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Location

CAMPERDOWN VIC 3260 - Property No L10298

Municipality

CORANGAMITE SHIRE

Level of significance

State

Heritage Listing

National Trust

Statement of Significance

Last updated on -

What is significant?

Lake Purrumbete is a maar, a broad, shallow volcanic crater formed by an explosive eruption, probably during the Pliocene period. Much of the material ejected was ash or scoria (fragments of basalt rock), which fell nearby to form a raised rim around the crater, particularly on the eastern, or downwind, side. The crater has subsequently partly filled with water to form a lake of fresh water.

Around the lake almost all the natural vegetation has been cleared and replaced by a cover of pasture grasses which support pastoral farming, much of it associated with the heritage listed Purrumbete Homestead, and providing an open, green backdrop for the lake.

How is it significant?

Lake Purrumbete is significant for aesthetic and historic reasons at the State level, and for scientific reasons at the National level.

Why is it significant?

. Lake Purrumbete is described by the Geological Society of Australia as a near-perfect simple maar of National significance.

. Unlike all the other large lakes in this part of the Western District, the water in Lake Purrumbete is fresh, and it supports a large number and variety of fish, birds and aquatic plant life, contributing to high scenic quality and rich biodiversity.

. The pastoral landscape around Lake Purrumbete was developed in association with an important historic property, Purrumbete Station. The Purrumbete Homestead, which is classified by the National Trust (B0733), the Australian Heritage Commission (RNE 3757) and the Victorian Heritage Register (H0301), is situated near the northern edge of the lake. There is very little other development, and the pastoral setting of the lake and homestead remain virtually intact.

Classified 18/04/2011

Hermes Number 120775

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