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## Blackburn Lake And Bell Bird Streets



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### Location

BLACKBURN VIC 3130 - Property No L10001

### Municipality

WHITEHORSE CITY

### Level of significance

Regional

### Heritage Listing

National Trust

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### Statement of Significance

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The area is an oasis in the suburbia in which it is now engulfed. The lake and its environs remain largely in their natural condition, providing a haven for over 165 bird species. The area is renowned for its Bell Miners; for a breeding colony of Regent Honey-Eaters (which breed normally in northern Victoria); as a resting place for certain migratory bird species (rufous fantail and satin fly-catcher, etc.), and for large numbers of water fowl, many breeding. The second Victorian recording of the Koel (a cuckoo) in 1976 was in the Lake Reserve.

The streets extending outwards from the Lake are an integral part of the ecology of the Lake area, being corridors of movement, particularly for birds. These private streets have resisted the pressures of normal streetmaking requirements and retain a quiet, almost rural character unique in Melbourne. They demonstrate an excellent integration between the natural and man-made environments. The natural vegetation, bird life and informal roads and gardens combine to provide a rare example of *rus in urbe*. The importance of the environmental values

provides a major link between residents and has led to greater social cohesiveness.

## BOUNDARIES

Classified: Road reserve and front gardens of the following streets:

Waratah Crescent

Jeffery Street

Hill Street

Boongarry Avenue

Linum Street

Laurel Grove (between Fuchsia Street and Creek)

Acacia Avenue

Blackburn Lake and land to east of Lake Reserve fronting on to Lake Road.

Recorded: Furness Park and land to north of Lake Reserve fronting on to Central Road.

Hermes Number 70271

Property Number

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