



# Snape Reserve

## At a glance

**Country:** Wotjobaluk

**Catchment:** Wimmera

**IBRA Region:** Murray Darling Depression

**Victorian Bioregion:** Lowan Mallee and Wimmera

**Size:** 846 hectares

**120 + plant species**

**220 + animal species**

**8 habitat types**

**Management priorities** include weed control, pest animal control and habitat improvements.

## About the property

Purchased in 2002 thanks to the generosity of Diana and Brian Snape, Snape Reserve is an important buffer to the Little Desert National Park. It is 846 hectares in size and is situated near Dimboola in the Wimmera. Snape Reserve is significant due to its cultural heritage values and because of the vegetation it protects.

At landscape scales Snape Reserve is strategically important as it is situated near the Wimmera River making it the largest private land conservation effort between the Little Desert and river corridor. This river corridor extends north before terminating in the ephemeral Lakes of Hindmarsh and Albacutya in north west Victoria.

The Traditional Owners lived as hunter-gatherers in small family bands of the Kreitch balug clan, which belonged to the Wotjobaluk tribe. The sandy area on the north-eastern side of Snape Reserve was used as a campsite and evidence of this occupation can still be found in the form of stone scatters and burials.





## Snape Reserve is habitat forever

**Key habitats:** Shallow Sands Woodland, Low Rises Woodland, Lignum Swampy Woodland, Plains Savannah and Ridged Plains Mallee.

**Notable flora species:** Upright Spider-orchid (*Caladenia stricta*), Silky Guinea-flower (*Hibbertia sericea var scabrifolia*), Club-hair New Holland Daisy (*Vittadinia condyloides*), Thyme Beard-heath (*Leucopogon thymifolius*) and Salt Paperbark (*Melaleuca halmaturorum*)

**Notable fauna species:** Powerful Owl (*Ninox strenua*), Diamond Firetail (*Stagonopleura guttata*), Painted Honeyeater (*Grantiella picta*), Red-tailed Black Cockatoo (*Calyptorhynchus banksii*) and Tree Goanna (*Varanus varius*)



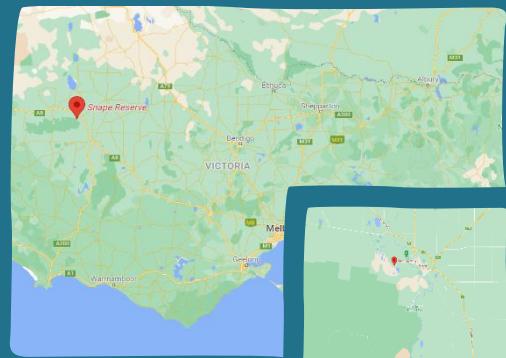
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**Traditional Owner:** Trust for Nature acknowledges and respects the Traditional Owners of this land, the Wotjobaluk people.



## Location

Snape Reserve

Old Racecourse Road, Dimboola

Open to general public

Check website for seasonal closure information



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