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Dear Sir or Madam

**RE: National Trust Classification of Mallacoota Coastal and Inlet Foreshore**  
**MALLACOOTA 3892** **Classified: State**

I write to advise you that the above place has been Classified and included in the National Trust's Register. The Trust believes that classified places are an essential part of Australia's heritage and must be preserved.

The inclusion of a place in the National Trust's Register does not impose any legal obligations on property owners or occupiers. Therefore, the Trust strongly recommends that if this place is not already protected by the Heritage Overlay controls of your Planning Scheme that you take steps to do so.

Please find enclosed a copy of the Trust's Classification for this place. The Statement of Significance summarises those aspects which, in the view of the National Trust, contribute to the importance of the place. Such a summary is a necessary part of protection through Heritage Overlay controls under the Planning Scheme.

I would be grateful if you could bring this Classification to the attention of your Council and in particular your planning department and Heritage Advisor. We also respectfully request that you place this letter on the appropriate file, with the intention that the Trust be informed should Council become aware of any proposed developments which could have an adverse impact on the Classified place.

I would be pleased if you could acknowledge receipt of this letter and if you have any queries, please don't hesitate to contact Ms Ann Gibson of this office on 9656 9818.

Yours faithfully,

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# NATIONAL TRUST OF AUSTRALIA (VICTORIA)

## LANDSCAPE CLASSIFICATION REPORT

**FILE NO: L10288**

**NAME: Mallacoota Coastal and Inlet Foreshore**

### **LOCATION**

The Mallacoota Coastal and Inlet Foreshore area is located around the township of Mallacoota, in the Shire of East Gippsland, at the far-east of the State of Victoria, Australia.

Melways Ref 428 A4.

Location centre approximately 07 44 000E, 58 38 000N (AMG66 or AGD94, Zone 55).

1:100,000 Mapsheet: Mallacoota AU8822A

### **OTHER / FORMER NAMES**

The Mallacoota Coastal and Inlet Foreshore includes the Mallacoota Foreshore Reserve, places called Pebbly Beach, Secret Beach, Quarry Beach, Betka River, Betka Beach, Davis Creek, Davis Creek Beach, Tip Beach, Bastion Point, Main Beach, Mortimer's Paddock, Devlins Gulch, Mallacoota, Devlins (or Develings) Inlet, Captain Stevenson's Point, Coulls Inlet, Shady Gully, Fisheries Point, Stingray Point, Robertson Bight, Mullet Creek, Karbeethong, Snapper Point, Sunny Corner and the Narrows.

### **STATEMENT OF CULTURAL HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE**

#### **What is significant?**

The Mallacoota Coastal and Inlet Foreshore has a history of aboriginal, colonial and contemporary use. The area has extensive views of land and water, natural ecosystems, geological formations, unusual plant and tree species, and a human 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, valued by the community as an untouched coastal wilderness. 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 past indigenous people and the present-day community. 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.

## **EXTENT:**

The Mallecoota Coastal and Inlet Foreshore specifically includes:

- The area bounded by Croajingolong National Park to the south-west, Betka Road to the north, Betka River to the east and the Bass Strait to the south;
- The area between Betka River to the west and Bastion Point to the East, bounded by Betka Road and Bass Strait;
- The area between and including Bastion Point and Captain Stevenson's Point and Mortimers Paddock;
- The foreshore of the Caravan Park between Captain Stevenson's Point and Coull's Inlet;
- The area between and including Coull's Inlet to Mullet Creek, along both sides of Lakeside Drive and;
- The foreshore from Mullet creek to the boundary of Croajingolong National Park, at the Narrows, to the North.
- Remnant stands of trees and individual mature trees, which contribute to the natural aesthetic of Mallecoota when viewed across the lake.

Due to the highly variable location of sand dunes and water levels, the water's edge boundary shown on maps may be inaccurate.

Refer Attachment 1 for detailed Map of these areas.

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**CATEGORY: Forest Landscape/Coastal Landscape**