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# WONGA PARK HALL AND RESERVE



22766 Wonga Park Hall -  
Launders Avenue, Wonga  
Park

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## Location

Launders Avenue WONGA PARK, Manningham City

## Municipality

MANNINGHAM CITY

## Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO99

## Heritage Listing

Manningham City

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## Statement of Significance

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The Wonga Park Hall and Mechanics' Institute is of local significance, reflecting the development of Wonga Park from the Eight Hour Pioneer Settlement through to the present time, and containing evidence of probably all but the earliest period within its existing fabric. As one of two principal meeting places over many years, the hall has served as an important community meeting place, and is probably of social value to recent and long-time local residents. Its setting within the Wonga Park Reserve, a space long-dedicated to community recreation, is part of

its significance. (Criterion A4, D2, G1)

Heritage Study/Consultant Manningham - Manningham Heritage Study Review, Context Pty Ltd, 2006;

Other Names Wonga Park Mechanics' Institute,

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## Historical Australian Themes

Local Themes

6.06 - Community halls

### Physical Description 1

Wonga Park Hall is a timber framed building, reclad in brown brick. The main front has a triple gable with lattice details which remains from the 1926 extensions to the earlier hall. The windows and roof have been replaced, and the porch removed.

The hall is set with the Reserve, the centre of community life in Wonga Park, and a place retaining remnants of the original local vegetation. Large pines near the hall are a characteristic, cultural planting.

It is one of three former Mechanics' Institutes in the district: Doncaster Athenaeum Hall (1872), Templestowe (1883, later Templestowe Memorial Hall 1922) and Warrandyte Mechanics' Institute (1927), as well as other local halls that served as community meeting places (East Doncaster Hall (1932), former Shire Offices (1892), South Warrandyte Hall (rebuilt 1939) .[2]

### Physical Conditions

**Condition** Good

### Integrity

**Integrity** Altered - major alterations

### Physical Description 2

**Threats** None apparent

### Physical Description 3

Associations

Eight Hour Pioneer Settlement

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