
Masonic Hall, 52 Newall Street, MARNOO



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Location

52 Newall Street MARNOO, NORTHERN GRAMPIANS SHIRE

Municipality

NORTHERN GRAMPIANS SHIRE

Level of significance

Recommended for Heritage Overlay

Heritage Listing

Northern Grampians Shire

Statement of Significance

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The Masonic Hall, 52 Newall Street, Marnoo, has significance as an example of a Masonic building constructed during the interwar (c.1920s-1940s) period. Built in 1924 for the local Freemasons, the building later served as a community hall. It appears to be in good condition when viewed from the street.

The Masonic Hall, 52 Newall Street, Marnoo, is **architecturally** significant at a **LOCAL** level. It demonstrates original design qualities for an interwar (c.1920s-1940s) cultural and community building. These qualities include the gable roof form clad in galvanised corrugated iron, face brick and rendered wall construction, stylised temple front with smoothly rusticated pilasters, stylised Art Deco motifs below the projecting temple front banding, gable brackets, rectangular tablet containing the Masonic emblem, modest eaves, 6 paned timber framed windows with white painted voussoirs, projecting window sills, and the white rendered banding on the side wall.

The Masonic Hall, 52 Newall Street, Marnoo, is **historically** significant at a **LOCAL** level. It is associated with the development of the local Freemasons Lodge from 1924. The building has also served as a community hall throughout the 20th century.

The Masonic Hall, 52 Newall Street, Marnoo, is **socially** significant at a **LOCAL** level. It is recognised and valued by the Marnoo community for cultural and recreational reasons.

Overall, the Masonic Hall, 52 Newall Street, Marnoo, is of **LOCAL** significance.

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Physical Description 1

The Masonic Hall, 52 Newall Street, Marnoo, is set on an average-sized allotment. It has a modest front setback characterised by a rudimentary open grassed area, as are the side setbacks.

The single storey, face and rendered brick, rudimentary interwar Masonic Hall building is characterised by a gable roof form clad in galvanised corrugated iron, together with a stylised Greek temple front supported by smoothly rusticated pilasters on the building corners and in the central. Other early features include the modest eaves, stylised Art Deco motifs below the projecting banding on the temple front, gable brackets and the rectangular tablet with the Masonic emblem (compass and set square). Prof. James Stevens Curl in *The Art and Architecture of Freemasonry* provides details on the Masonic symbology of the compass and square:

"Compasses: A symbol of the sun, (like the pyramid), and an architectural and Masonic implement. Virtue, the measure of life and conduct, the additional light to instruct in duty and keep passions within bounds."

"Square: An angle of ninety degrees which enables great exactness in building to be achieved. It is also a symbol of moral probity, and is one of the Three Great Lights. Masons meet 'on the Square', with a moral meaning (to act honourably) enhanced by the chequerboard patterns of floors."

The high side 6 paned timber framed windows with white painted voussoirs and projecting sills, and the white rendered banding represent other early features.

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