

# Mallacoota

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# MALLACOOTA



**Mallacoota is the hub of Australia's Coastal Wilderness.** Prior to the bushfire events of 2019/2020, the unique aspects of the un-spoilt wilderness coastline of **Croajingolong National Park** were recognised as **Australia's Coastal Wilderness**. Fire is natural feature of the cycle of habitats in Australia and nature will restore the areas renowned biodiversity of flora and fauna.

**This is a once in a lifetime opportunity to witness nature's miraculous regeneration.**

The orchids and herbaceous plants of the heathlands and the lower storey shrubs can be quite spectacular during this stage of succession.

Australia's Coastal Wilderness straddles the Victorian and New South Wales border. It includes the Croajingolong National Park, Nadgee Nature Reserve, Cape Howe Wilderness, Ben Boyd National Park, Bournda National Park and the South East Forests National Park. Other National Landscapes are The Red Centre, Kakadu, Flinders Ranges, Australian Alps, Great Ocean Road, Australia's Green Cauldron, Kangaroo Island and The Greater Blue Mountains. The National Landscapes Program identifies the very best regions of Australia, for promotion to tourists, the uniqueness of Australia's truly iconic natural and cultural landscapes. Mallacoota is surrounded by Croajingolong National Park. It's 87,500ha and 100km of beautiful undeveloped coastline makes it **a genuine wilderness coast**.

Croajingolong is a most scenic park. There are rocky headlands, sandy tidal estuaries, swamp systems, tall sand dunes, land locked freshwater lakes, mountains, temperate rainforest valleys, coastal forests and extensive heath-lands. These relatively unspoilt habitats support rare and significant flora and fauna. Over 1500 plant species (215 being endemic) sustain a very diverse range of animal life. The 306 bird species and 52 mammal species have been recorded indicate the range of suitable habitats which also support many species of reptiles, amphibians, insects and spiders. Whales, dolphins and seals frequent the coastal waters.

Croajingolong National Park surrounds Mallacoota Inlet which consists of two large lakes which form the estuary of the Genoa and Wallagaraugh Rivers. The Inlet's lakes have approximately 320km of shore line most of which is unspoilt National Park.

This feature offers unique opportunities for canoeists, kayakers and small boat passengers for viewing a wide range of birdlife and other fauna in their natural habitat.



*Sea-eagle*



*Water monitor*



*Superb Lyrebird*

The town of Mallacoota is located in a region where the weather patterns are quite different to that of Melbourne.

Mallacoota's 'Mediterranean' climate is ideal for year-round enjoyment of the area. Mallacoota had a long history of Aboriginal occupation. It is believed a cosmopolitan group called the Bidawal, made up of refugees from neighbouring tribes, occupied the local area. The Krauatungalung tribe was to the west and Croajingolong is a version of this name. The area was a rich source of food for the Bidawal as evident by their middens and artefacts.

Early pastoralists had occupied the better land by the 1850s. One of these was Captain John Stevenson, a whaler who was granted a grazing license in 1841. In 1842 it is believed that he established his residence at Captain Stevenson's Point. Although Mallacoota was only accessed by sea, it became popular with tourists as early as 1882.

Mallacoota had a modest gold rush in the 1890s with some 50 claims being established. The Spotted Dog Mine was the only successful one producing 899oz of gold (£3,730) from 1895 to 1899. This mine was on the eastern side of the inlet. There is a pioneer cemetery nearby. Both may be accessed from Cemetery Bight Jetty or Allan Head Jetty (see page 17).

In the early 1900s Edwin James Brady established a 'writers' camp' at Captain Stevenson's Point; he invited leading literary figures to attend. One of these was Henry Lawson who wrote "Mallacoota Bar" and other poems.

