



# Friar Reserve

## At a glance

**Country:** Gunaikurnai

**Catchment:** West Gippsland CMA

**IBRA Region:** South East Coastal Plain

**Victorian Bioregion:** Gippsland Plain

**Size:** 193 hectares

**150+** plant species

**120+** animal species

**4** habitat types

**Management priorities** include the control of African Love Grass (*Eragrostis curvula*), Burgan (*Kunzea ericoides*) and rabbit control.

## About the property

Originally used for grazing and timber harvesting, the site was purchased in 2002 by Trust for Nature with funding from the RE Ross Trust and the National Reserve System.

The reserve includes patches of nationally endangered Gippsland Plains Grassy Woodland ecological vegetation community. This is dominated by Gippsland Red Gum, Coast Manna Gum, Silver Banksia, Saw Banksia and Bottlebrush with a ground layer rich in grasses, sedges and lilies. Once covering extensive areas, this ecological community is now heavily fragmented and threatened by introduced grasses that outcompete native species such as Kangaroo Grass (*Themeda triandra*) and Wallaby Grasses (several *Rytidosperma* sp.).

Perhaps the most notable understory species present at Friar Reserve is the nationally endangered Dwarf Kerrawang (*Rulingia prostrata*), a small herb that is found in a minor number of ephemeral wetlands in Victoria and NSW.

Stands of Banksia species provide important habitat for a range of species including Gliders, Antechinus and parrots.





## Friar Reserve is habitat forever

**Key habitats:** Gippsland Plains Grassy Woodland, Sedge Wetland, Heathy Woodlands and Damp Sands Herb Rich Woodland

**Notable flora species:** Dwarf Kerrawang (*Rulingia prostrata*), Pithy Sword-sedge (*Lepidospermum longitudinale*), Saw Banksia (*Banksia serrata*), Coast Manna Gum (*Eucalyptus pryoriana*) and Gippsland Red Gum (*Eucalyptus tereticornis* spp. *mediana*)

**Notable fauna species:** Latham's Snipe (*Gallinago hardwickii*), Tawny Frogmouth (*Podargus strigoides*), Swamp Harrier (*Circus approximans*), White-lipped Snake (*Drysdalia coronoides*) and Feathertail Glider (*Acrobates pygmaeus*).



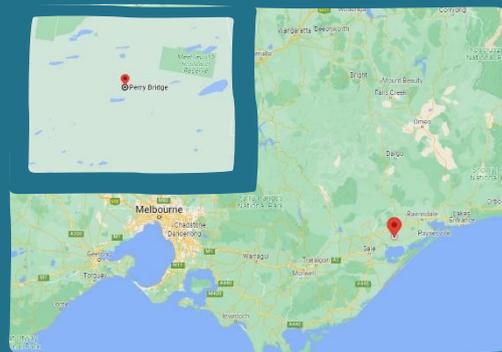
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## Location

Friar Reserve

Lot 37 Section 3, Roussacs Rd, Meerlieu

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