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# Eucalyptus baueriana subsp. thalassina

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## Location

Werribee River, HOPETOUN PARK VIC 3340 - Property No T12431

## Municipality

MOORABOOL SHIRE

## Level of significance

Regional

## Heritage Listing

National Trust

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## Statement of Significance

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### What is significant?

This Werribee Blue Box grows on the northern bank of the Werribee River in Hopetoun Park, along a green corridor to the south of residential housing. This area is part of the traditional lands of the Wurundjeri people. It is an outstanding two-trunked specimen and has the largest circumference of the Werribee Blue Box trees in the area. Both trunks are hollow and have been burnt out. There are a number of Werribee Blue Boxes along this section of the catchment, with at least 3 considered to be of Regional significance (T12431, T12432, T12433). Several other specimens in the area are currently being assessed.

### 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 outstanding size, age and 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 Coidama and Djerrihah Creeks, which flow through Lake Merrimu Reservoir Reserve and Long Forest Flora Reserve.

The species is typically a small tree averaging 3-12m tall, however this specimen is exceptionally tall with an outstanding bifurcated trunk, which has been burnt out. The tree is aesthetically significant for its extravagant and exciting form.

Condition: Good

Tree Type: Individual

Circumference: 7.8m

Height: 16.5m

Canopy spread:12m  
Height method:Instrument  
Circumference method: Tape Measure  
Date of measurement:25/05/2010  
Age of tree: approximately 200+years

Other Names      Mother Two Trunks, Werribee Blue Box,

Hermes Number   207091

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