



PROPERTY OWNERS

*Andrew and Anne
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PROPERTY DETAILS

Location: 701 Angus Stephens Rd, Benayeo, Victoria

Size: 275 ha

Land/ vegetation type(s):
Stringybark woodland (135ha),
Red Gum Swamp (30 ha),
Yellow Gum/Buloke woodland
(approx. 36ha),
Buloke wetlands (approx. 10ha),
Rough-barked Manna gum
woodland (15ha)

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Kowree Private Conservancy Network

PROPERTY PROFILE



WHY WE OWN THIS LAND

We have always loved being in the bush and found joy in observing birds and wildflowers. Owning this land has given us a quiet recreational retreat and the opportunity to work towards improving it's habitat and biodiversity values, without too many of the constraints of our previous experiences. (Previous experience was in conservation and agricultural activities on public or other people's land.)



MAIN CONSERVATION ACTIVITIES

Pest plant and animal control & absence of livestock grazing.

OTHER ACTIVITIES ON PROPERTY

Recreation

MAIN WEED THREATS

Bridal Creeper, Phalaris, One-leaved Cape Tulip

PROTECTION - COVENANTS/CMA CONTRACTS

We have received valuable financial support for weed and pest plant control through a series of CMA Contracts. 10 year contracts covering 3 areas and totalling 95ha of wetlands run until late 2021. We hope to reach agreement with TfN regarding covenants on these areas. 5 year contracts covering 168ha of woodland - stringybark, manna gum and yellow gum - ended late 2019.

DESCRIPTION

Property was used for grazing livestock before we purchased it in 2011. However the Stringybark woodland was never cleared. Yellow gum flats along the creek line were cleared in the 1960's but have mostly regenerated. Two small Buloke wetlands are largely intact. The Red Gum Swamp was grazed but is still surrounded with large trees and has a reasonable number of 20-30 year old trees and many saplings, which have naturally regenerated since 2011.

OTHER ISSUES/ CHALLENGES

Finding an efficient way to map weeds across such a large area. Also allocating time for weed mapping, especially those only visible in the growing season, like Bridal Creeper and Cape Tulip. It's busy enough just treating some of these weeds in the growing season!