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# Banongill Homestead & Garden



B1553 Banongill Homestead

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## Location

340 Banongill Road, off Glenelg Highway,, SKIPTON VIC 3361 - Property No B1553

## Municipality

CORANGAMITE SHIRE

## Level of significance

Local

## Heritage Listing

National Trust

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## Statement of Significance

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Garden Statement of Significance: This large homestead garden is thought to have been designed by William Guilfoyle in the early twentieth century for Charles Fairbairn. There is no documentary evidence of this. The style of the main garden is typical of Guilfoyle with a large lawn of several acres sweeping down from the house. The lawn is dotted with palms and bordered on one side with a curvaceous path following the line of a shrub bed. The opposite side has a very long pegola. During the occupancy of the Fairbairn family a large and important collection of daffodils was gathered and these have been allowed to spread along the banks of the creek adjoining the garden. In more recent times a tennis court has been made into a Japanese garden.

The garden is assumed to be by William Guilfoyle and, if so, is one of his few surviving private gardens. It is one of the largest pleasure gardens associated with a homestead in the State. The collection of daffodils is of horticultural significance.

The garden has been modified in part during the past 70 years but the main lawn is little changed. The garden is well maintained and the tradition of daffodil breeding is continuing.

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