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# Banool



57-59 Wonga Rd



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## Location

57-59 Wonga Road RINGWOOD NORTH, MAROONDAH CITY

## Municipality

MAROONDAH CITY

## Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO85

## Heritage Listing

Maroondah City

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## Statement of Significance

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Banool is a large conservative Modernist stone house, built in 1937. It is in an elevated and commanding situation, with contextual elements such as street entrance and fence and a substantial mature garden of the period. It is historically significant to Maroondah for its association with the Hon. Hugh Mahon (1857-1931), Labor federal parliamentarian and pioneer promoter of an Australian republic, for which cause he sacrificed his seat. It is also an extraordinary embodiment of comfortable family life of its period. It is architecturally significant in demonstrating its architectural style in its garden context and the craftsmanship and possible use of local sandstone.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Maroondah - Maroondah Heritage Identification Study, Richard Peterson with Peter Barrett, 1998;
Hermes Number	146989
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## Physical Description 1

A large conservative Modernist stone house in an elevated and commanding situation. The dwelling has walls constructed from coursed rubble, possibly local sandstone, with a steep Marseilles cement tile hipped roof. All windows are double-hung and there are rectangular louvred vents in gabled ends. Generally, six bays face Wonga Road: a gable projects at the left side as the entrance, the central bay projects as a lower hip, the fifth bay has a canted bay-window and a gable projects forward at right. There is a low sandstone rubble fence with piers on Wonga Road, with an impressive row of twenty mature cypresses, a local landmark. The entrance gate-posts are larger, with wrought-steel lamps and name. There is a substantial mature garden of the period. (The house is mostly obscured to view).

## Intactness

Apparently in relatively good condition. The Wonga Road boundary is now extremely elevated over a very high cutting, secured by a most substantial reinforced concrete retaining wall, unsympathetically faced with Indian roofing slates.

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