Mallacoota was the location for the headquarters of RAAF coastal surveillance during WWII. Two bunkers were established and used at that time for surveillance which was vital in ensuring



the sea-lanes around South Eastern Australia remained open (especially the entrance to Bass Strait). One has been extensively restored by the local RSL and the Mallacoota Historical Society. It is now a museum run by the Mallacoota Historical Society. (See Drive D Page 7)



## Lakeview

Many people are surprised to learn that Mallacoota's beginnings were actually at "Lakeview" on the eastern shores of Mallacoota Inlet. In 1882 John Augustus Dorron selected land and built a home and hotel buildings from bush timber and raised a large family. The farm flourished in the Spotted Dog mining days. Tourists and local visitors came by horse or boat. Professional fishermen and trading ketches visited. Dorron's Lakeview Hotel became the social and commercial hub of the area and incorporated a post office.

Tourism, arguably Mallacoota's principal industry, grew from these activities. Tragically John Dorrn drowned in a boating accident in 1913 and was buried in the cemetery near his home, now known as the Pioneer Cemetery (see page 3). The first road, trafficable by motor vehicles, was made from Gipsy Point to Mallacoota West (as the current township site was formerly known) in 1921. The hotel licence was transferred to the Mallacoota Hotel in 1925, with Lakeview continuing as a guest house until Mrs Dorrn's death in 1927. Lakeview now has a Victorian Heritage Inventory listing, but sadly little historical evidence remains at the site.

### **A brief geomorphological history of the last 650 million years of Mallacoota and environs.**

Geological time is so great that, in comparison, a human life span is shorter than one breath. This very brief over-view of our local geology starts with the oldest formations first, then leaps and bounds forward to our present age of human intervention and global warming.

Before there was the continent of Australia we were part of a much larger piece of drifting continental crust called Gondwanaland. The Ordovician period (500 million years old) marine sedimentary rocks showing at the beautifully natural Bastion Point are from before the time the Antarctica crust broke off, it split along this coast. These marine sandstone sediments are so old they have been repeatedly folded and faulted, to form splendid ribbons of colour at places like Quarry Beach. To the East, the sediments form part of Tullaberga Island; to the West, the rugged cliffs which run to the East side of Sandpatch Point at the Benedore River Valley. In the late Silurian period (400 million years ago) a base formed of granites and granodiorites (coarse-grained acidic igneous rock) called the Bega Batholith, which extends from Quarry Beach to the north of Bombala, to Gabo Island and west to the Snowy River.



*Quarry Beach*

This base underlays Devonian period sediments (350 million years ago), but the mineralisation of the formation varies in age so we get the younger hard red granite of the Howe Range and Gabo Island and the soft coarse grey granites of the coast from Sand Patch west to Wingan. Weathering of the overlying sediments has exposed granite landforms, such as Genoa Peak.

Time and the forces of nature worked on this piece of crust until it broke up forming the landmass of Australia, which is thought to have continued to drift due to convection currents in the Earth's mantle (Continental drift hypothesis). The plateau of the Monaro tablelands forms part of the Genoa River catchment. Small sections of the plateau form Mt Nungatta. Tilted blocks form Yambulla Peak and Mt Wakefield with their small escarpments. Down river, the Genoa Gorge reveals a sequence of sediments from Merimbula red siltstone beds shed by the Eden volcanics to late none-marine Devonian sediments with fossils.



*Genoa River Tetrapod model near the tennis courts Genoa Campground*

The Genoa River cuts through the sediments of an ancient fresh water lake. In the late Devonian period, floods and sediments covered and preserved not only primitive plants but also the footprints of a tetrapod (an amphibious creature like a walking fish) which were identified by J.W. Warren and N.A. Wakefield in 1972. The tetrapod may have been one of the first animals to make the transition from an aquatic environment to a terrestrial one.



The Genoa Gorge is accessible only to bushwalkers but the southern reaches flow into the beautiful Wangrabelle valley where the river flows over smooth hard Devonian granites littered with the pebbles carried down from the upper reaches.



Local peaks are generally all of granitic material Genoa Peak is a good example. However, through the ages, the local continental crust has continued to drift. Minor marine sediments cap peaks to the north-east of the border indicating that this area was uplifted after the sea had covered it. Mt Victoria and Mt Carlyle to the east on the state border have caps of these later marine sediments. The narrow coastal plains (called piedmont downs) are covered in Tertiary sediments (10-70 million years ago), but the spectacular dunes of Cape Howe, Sandpatch Pt and Pt Hicks are more recent

quaternary deposits. Mallacoota inlet is a submerged river valley, hence the very recent filling with mid Holocene epoch sediments (last 3000 to 6000 years).

