

6.2.16 PERMANENT WATERBODIES - 16 LAND ELEMENT

Map unit Wg16

Landscape

Throughout the shire there are four main types of waterbodies identified under the land systems categories. Wg 15 includes naturally intermittent waterbodies and those drained since European Settlement, while others occur as chains of swamps and permanent water bodies (Wg17). This land element (Wg 16) identifies the permanent waterbodies in the shire. Many of these lakes are designated public land, although there are some privately owned lakes. Many of the lakes have lunettes on their eastern side. In some cases the lunettes were too small to map, although Nu14 will provide more detailed description of those lunettes present.

Soil descriptions and suitability ratings have not been completed for this land element because, although many of these lakes recede in summer with some drying out completely during exceptionally dry summers, they cannot be used effectively for grazing or cropping compared with the intermittent swamps (Wg 15). The lake beds have limited throughflow to the watertable.



Plate 31 A permanent waterbody surrounded by Red gums.