

Powerful Owl - post fire management

Observations of Powerful Owls on a roadside reserve in the Panmure area, Moyne Shire. Images provided by Lisette Mills, Basalt to Bay Landcare, November 2018.

The existence of these owls is largely due to the retention of remnant habitat trees after the Ash Wednesday fires in 1983. During the post fire activities there was a significant loss of trees in the landscape due to clearing on private land and roadsides, much of which occurred as an overreaction to future fire threats. Some roadsides were totally decimated. Thankfully large habitat trees contained in a 4-metre roadside reserve were spared from destruction even though they were burnt. Now, 35 years after the fires these trees stand tall and provide a home to the Powerful Owl (vulnerable in Victoria and Listed under the *Flora & Fauna Guarantee Act 1988*).



A place to call home for these two Powerful owls - thankfully large habitat trees in a 4-metre wide roadside reserve were spared from destruction during the post Ash Wednesday fire recovery works.



Remnant trees retained after Ash Wednesday fires (1983) on roadside reserve in the Panmure area, Moyne Shire now provides Powerful Owl habitat.

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Powerful Owl feeding on Ring-tailed Possum.



Powerful Owl - dependant on old remnant trees retained after the Ash Wednesday fires, 1983.



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