

**Item name:** House - Meagher Residence

**Location:** 8 Redmond Street Temora 2666

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**Address:** 8 Redmond Street

**Planning:** Southern & Western

**Suburb/nearest town:** Temora 2666

**Local govt area:** Temora

**State:** NSW

**Parish:**

**County:**

**Other/former names:**

**Area/group/complex:**

**Group ID:**

**Aboriginal area:** Wiradjuri

**Curtilage/boundary:**

**Item type:** Built

**Group:** Residential buildings (private) **Category:** House

**Owner:** Private - Individual

**Admin codes:**

**Code 2:**

**Code 3:**

**Current use:**

**Former uses:**

**Assessed significance:** Local

**Endorsed significance:**

**Statement of significance:** Historically significant with its relationship to Meagher's contribution to Temora.

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**Historical notes of provenance:** This was the home of Peter Meagher, 1, (son of the original John Meagher), and his wife Mary Ellen (nee Walsh) and their nine children. Peter Meagher, 1, went from managing the Temora store, to become firstly the Managing Director of the firm, then following his father's death, he became its Governing Director. From The Temora Independent, 18-11-1896,:- MR. P. MEAGHER'S NEW RESIDENCE. The contractor having given up the keys, Mr. P. Meagher has gone into occupancy of his new residence, which is situated near the Young Road upon the most picturesque and commanding position on the eastern side of the town. The building is a brick structure with concrete footings and brick foundations. It consists of seven rooms, servant's bedroom, kitchen, bathroom, and pantries. A verandah 10 feet wide runs right round the main front and along the side. A six foot verandah also runs around the back of the house. Entering at the front door the first thing that drew our attention was the main hall, 8 feet wide, which runs the entire length of the building. It is divided into 3 bays by semi-arches. Off the hall to the right is the drawing room 18 feet by 15 feet, the painting of which is finished in imitation of bird's eye maple. On the opposite side of the hall is the best bedroom, 20 feet by 15 feet, and has a large bay window 10 feet by 4 feet. This room is finished in 3 tints of green. Next we reached the nursery, a room 15 feet by 15. Opposite is a bedroom 15 by 15. The next room reached is the dining room, 24 feet long and 15 feet wide. A feature of this room is the octagonal end fitted with 5 French lights. Opening on to the verandah opposite the dining room is the breakfast room, 15 feet by 13. The painting of the dining room is finished in imitation of walnut. Off the main hall at this point runs a side hall, 4ft 6 in. wide by which access is gained to the butler's parts which is replete with every modern convenience, being fitted with shelves and cupboards for china and silverware. At the end of the hall is the bathroom 15 feet long and 8 ft wide, fitted with a Clarke's enamel bath, shower and wash basin, and mirror. A large wardrobe is also built up in this room for spare clothing and household linen. Over the top of the bathroom and pantry is placed six 200 gallon tanks that will supply the bathroom, kitchen, and wash-house with water, these tanks being filled by means of a force pump from a large underground tank. Off the main hall is a lobby through which the kitchen and servants pantry is reached. The kitchen is one of the largest rooms in the house, being 16 ft by 12 ft. It is fitted up with every convenience such as store, sink, etc. All the rooms are 12 ft. 6 in. from floor to ceiling. The kitchen and pantries are fitted with fly-proof doors and window screens. The servants pantry is 4 ft 6 in by 11 ft, fitted with nine rows of shelving of various widths. Under this pantry is a small cellar for keeping butter, etc., cool in the summer. On the other side is a spare bedroom and servants bedroom, each 11 ft by 12 ft. Each room and the kitchen is reached by a verandah at the back. All the rooms of the main portion of the building open on to the verandah by means of large French lights. The back, front, and side doors are fitted with elaborate coloured lead lights, also fanlights and bay windows in the best bedroom. Fanlights fitted with patent openers are fitted over each of the inside doors, also to external doors. The front and back doors are fitted with patent hydraulic door holders which prevent the doors from slamming. The ceilings throughout are of the Wunderlia patent steel ceiling, those of the dining and drawing rooms, best bedrooms and halls, being of a most elaborate pattern, each being chosen to harmonise with the relative uses of the rooms. The ceilings are artistically painted and picked out in different tints, white and gold being predominant. A thorough system of ventilation has been observed throughout the house by means of a shaft ventilators which cause a current of air to flow under the floors and over the ceilings. Attached to the house is a large underground tank capable of holding about 17,000 gallons of water. Open drains have been provided to carry all waste water from the house. At the rear of the house is the stables, provided with 2 stalls and a large coach house, with loft and groom's quarters above. Adjoining is a wash house fitted with fire place and copper and every other convenience. The building was erected at a cost of 1750 pounds by Mr. H. Butler, to whom great credit is due for the thorough workmanlike manner in which he has carried out everything in connection with his contract, the architect finding his duties considerably lightened in the matter of supervision. The architect was Mr. H. Laker to whose special order the lead lights for doors and windows and the metal ceilings were made. Mr. Meagher informs us that Mr. Laker has carried out the work in a manner of which he could speak only in the highest terms. -----

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The Rates of 1902-03 recorded the Capital Value of the house at 2,000 pounds. The rates of 1903-04 showed Peter Meagher and Dr. McKenzie as the owners, and Peter Meagher as the occupant. On 6-2-1906 John Meagher was the owner, and P. Meagher is recorded as the occupant, on which day Hon. John Meagher, MLC, transferred the property (Section 3, lot 13 & 14) to Peter Meagher, Merchant, Rosedale Avenue, Manly.

**Themes:** **National theme**  
4. Settlement  
9. Phases of Life

**State theme**  
Accommodation  
Persons

**Local theme**

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**Designer:** Mr. H. Laker, architect.**Builder:** Mr. H. Butler, builder.**Year started:****Year completed:** 1896**Circa:** No**Physical description:** See detailed description in Historical Notes, under "Mr. P. Meagher's New Residence.".**Physical condition  
level:****Physical condition:****Archaeological  
potential level:****Archaeological  
potential Detail:****Modification dates:****Recommended  
management:****Management:** Management category**Management name****Further comments:****Criteria a):**  
[Historical  
significance]**Criteria b):**  
[Historical  
association  
significance]**Criteria c):**  
[Aesthetic/  
Technical  
significance]**Criteria d):**  
[Social/Cultural  
significance]**Criteria e):**  
[Research  
significance]**Criteria f):**  
[Rarity]**Criteria g):**  
[Representative]**Intactness/Integrity:**

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References:	Author	Title	Year
	The Temora Independent.	Mr. P. Meagher's New Residence.	1896
	Various: Temora Centenary Book Con	Temora Yesterday and Today, 1880-1980.	1980

Studies:	Author	Title	Number	Year
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Parcels:	Parcel code	Lot number	Section number	Plan code	Plan number
	LOT	1		DP	1085919

**Latitude:****Longitude:****Location validity:****Spatial accuracy:****Map name:****Map scale:****AMG zone:****Easting:****Northing:****Listing:** Name**Title**  
Heritage study**Number****ListingDate****Data entry:** Data first entered: 06/07/2006

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