

**Place name** Mareen House

**Survey Date:** 31/07/2002

**Other name**

**Id:** 1274

**Street** Bank Street

**Last Update** 9/03/2005

**Locality** Alberton

**Postcode**

**Official Locality**

**Property No** Town Lot 5/2

**Local Government Area** Wellington Shire

**Property Info**

**Precinct:** Not in precinct

**Easting**

**Northing**

**Map**

**Workshop number**

**Workshop votes**

**Field survey number**

**Community priority**

**Designer**

**Builder**

**Ownership**

**Built Date**

**Change Date**

**Description** Mareen is double-fronted, clad with timber weatherboards, has a concave verandah and an Whip main roof whilst skillion has been added to the east side. The main house is near to original and located near Hair's store in Turnbull Street.

**Condition**

**Integrity**

**History** Early landowner. E T. Newton

Edward Thomas Newton, auctioneer and land agent, purchased lot 5 from John Orr and other nominees, to resell to an Alberton Police officer, Robert Hare, in 1855 (1). Robert Hare sold it eleven years later for 6 pounds, to William Hair, the Alberton storekeeper (2).

William McMillan Hair was born in Ayrshire, Scotland, in 1829, came to the Colony of Victoria in 1857 and took up roadmaking and carpentry in Gippsland for two years prior to him establishing a general storekeeping business at the north-east corner of Turnbull and Bank Streets. Nine years an Alberton Shire Councillor and twenty-six year a storekeeper, Hair retired in 1885 to Mareen, leaving the business to his nephew William McKerrow. After acquiring the adjoining lots two and three in 1872, it is probable that Hair then constructed Mareen by 1879 (3) (Butler 1982:18).

**Heritage Protections**

Register	Reference	Zoning	Status
Planning Scheme	HO3		Listed

**National Estate**

**Research Required**

**Recommendations**

**Fieldwork priority?**

**Stage 1 Ranking**

Assessed: Port Albert Herit

**Stage 2 priority**

No Action: Already include

**Final Ranking**

**Final Recommendation** Amendment C26

**Statement of significance** Mareen reflects both the renewed prosperity of Alberton in the 1880s and Hair's connection with the earlier boom period of the late 1850s (Butler 1982:16-18).

**Extent of designation**

**Informant**

**Notes**

**Follow up**

**Bibliography**

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1)

a) G.G. 6/5/156, LA.Roll

b) RGO unregistered Sale Note 20/12/1855

2)

a) RGO unregistered sale Note 7/12/1868

b) P.O.D. 1868

3)

a) C. of V., Vol3 p 624

b) RB 1879, 236

c) RB 1885, 540

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