

## Ringwood Memorial Clock Tower



Wantirna Rd and Maroondah Hwy, Memorial Clocktower.jpg

### Location

Corner Maroondah Highway and Warrandyte Road RINGWOOD, MAROONDAH CITY

### Municipality

MAROONDAH CITY

### Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

### Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO40

### Heritage Listing

Maroondah City

### Statement of Significance

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A memorial clocktower to those who served or were killed in the Great War, 1914-18. It was built in 1928. In 1967, it was taken down and re-erected here from another site. It has historical significance to Maroondah for its association with the response of the community to Australian government action in the declaration of war and subsequent sacrifice of time and lives of the military forces. It is a focus of the sentiment of Australia's maturity as a nation on the world stage. It is architecturally significant as and an extraordinary example of its architectural

style and as an unusual war memorial type. It is socially significant as known and valued by the community as a landmark used by the community for orientation and as an iconic symbol of Ringwood illustrated on representative views.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Maroondah - Maroondah Heritage Identification Study, Richard Peterson with Peter Barrett, 1998;
Hermes Number	146905
Property Number	

## Physical Description 1

A three stage abstracted Baroque freestanding tower, finished in cement render. The ground level is ashlar, the courses deeply recessed, with buttresses at the angles on each face. Supporting an open pediment, with a cornice mould and acroteria at ridge and angles on abstracted cyma-recta brackets. Below the pediment is a recessed, arched panel with a Mannerist keystone and indented angles. This has three bronze plaques, a wreath, an inscription to "the fallen in both the Great War (1914-1918) and the World War (1939-1945)", manufactured by C.G. Roeszler, Melbourne. All is supported on a granite base over a slate platform approached with three steps. The second stage is plain, with courses embossed and a single slot window. The third stage at centre has an (accessible) balcony on triple cyma-recta brackets. There are a pair of St Andrew's Cross panels below studded strip panels. These return around the angles on plain brackets. Over are Ionic pilasters flanking a Modernist circular clockface, supporting a corbelled impost, a further open pediment and keystone. Over again is a parapet between panels at the angles, surmounted by a copper dome and finial. At the rear is an access door with a flat architrave.

## Intactness

Demolished and reconstructed on a different site.

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