
Eucalyptus baueriana subsp. thalassina

Location

295 Parwan-Exford Rd Southern bank of Werribee River, MOORABOOL SHIRE

Municipality

MOORABOOL SHIRE

Level of significance

Regional

Heritage Listing

National Trust

Statement of Significance

Last updated on - December 8, 2021

What is significant?

This Werribee Blue Box grows on the southern bank of the Werribee River in Parwan. This area is part of the traditional lands of the Wadawurrung people. There is a stand of Werribee Blue Boxes approximately 350m west of this tree (T12434), along with a number of specimens on the northern bank of this section of the catchment, with at least 3 considered to be of Regional significance (T12431, T12432, T12433).

How is it significant?

This Werribee Blue Box is significant for scientific and aesthetic reasons at the Regional level.

Why is it significant?

This tree is scientifically significant for rarity, and as an important source of seed.

The Werribee Blue Box was first identified as a morphologically distinct subspecies of *Eucalyptus baueriana* in 2011, and is classified as endangered in Victoria. Its distribution is restricted to the Werribee River catchment around Bacchus Marsh and downstream, growing close to watercourses and drainage lines in alluvial soils. The Werribee Blue Box population is estimated to be only a few thousand, most of which occur in the northern part of the distribution along the Coidamai and Djerriwahrr Creeks, which flow through Lake Merrimu Reservoir Reserve and Long Forest Flora Reserve.

This tree is aesthetically significant as an outstanding specimen with a curious growth form. Its extremely large, gnarled trunk runs almost horizontally to the ground, and the base is hollowed out. Stones are stacked to one side to create a small shelter. A break in the trunk occurred in 2009.

Tree Measurements:

Condition: Good

Tree Type: Individual
Circumference: 5.55m
Height: 13.7m
Canopy Spread: 14m
Height method: Instrument
Circumference method: Tape Measure
Date of measurement: 05/04/2020
Age of tree: Approximately 200 + years

Other Names Werribee Blue Box,

Hermes Number 208331

Property Number

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