### **The possible events leading to the formation of the Mallacoota Inlet lake system**

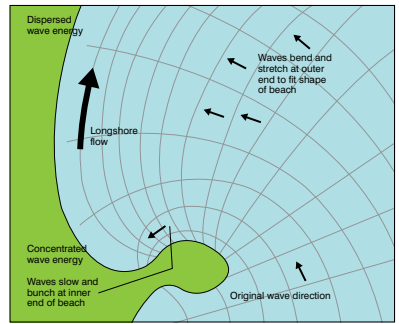
Considering its extensive coastline, Australia has few estuaries (tidal parts of river mouths). Estuaries have a free connection to the sea with two current systems (the unidirectional fresh water currents and the oscillating tidal currents) producing a dynamic environment. Very special habitats occur throughout a large estuarine system such as Mallacoota Inlet for the water mixing provides a changing chemical environment unlike that of a typical sea or river. These relatively rare Australian waterways are crucial to the existence of many marine organisms. Many off-shore species spawn in the estuaries (e.g. snapper). The ecology of an estuary supports a complex food web consisting of producers (algae, sea-grasses etc.) consumers (fish, crustaceans, molluscs, worms etc.) and decomposers (fungi and bacteria). Decomposers sustain a complex food web by recycling all nutrients for plant growth, marine fauna and micro-organisms.

Estuaries are the world's most productive areas. Sea-grasses alone produce approximately 4kg (2kg dry weight) of organic matter per square metre per year. (i.e. Sea-grass beds fix about 3.2kg of CO<sub>2</sub> per square metre per year, equalled only by tropical rainforests. Compare this to the average for vegetated land mass of 1.2kg of CO<sub>2</sub> per square metre per year. In addition, staggering amounts of animal tissue are produced in estuaries. It has been estimated that a cultivated mussel bed in an estuary produces 80 times more flesh than cattle could gain by grazing on an equivalent area of pasture.

Mallacoota Estuary is a remnant of a drowned river valley cut by the Genoa and Wallagarough Rivers during the glacial period (6-10,000 years ago) when sea levels were lower. The catchment area of the two rivers is approximately 1750km<sup>2</sup>; this provides the fresh water flow through the inlet. Mallacoota Inlet is a bar-built estuary as compared to the normal drowned river estuary. A bar-built estuary is formed when the rate of sedimentation has kept up with the level of inundation thus establishing the characteristic bar across its mouth. A bar is normally formed at the point where waves break on a beach. For a bar to develop the tidal range must be restricted and large volumes of sediment be available. Bar-built estuaries such as Mallacoota's are generally associated with depositional coasts. Bastion Point has contributed significantly to the formation of the bar. The refraction of the prevailing wave direction around the point disperses wave energy resulting in the formation of a constructive wave pattern (i.e. beach forming), whereas immediately adjacent to the point, on the lee side, the wave energy is concentrated and destructive waves are formed.

This refraction pattern results in long shore drift of sand contributing to maintaining the bar.

The diagram illustrates the refraction of waves around a point such as Bastion Point. The refracted waves lose energy and become constructive waves (i.e. beach building) and longshore drift tends to move the deposited sand north. This pattern of refraction produces concentrated energy to the leeward side of the point. These waves are destructive and tend to move sand away from the rocky point. Long shore drift moves the sand north-east.



At this time, there were extensive flood plains (Top Lake, Double Creek Arm and North West Arm). Wave erosion caused shoreline cliffing, some of which is still evident, but most have been eroded or obscured by deposition of dune sand. The sea levels rose and fell over the next period (four or so thousand years).

