

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

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**HERITAGE ITEM NAME** Municipal Band Rotunda  
**ADDRESS** Temuka Domain, Domain Avenue, Temuka

**PHOTOGRAPH**



(DG McEwan, 9 Jan 2020)

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

**LEGAL DESCRIPTION** RS 41110

**VALUATION NUMBER** 2478051900

**DATE OF CONSTRUCTION** 1940

**ARCHITECT/DESIGNER/  
BUILDER** T Devine, designer

**STYLE** Classical

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION**

Octagonal bandstand with steps on north side leading to platform edged with solid panel base and balustrading. Capping 'stones' top the piers at the base of the steps and each angle of the balustrading. Marble panel on east pier at base of steps records the opening of the rotunda.

**MATERIALS/STRUCTURE**

Reinforced concrete and cement plaster; marble plaque.

**ADDITIONS/ALTERATIONS**

None.

**SETTING**

The band rotunda is located to the south of the sports oval within Temuka Domain and is accessed via a path lined by box hedging. Mature trees and lawn constitute the immediate surrounds. The domain also features a number of memorial features and notable trees. The setting of the rotunda is limited to its immediate environs, notwithstanding the potential archaeological values of the domain as a whole and the relationship between the scheduled features within it.

## **HISTORY**

The band rotunda in Temuka Domain was opened by Mayor AW Buzan on 8 December 1940. Originally mooted as the town's 1940 Centennial project the structure was considered too costly for the township and was instead erected by the Temuka Municipal Band, with which Mayor Buzan had a long association. The town's brass band had been formed in 1880 and, having survived periods of inactivity and threats of disbanding, often performed in the Domain (aka Victoria Park). Construction of the rotunda commenced in September 1940 and, although side panels of 'coloured wood' were intended, as built the rotunda was an uncovered concrete structure that might, more accurately, be described as a bandstand. The Municipal Band appears to have finally disbanded in 1957; by which time the Temuka Pipe Band was in existence (est. 1953).

## **HISTORICAL AND SOCIAL SIGNIFICANCE**

The Municipal Band rotunda has historic and social significance for its association with the Temuka Municipal Band and the development of Temuka Domain as a site of recreation and civic amenity.

## **CULTURAL AND SPIRITUAL SIGNIFICANCE**

The Municipal Band rotunda has cultural significance as a place of community identity and historic continuity. The Temuka Municipal Band farewelled the local men who left for war service in October 1939 and hosted a provincial band contest in March 1941 to raise funds for the war-time patriotic fund. The structure is also associated with the important role of music in the cultural life of the township.

## **ARCHITECTURAL AND AESTHETIC SIGNIFICANCE**

The Municipal Band rotunda has aesthetic value as a classically-styled bandstand. The designer was Temuka Borough Council foreman, T[homas?] Devine, who served in that role from 1936 until 1947.

## **TECHNOLOGICAL AND CRAFTSMANSHIP SIGNIFICANCE**

The Municipal Band rotunda has craftsmanship value for the quality of its concrete construction and detailing. The structure was built by 'Scheme 13' workers, whose labour was subsidised by central government to undertake improvement work; the scheme appears to date to the mid-1930s and continued during the war.

## **CONTEXTUAL SIGNIFICANCE**

The Municipal Band rotunda has contextual significance as a historic feature within the environs of the Temuka Domain. The rotunda is adjacent to the playground, aviary and bowling greens within the Domain and therefore contributes to the recreational amenity of the park.

## **ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND SCIENTIFIC SIGNIFICANCE**

Although the rotunda post-dates 1900 its site has potential archaeological values arising from the use and development of the Temuka Domain since the early 1870s.

## **SUMMARY OF HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE**

The Municipal Band rotunda has overall heritage significance to Temuka and the district of Timaru. The rotunda has historical and social significance for its association with the Temuka Municipal Band and cultural significance as a demonstration of the historic way of life of the township. The Municipal Band rotunda has aesthetic value for its classical styling by T Devine, Temuka Borough Council foreman, and craftsmanship value for the quality of its concrete

construction and detailing. The Municipal Band rotunda has contextual significance as a historic feature within the Temuka Domain and its site may have archaeological value considering the development of the domain since the early 1870s.

## HERITAGE CATEGORY

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The rotunda accommodating the official party during Governor-General Sir Cyril Newall's visit to Temuka in January 1943. *Timaru Herald* 26 January 1943, p. 4.



Extent of setting, limited to immediate surrounds, Temuka Domain, Domain Avenue, Temuka.



Location of band rotunda in the context of Temuka Domain, Domain Avenue, Timaru.