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# Settlement Point, Corinella

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## Location

CORINELLA VIC 3984 - Property No L10083

## Municipality

BASS COAST SHIRE

## Level of significance

Regional

## Heritage Listing

National Trust

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## Statement of Significance

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Tertiary volcanics occur here on both sides of the Corinella fault. The cliffs are up to 50 ft. in height and are topped by remnants of aboriginal kitchen middens and she-oaks, *Casuarina stricta*.

The area has considerable historic value being the point of settlement during the military "occupation" against the French threat in the 1820s and the place where Strezelecki ended his trek across Gippsland.

The high cliff at Settlement Point is a vantage point allowing scenic views across to French Island and south along a cliffed coastline to Cobb Bluff with Phillip Island in the distance.

The Settlement Point area has high physiographic and geological values. The Corinella fault plane contains massive ironstone which, because of its resistance to erosion, projects above the level of the beach. The upthrow side consists of volcanics which are extensively brecciated in places, while ferruginous Tertiary gravels occur on the downthrow side. At Settlement Point, there is a "raised" beach at the base of the cliff, with a shell bed at the base of the deposit and a kitchen midden at the top.

### LOCATION:

On the eastern side of Western Port, at the township of Corinella.

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