Victorian Heritage Database place details - 23/4/2017
Blackburn Lake And Bell Bird Streets

Location:
BLACKBURN, Whitehorse City

Heritage Inventory (HI) Number:
Listing Authority: HI
Extent of Registration:

Statement of Significance:
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.

Description

Heritage Study	
Year Construction Started	
Architect / Designer	
Architectural Style	
Heritage Act Categories	
Municipality	["WHITEHORSE CITY"]
Other names	
History	