

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

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**HERITAGE ITEM NAME** 'Glenelg' Granary  
**ADDRESS** 29 Moa Pass Road, Hazelburn, Pleasant Point  
**PHOTOGRAPH**



(HNZPT)

**DISTRICT PLAN ITEM No.** HHI197      **HNZ LIST No. & CATEGORY** 1982 / 2  
(at time of assessment) Former No. 82

**LEGAL DESCRIPTION** RS 16132

**VALUATION NUMBER** 2481003900

**DATE OF CONSTRUCTION** late 1880s/early 1890s?

**ARCHITECT/DESIGNER/  
BUILDER** Unknown

**STYLE** Rural vernacular

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION**

Single-storey farm building with hipped roof and rectangular footprint. Wall opening supported by braced posts.

**MATERIALS/STRUCTURE**

Timber & corrugated iron.

**ADDITIONS/ALTERATIONS**

Unknown, if any.

**SETTING**

The granary stands within a group of farm buildings on either side of the farm driveway that leads off the south side of Moa Pass Road. The homestead is located to the north-east. The extent of setting is limited to the immediate environs of the scheduled items (heritage items 81, 82 & 83), rather than the land parcel as a whole.

## **HISTORY**

'Glenelg Estate' was acquired by Donald McBeath (1835-1902) in 1886, having passed through several hands previously. McBeath and his younger brother John had emigrated to New Zealand from Scotland in 1863. John McBeath (1837-1915) married Mary Horrell in 1872 and became a butcher and livestock dealer in Christchurch. He appears to have taken up residence at Glenelg after the August 1889 dissolution of his business partnership with William Henderson in Christchurch. Donald McBeath remained in Westland until 1895 and John was the farmer in residence at the time of Donald's death in 1902. The McBeaths built a homestead and a number of farm buildings, utilising the limestone available on the property for some of these structures. John McBeath sold up and moved in to Timaru in 1905, where he died ten years later. He was survived by his wife and eight children. Since 1905 the property has changed hands but remains in farming use.

## **HISTORICAL AND SOCIAL SIGNIFICANCE**

The 'Glenelg' granary has historical significance for its association with the McBeath family, with farming operations on the property and, more generally, in Totara Valley.

## **CULTURAL AND SPIRITUAL SIGNIFICANCE**

The 'Glenelg' granary has cultural value as a demonstration of the way of life of the building's users since it was erected.

## **ARCHITECTURAL AND AESTHETIC SIGNIFICANCE**

The 'Glenelg' granary has architectural value as a Victorian vernacular farm building built to be fit for purpose.

## **TECHNOLOGICAL AND CRAFTSMANSHIP SIGNIFICANCE**

The 'Glenelg' granary has technological and craftsmanship value for its timber and iron construction and detailing.

## **CONTEXTUAL SIGNIFICANCE**

The 'Glenelg' granary has contextual value as a historic feature within a farm property that includes two other scheduled heritage items.

## **ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND SCIENTIFIC SIGNIFICANCE**

As the granary pre-dates 1900 its site has potential archaeological significance relating to the structure's construction and the development of agriculture in the Totara Valley.

## **SUMMARY OF HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE**

The 'Glenelg' granary has overall heritage significance to the Totara Valley and Timaru district as a whole. The granary has historical significance for its association with Donald and John McBeath and their farming operations and cultural value as a demonstration of the way of life of its past and present users. The 'Glenelg' granary has architectural value as a late Victorian vernacular farm building and technological and craftsmanship value for its timber and corrugated iron construction. The 'Glenelg' granary has contextual value as a historic feature in relation to two other scheduled heritage items on the property. The 'Glenelg' granary has potential archaeological significance in view of its pre-1900 date of construction.

## **HERITAGE CATEGORY**

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Extent of setting, granary marked by star, 29 Moa Pass Road, Hazelburn.



Land parcel as a whole.