

# A foreshore worth treasuring

**The National Trust of Australia has classified and included Mallacoota's coastal and inlet foreshore in the National Trust Register.**

This incorporates the foreshore between the Croajingolong National Park boundaries that extend from Secret Beach to the Narrows.

The trust recognises that 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.

"The area is the active interface between high use urban infrastructure within Mallacoota and important coastal estuarine and terrestrial ecosystems of Croajingolong National Park," said co-author of the Friends of Mallacoota's submission to the trust, Tony Hastings.

"The Friends of Mallacoota are delighted with the classification, as it confirms the values that make Mallacoota special."

Martin Purslow, chief executive officer of the National Trust of Australia (Victoria), said the National Trust is committed to ensuring the recognition and protection of significant natural heritage through its classification of landscapes.

"The trust's landscape classification database is the largest in Australia and the inclusion of the Mallacoota Coastal and Inlet Foreshore acknowledges the importance of this landscape and that it should be preserved for future generations," he said.

The trust advised East Gippsland Shire Council that the area has been classified as having state significance and seeks protection through inclusion in the council's heritage overlay.

"The public are urged to write to the council supporting the inclusion of the Mallacoota coastal and inlet foreshore in the heritage overlay", Mr Hastings concluded.