
Mallacoota Coastal & Inlet Foreshore

Location

MALLACOOTA VIC 3892 - Property No L10288

Municipality

EAST GIPPSLAND SHIRE

Level of significance

State

Heritage Listing

National Trust

Statement of Significance

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What is significant?

The Mallacoota Coastal and Inlet Foreshore has a history of Indigenous, colonial and contemporary use. The area has extensive views of land and water, natural ecosystems, geological formations, unusual plant and tree species, and a cultural heritage of middens, landmarks and old buildings.

The area is the active interface between high use urban infrastructure within Mallacoota and important coastal estuarine and terrestrial ecosystems of Croajingolong National Park. The foreshore precinct is significant due to its ecological integrity, aesthetic and historical importance and accessibility for residents and visitors to the area.

How is it significant?

The Mallacoota Coastal and Inlet Foreshore precinct is significant for its aesthetic, historic, scientific (ecological, geological and geomorphological), social and spiritual values at a State level.

Why is it significant?

The Mallacoota Coastal and Inlet Foreshore's scientific values are significant, as they comprise vital ecological habitats for birds protected under International Agreements (Department of Foreign Affairs 1981), and are ecologically contiguous with the Croajingolong National Park World Biosphere Reserve (declared in 1977 by UNESCO).

The Mallacoota Coastal and Inlet Foreshore landscape is aesthetically significant as a natural and diverse landscape. It forms and provides access to one of very few expansive estuarine landscapes in Victoria that is both accessible and substantially undeveloped. These aspects of the region provide tourist attractions, with lookouts at Bastion Point, Mortimer's Paddock, Captain Stevenson's Point, Tip Beach and at various points along the coast. Also of aesthetic and scientific value are the wilderness views, unique geomorphology and dynamic estuarine processes.

The social and historical values include on-going recreational use in the area. Bastion Point and other parts of the landscape are of social and spiritual significance to Indigenous people. Non-indigenous communities also have

social and spiritual attachment to the tranquil charm, beauty and unspoilt serenity of the landscape and many burial services have taken place in various spots.

The various bushland areas and coastlines are the active interface between the township and the surrounding National Park. A network of walking tracks and long beaches enables the public to access all these areas.

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