Two distinct phases have been identified using geological core samples. The first phase resulted in the formation of an inner sand barrier adjacent to old Pleistocene marine cliffs which extended out into the inlet. This barrier probably gave rise to the Goodwin Sands and the Eight Foot Bank. Erosion, possibly due to a small sea rise, resulted in the channel/lagoon formation past the Goodwin Sands into the North East Arm. The next notable phase was the formation of the outer barrier which extended from Bastion Point to Gabo Island.



This barrier enclosed a large lagoon, the remnants of which are the Bottom Lake and Lake Barracoota. The separation of Lake Barracoota from the Bottom Lake by the formation of the East Howe Flat probably resulted from wind erosion of dune ridges, salt marsh accumulation and/or water level fluctuation.

## DRIVES

### A) Captain Stevenson's Point and The Entrance Viewing Deck (Map 1 H10 and G10)

From the main wharf proceed for 0.5km along the foreshore to a parking bay at the top of the point. This offers excellent views of the islands at this end of the Bottom Lake and the sand dunes separating the lake system from the Tasman Sea.

A plaque marks the camp site which author E.J. Brady established in 1909. His friend, Henry Lawson, often visited him here. Continue for another 0.5km to "The Entrance" Viewing Platform.



### **B) Bastion Point Lookouts** (Map 1 G13)

Proceed along Maurice Ave. to the roundabout and then along Betka Rd to Bastion Point Rd. Turn left and travel to the three lookouts providing excellent views of the entrance, Bastion Point, Gabo Island, Big Beach, Tullaberga Island and the Howe Range. You may access the supervised swimming beach (Summer School Holidays) from the first lookout, the second and third provide access to Bastion Point rock pools. Around the point is a stretch of beach which extends to Betka Beach. *(This is part of the Town Beach Walk see page 9)*



*Bastion Point Lookouts*

### **C) Betka Beach** (Map 1 B15 and Map 2 E12)

Return to Betka Rd and turn left. Proceed down this road and cross the Betka River to a well equipped picnic area serving the swimming beach. Here the Betka River enters the ocean and you may enjoy estuary swimming. It has easy access to the sea and estuary beaches and is an ideal beach for families with its grassed area, barbeque, and a nearby toilet facilities. At low tide, you could tackle the attractive "3 Beaches Walk." *(see Walk T page 11)*



*Betka Beach*

### **D) WWII Bunker Museum** (Map 2 D13)

The Mallacoota and District Historical Society welcomes visitors to its museum to see this wartime facility – now a restored heritage building. The museum is open every Tuesday 9.30am-11.30am and Sunday 1pm-3pm. Groups by arrangement – enquiries (0459 437 474). *(see photos page 3)*

### **E) Quarry Beach** (Map 2 C14)

Continue along Betka Rd past the airfield. *(The road is gravel and often has potholes, take care).* The road is now the Old Coast Rd. Just before a steel and concrete bridge, there is a signed turnoff to Quarry Beach. Pleasant seascapes are evident from the parking area, but the real feature is to be found about 70m to the left along the beach where an excellent example of folded and faulted colourful rock strata may be seen. *(refer geology page 4-5)*



*Rock strata Quarry Beach*

### **F) Secret Beach**

From Quarry Beach, return to the Old Coast Rd and turn left over the bridge. Proceed along this road to the parking area for Secret Beach. From here, there is a path and a set of steps down to Secret Beach, where good seascapes may be seen. There is a sea cave at the northern end of the beach, which you may be able to enter at **low tide**, watch your head as there is a rough rock overhead near the entrance.



*View from within cave*

**F1) Pebbly Beach:** From Secret Beach car park, turn left and follow the road for a short distance to the turn-off to Pebbly Beach. From the parking bay a path leads down to another pleasant beach with its attractive seascapes and rock formations. Towards the western end of the beach are a number of rock-pools containing interesting pool habitats for inter-tidal marine communities of algae, molluscs, sea anemones, sea urchins, small fish and crabs.



