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## Dunstaffnage



81 Wonga Rd



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### Location

81 Wonga Road RINGWOOD NORTH, MAROONDAH CITY

### Municipality

MAROONDAH CITY

### Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

### Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO83

### Heritage Listing

Maroondah City

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### Statement of Significance

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A charming and unusual late Victorian timber house, initially comprising two (then new) cottages relocated here from Melbourne in 1896, with various compatible additions, set in a large mature garden, with large trees, many presumably a hundred years old. Remarkably, it is still occupied by the same family who settled here, 102 years ago. It is historically significant to the Melbourne region in demonstrating one response to the effect of the high cost of building in the aftermath of the financial crash of 1892. It appears to have been cheaper to buy newly constructed cottages in Melbourne and transport them to Ringwood, than build locally. It also is significant for its remaining always with the family which built it, never sold outside the family, over 100 years and for being

pioneering to the Ringwood locality. It is architecturally significant as an unusual late Victorian house which retains much of its evocative context, with additions that were built by the family as required, including mature trees and rare late Victorian garden remnants.

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

The early section now appears as a charming and unusual three-bay timber cottage with an H-shaped plan. It is set well back, behind a remnant garden of mature trees. The left and right bays are set forward as symmetrical similar gables. These have particularly decorative deep cast-iron valences with a turned timber finial. Beneath, is a window-pair, with an unusual half-diamond shaped hipped window-head, with most unusual deep cast-iron lace valence, supported on a single column, rising from a triangular base, itself supported on deep brackets. The verandah is in the recessed central bay. There is a symmetrical three-bay double-storey major addition at the right side rear, with a good internal timber stair. It has a double-storey verandah, with symmetrical canted bays, in both storeys, a tripartite window and two doors. The first storey cast-iron lace balustrade is bellied. Both levels have cast-iron posts, brackets and valence. The garden has a palm, citrus, eucalypts and deciduous trees.

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