

VISIONS FOR OUR JOURNEY TO THE GREAT OCEAN ROAD'S ESTUARIES

David sharing his knowledge of the cultural values of estuaries



Royal Spoonbill



Curdies River

The Curdies River will be retained in moderate environmental condition by 2024. Regional visitors and tourists will enjoy the scenery of the estuary and will be able to participate in activities such as fishing and boating. Fisherman will enjoy a sustainable catch of Black Bream. The water quality within the estuary will improve, encouraging visitors and local landholders to enjoy the estuary and increase aspirations for improved environmental condition.

Gellibrand River

The environmental condition of the Gellibrand River estuary will continue to improve from poor condition in 1999, moderate condition in 2004 and reaching good condition by 2024. The Princetown Wetlands will be protected and inundated seasonally with the opening and closing of the river mouth. The threatened Australian Grayling will pass through the estuary regularly and Black Bream numbers will be sustainable allowing enjoyment for fisherman. Visitors will enjoy camping and the scenery and the local community will benefit from the national and international tourists that visit and enjoy the area.

Aire River

The Aire River will reach good environmental condition by 2024. The floodplain wetlands will be protected and will inundate seasonally with the closing and opening of the estuary mouth. The endangered Estuarine Wetland vegetation will remain along with the endangered Swamp Scrub vegetation. The Great Egret, Australian Grayling and Tasmanian Mudfish will frequent the estuary and their habitat requirements will be met. Recreational fisherman, canoeists and other boating enthusiasts will enjoy the estuary and a sustainable Black Bream catch will be taken. Regional visitors and tourists from further afield will enjoy camping, swimming and site seeing at the estuary.

Parker River

The Parker River will continue to be ecologically healthy in 2024, with excellent environmental condition and natural features and ecological processes intact. The fish community within the system will continue to thrive with a diverse representation of the Galaxias species and the absence of any introduced species. The streamside vegetation of the river will continue to provide habitat for the threatened Spot-tailed Quoll, Smoky Mouse, Swamp Antechinus and Broad-toothed Rat. Tourists will visit the estuary and enjoy its outstanding coastal scenery.

Ford River

The Ford River will retain its good environmental condition by 2024. The endangered Swamp Scrub vegetation will be protected and the water quality will continue to meet the standards for a healthy environment. Lake Horden will be protected and the floodplain will retain its geologically significant features.

Elliot River

The Elliot River will continue to be ecologically healthy in 2024, with excellent environmental condition and its natural features and ecological processes intact. Tourists will visit the estuary and enjoy its outstanding coastal scenery.

Barham River

The Barham River will reach good environmental condition by 2024, with the endangered Swamp Scrub vegetation protected for the long term. The Great Egret and Australian Grayling will continue to visit the estuary and their habitat requirements will be met. Tourists will visit the estuary and enjoy its significant coastal scenery and geological features.

Skenes Creek

Removal of stock access and potential water quality threats from town and agricultural runoff will be managed to ensure that Skenes Creek remains in excellent environmental condition in 2024. Tourists will continue to visit and enjoy the estuary and creek and this will continue to benefit the local economy. The threatened Australian Grayling will continue to use the estuary for its seasonal migrations and enjoy the excellent environment in the upper reaches.

Smythes Creek

Smythes Creek will be appreciated for its high natural values and will retain its ecologically healthy status, whilst maintaining its excellent environmental condition in 2024. Visitors to the Great Otway National Park will appreciate the near continuous and intact streamside vegetation along this very natural river and estuary.

Carisbrook Creek

Carisbrook Creek will be appreciated for its high natural values and will retain its Ecologically Healthy status, whilst maintaining excellent environmental condition by 2024. Visitors to the Great Otway National Park will appreciate the continuous and intact streamside vegetation along 80 per cent of this very natural river and estuary. Rufous Bristlebird will have a viable area of protected habitat within the stream side coastal health vegetation and the threatened Australian Grayling will use the estuary for its seasonal migrations.

Grey River

The Grey River will be appreciated for its high natural values and will retain its ecologically healthy status, whilst maintaining excellent environmental condition until 2024. Visitors to the Great Otway National Park will appreciate the continuous and intact streamside vegetation along the full length of this very natural river and estuary.

Kennett River

The Kennett River will remain in excellent environmental condition by 2024, with Australian Grayling frequently using the estuary for its seasonal migrations. Visitors to the region will enjoy the natural environment through non intrusive activities and continue to generate economic benefits for the local community.



Apollo Bay Landscape Group

Wye River

Wye River will be protected to ensure that it stays in excellent environmental condition by 2024. Native fish, such as Australian Grayling and Tasmanian Mudfish, will continue to use the estuary on a seasonal basis as part of their annual migrations. Birds, such as the threatened Rufous Bristlebird, and animals will continue to enjoy the streamside vegetation that is continuous over at least 95 per cent of the stream length. Water quality will remain above the Victorian standards. Visitors will enjoy the natural environment and landscape of the Wye River catchment.

St George River

The St George River will improve to good environmental condition by 2024. Water quality will continue to be above the Victorian standards, allowing swimmers, anglers and walkers to enjoy the water. Healthy streamside vegetation will be protected and enjoyed by visitors and locals.

Cumberland River

The Cumberland River will reach excellent environmental condition by 2024 and it will be considered an ecologically healthy river following the restoration of native fish migration. Australian Grayling will visit the river and its estuary on a seasonal basis, as will the Rufous Bristlebird, and the habitat requirements of these threatened species will be met. The streamside vegetation will remain intact providing a continuous corridor of habitat for the native animals, fish and frogs.

Thompson Creek

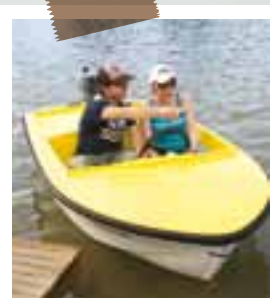
The Thompson Creek will be retained in moderate condition by 2024 ensuring the survival of the Yarra Pygmy Perch in the mid and upper reaches of the catchment. Catchment managers will understand the importance of the deep pools and protect them for the survival of the Yarra Pygmy Perch. The estuary mouth will open and close seasonally allowing inundation of important saltmarsh habitats.



Taking time out to enjoy Painkalac Creek Estuary

Erskine River

The Erskine River will be maintained in good environmental condition by 2024. Australian Grayling will move through the estuary for their seasonal migrations and the popular fishing species Black Bream will live in the estuary. Visitors from the region, national and international, will visit the estuary and enjoy camping and site seeing. Water quality will be improved to ensure that visitors and locals can enjoy the estuary.



Boating on the Anglesea River Estuary

Painkalac Creek

The Painkalac Creek will reach good environmental condition by 2024. The estuary mouth will open and close seasonally, allowing the inundation of the important salt marsh and wetland habitats, whilst protecting important infrastructure, and importantly connecting the nursery habitats of the estuary with the Eagle Rock Marine Sanctuary. The community and visitors will continue to enjoy fishing for Bream and other species, as well as canoeing, walking, site seeing and bird watching, along the estuary. Tourists will appreciate the creek and estuary and this will continue to support the local economy through regular visits.

Anglesea River

The Anglesea River will be maintained in excellent environmental condition by 2024. The community and visitors will continue to enjoy fishing, particularly for Black Bream, swimming, canoeing, and camping along the Anglesea estuary. Facilities will be provided to ensure these activities are undertaken in a sustainable way, ensuring they can continue for the long term. The estuary mouth will open and close seasonally, allowing inundation of important habitats, whilst protecting important infrastructure, and importantly connecting the nursery habitats of the estuary with the Pt Addis Marine National Park.

