

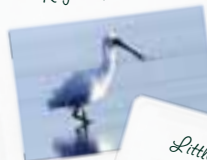
# ESTUARIES OF THE CORANGAMITE REGION

David sharing his knowledge  
of the cultural values of estuaries



Peterborough

Royal Spoonbill



Port Campbell

Little Pied Cormorant



## Gurdies Inlet Estuary

**16km**  
Approximate  
estuary length

**1124km<sup>2</sup>**  
Catchment Area

**Interesting Fact:**  
The saltmarsh and grasslands  
surrounding the estuary provide  
habitat for one of Australia's rarest  
birds, the Orange-Bellied Parrot.

## Gellibrand River Estuary

**8km**  
Approximate  
estuary length

**1184km<sup>2</sup>**  
Catchment Area

**Interesting Fact:**  
Flows directly into the Twelve  
Apostles Marine National Park.

## Aire River Estuary

**8km**  
Approximate  
estuary length

**280km<sup>2</sup>**  
Catchment Area

**Interesting Fact:**  
The shallow salty wetlands of the  
estuary are very rare in Victoria.

## Barham River Estuary

**2km**  
Approximate  
estuary length

**79.5km<sup>2</sup>**  
Catchment Area

**Interesting Fact:**  
A meandering tidal waterway  
of State significance due  
to its geology.



Jessie and his kids bird watching  
at Barham River Estuary

## Wild Dog Creek Estuary

**1km**  
Approximate  
estuary length

**19.9km<sup>2</sup>**  
Catchment Area

**Interesting Fact:**  
Breeding site for the small and  
shy Hooded Plover which is a  
vulnerable species in Victoria.



Apollo Bay Landscape Group

## Kennet River Estuary

**1km**  
Approximate  
estuary length

**20km<sup>2</sup>**  
Catchment Area

**Interesting Fact:**  
Home to the Australian Grayling  
which is the fish species of the  
greatest conservation need in the  
Otway region.

## Wye River Estuary

**1km**  
Approximate  
estuary length

**24.6km<sup>2</sup>**  
Catchment Area

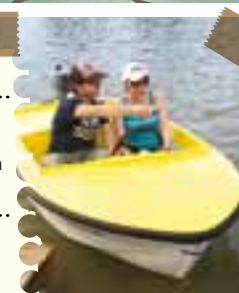
**Interesting Fact:**  
The estuary is home to the  
vulnerable Tasmanian Mudfish  
which bury themselves beneath  
logs or stones during dry  
summers.

## Anglesea River Estuary

**4km**  
Approximate  
estuary length

**125km<sup>2</sup>**  
Catchment Area

**Interesting Fact:**  
Extensive boardwalks, bridges  
and trails provide many  
opportunities to get up close to  
the estuary.



Boating in the  
Anglesea River Estuary  
Fairhaven

## St George River Estuary

**2km**  
Approximate  
estuary length

**33.9km<sup>2</sup>**  
Catchment Area

**Interesting Fact:**  
The only estuary in the  
Corangamite Region to be listed  
as being in a 'near-pristine  
condition'.

## Erskine River Estuary

**1km**  
Approximate  
estuary length

**30.4km<sup>2</sup>**  
Catchment Area

**Interesting Fact:**  
Around 80% of the estuary's  
catchment area is in the Great  
Otway National Park.

## Painkalac Creek Estuary

**3km**  
Approximate  
estuary length

**61km<sup>2</sup>**  
Catchment Area

**Interesting Fact:**  
A beautiful coastal lagoon system  
which attracts the spotted green  
frog and eastern banjo frog  
(Pobblebonk).

## Spring Creek Estuary

**4km**  
Approximate  
estuary length

**57km<sup>2</sup>**  
Catchment Area

**Interesting Fact:**  
The estuary is bordered by the  
Spring Creek Reserve which  
contains unique and rare Moonah  
Woodlands and Bellarine  
Yellowgums.

## Thompsons Creek Estuary

**6km**  
Approximate  
estuary length

**305km<sup>2</sup>**  
Catchment Area

**Interesting Fact:**  
Part of the important Karaaf  
Wetlands which are rich in local  
cultural history.

## Barwon River Estuary

**19km**  
Approximate  
estuary length

**8590km<sup>2</sup>**  
Catchment Area

**Interesting Fact:**  
From the internationally  
significant wetland at Lake  
Connewarre to the sea, the  
Barwon estuary supports the  
westernmost occurrence of the  
White Mangrove in Victoria.



Scale of Map

0 3.75km 7.5km 15km 22.5km 30km

For more information on any of the estuaries in the  
Corangamite Region contact the EstuaryWatch Coordinator  
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