a local landmark and in relation to other buildings erected by the church in Temuka. The site of the former Guild Memorial Sunday School Hall may have potential archaeological values in view of the pre-1900 development that occurred on the church property.

### **HERITAGE CATEGORY**

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### **REFERENCES**

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- *Temuka Leader* 28 May 1910, p. 2; 28 June 1930, p. 2.
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Extent of setting, 49 Hally Terrace, Temuka.



Detail of 1951 aerial showing (left to right) Trinity Church, the Bible Class hall and Guild Memorial Sunday School Hall, Temuka. WA-28065-F, Alexander Turnbull Library, Wellington.