



Burge Family Reserve

At a glance

Country: Taungurung

Catchment: Goulburn Broken

IBRA Region: Victorian Midlands

Victorian Bioregion: Central Victorian Uplands

Size: 38.2 hectares

120+ plant species

50+ animal species

3 habitat types

Management priorities include controlling pest plants and animals, thinning dense eucalypt regrowth, reducing erosion, reducing the impact of kangaroo grazing and revegetating with trees and understory species.

About the property

The Burge Family Reserve sits on the edge of the Strathbogie Ranges at Gobur, just north of Yarck. It supports seven threatened species in Box Gum Grassy Woodland, a Nationally threatened habitat. The site contains large hollow-bearing trees, many that pre-date European settlement and have high conservation value as habitat and ‘mother trees’ – as a seed source and for stand health.

The high quality Box Gum Grassy Woodland vegetation found on the property is very rare in the district with only 2% of this vegetation type remaining. The intact grasslands and woodlands have survived due to a history of light grazing and the absence of fertilizer application or cultivation, but they require active management and rehabilitation. A Committee of Management organises works and activities that improve the health of the reserve, including engaging with local communities and the conservation-minded public.

This property was in the Shaw and Burge families since settlement. It has predominately been a sheep grazing property, with some cattle grazing undertaken in the years before it was donated to Trust for Nature in 2010.





Burge Family Reserve is habitat forever

Key habitats: Box Gum Grassy Woodland, open grassland and riparian/wetland zone.

Notable flora species: Matted Flax-lily (*Dianella amoena*), Kangaroo Grass (*Themeda triandra*), Plump Swamp-wallaby Grass (*Amphibromus pithogastrus*), Slender Tick-trefoil (*Desmodium varians*) and old-growth Eucalyptus trees of several species.

Notable fauna species: Striped Legless Lizard (*Delma impar*), Brown Toadlet (*Pseudophryne bibroni*), Brown Tree-creeper (*Climacteris picumnus*), Diamond Firetail (*Stagonopleura guttata*) and Brush-tailed Phascogale (*Phascogale tapoatafa*)



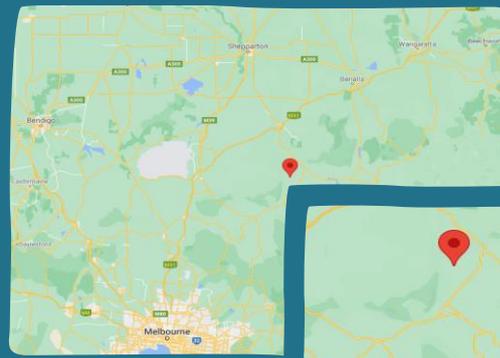
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Traditional Owner: Trust for Nature acknowledges and respects the Traditional Owners of this land, the Taungurung people.



Location

Burge Family Reserve

275 Kanumbra-Gobur Road, Gobur

Open to general public except for between 1st November and 31st March during which time the reserve is CLOSED

Check website for seasonal closure information



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