
Baw Baw Plateau

Location

VIC - Property No L10247

Municipality

BAW BAW SHIRE

Level of significance

State

Heritage Listing

National Trust

Statement of Significance

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The natural environment of the Baw Baw plateau is one of seclusion and loneliness brought about by the shielding of the inner valley and hills by the surrounding peaks. This together with the outstanding view of the neighbouring LaTrobe Valley to be gained from the higher portion of the plateau, the array of colourful wildflowers, the interesting contrast of peaty swamps, herb gardens and extensive stands of Alpine Ash *E.delegatensis*, shining gum (*E.nitens*) and the snow gum (*E.pauciflora*) which grow to the summit of the mountains, produces a landscape of variety and contrast worthy of preservation.

There are a number of interesting and rare species to be found on the plateau both flora and fauna. For instance, myrtle beech (*Nothofagus cunninghamii*) which is often found in association with the mountain tea-tree (*Leptospermum grandifolium*) in the sub-alpine woodland of the plateau. Also to be found are the Plum pine (*Podocarpus lawrencei*) and the Baw Baw berry (*Wittsteinia vacciniacea*), - one of two ericas native to Victoria. The stands of *Eucalyptus glaucescens* are of particular interest as they grow to a height of 36m on the plateau whereas normally they attain a height of only 12m.

Philoria grosti or the Baw Baw frog is only found on the plateau and there have been sightings of the rare Leadbeaters possum in the regrowth areas of the 1939 bushfires.

The Baw Baw plateau is a fine example of alpine and sub-alpine landscapes with a wide diversity of landscape type and character together with a diversity of flora and fauna. Features such as Mustering Flats and Mushroom Rock are indicative of the variety of landscapes to be found on the plateau. Mustering Flat is a large flat area while Mushroom Rock is a cluster of rocks which stand out from the surrounding area and indicate the degree of weathering which has occurred.

Classified 07/06/1982

Note: Classified area differs from Baw Baw National Park

Hermes Number 64464

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