*Rock pools*

**G) Shipwreck Creek:** From Pebbly Beach return to the Old Coast Rd and turn left. Follow this road to Centre Track. Follow the sign to Shipwreck Creek a distance of about 8km. The road passes through eucalypt forests where wildflowers in season and resident wallabies and goannas may be seen. There is a camping ground at Shipwreck Creek. Bookings for all camping on Parks Victorian estate through: [parkweb.vic.gov.au](http://parkweb.vic.gov.au). Toilets and picnic facilities are available for day trippers. There are a number of good walks (see page 11) as well as an interesting beach to be investigated.



*Shipwreck Creek*

**H) Forest, Lake and River Drive:** Three well equipped picnic areas on the lake may be accessed by car, so take BBQ food, or picnic and enjoy the facilities at one of them.

Take Lakeside Drive to Karbeethong Road. Travel through the dry sclerophyll forest (trees with hard leathery leaves) to the Genoa Road. Turn right and travel approximately 5km to the turnoff, on the right, to Sandy Point Track. A pleasant drive leads to the Sandy Point picnic ground (Map 2 B5) and the nearby scenic Sandy Point.

Return to the Genoa Road, turn right and travel approximately 2km to Sou' West Arm Track. Follow this track to the Sou' West Arm picnic ground (Map 2 B5); the jetty is a short walk from the parking bay and an extension of the track gives access to another scenic point. Return to the Genoa Road, turn right and travel approximately 3km to the Genoa Fire Trail. This 4WD track leads to a short path to a picnic ground and jetty on the Genoa River (Map 2 B4). Return to the Genoa Road, turn right and travel to the Gypsy Point Road. Proceed to Gypsy Point (Map 2 A2). Also investigate the Genoa River from the end of View Street.



*Canoeing Sou'West Arm*

**I) Karbeethong and Narrows Drive (and walk):** Proceed along Lakeside Drive to Mirrabooka Road. Follow this road to South Gateway and turn right at the Telstra Tower into Martin Street. Proceed slowly down Martin Street, to take in the panoramic views of the Bottom Lake, Howe Range and Gabo Island. Martin Street runs into Broome Street which leads back to Lakeside Drive. Turn left into Lakeside Drive and proceed around the lake to the intersection of three roads. Take the lower road past the Karbeethong Jetty to Buckland's Jetty to a car park which provides access to **The Narrows Walk** (see K1 page 10). Return to the intersection of the three roads and take the upper one (*Karbeethong Avenue*) scenic views across Bottom Lake are evident. The road then passes through forest back to the Genoa Road, turn left to return to Mallacoota.



## WALKS

**J) The Mallacoota Walking Tracks:** A set of six separate walks covering a total distance of approximately 8 km.

**J1) Shady Gully Walk:** (0.6km) (Map1 E8 to C8) This walk passes through a dry sclerophyll forest of Mountain Grey Gum, Angophora and Stringy Bark and a remnant rainforest. Interpretive boards outline fauna and flora species of the area. A picnic table offers the opportunity for solitude.



*Shady Gully rainforest*

**J2) Casuarina Walk:** (1.8km) (Map 1 C8 to C12) The start of this walk is opposite the Miva Miva Centre which is on the Mallacoota-Genoa Road. The path goes through a Casuarina littoralis community (seed capsules of this Casuarina provide food for the Glossy Black Cockatoo). Other trees include White Stringy Bark, Red Bloodwood, Angophora, Mountain Grey Gum (a typical gum tree in that it sheds its bark in long strips leaving smooth trunks) and Cherry Ballart (a very green tree with a weeping habit). The ground plants include orchids, native daisies, goodenia, ferns and mosses. For the bird observers Wrens, Robins, Finches, Lorikeets, Fantails, Tree Creepers and Wattle Birds may be seen. A small bridge crosses a fern gully where a number of small birds are active in the early morning and in the evening. The track leads to Betka Road.

**J3) Heathland Walk:** (0.8 km) (Map 1 C12 to C14) This walk starts opposite the end of the Casuarina Walk on Betka Road just past the Davis Creek Bridge. One feature of this walk is the vegetation change from forest to heathland. Typical heathland plants which may be seen include heaths, orchids, scrub casuarina, banksias, acacias, daisies, hakeas, grass trees etc. Birds which have been observed include Whistling Kites, Ground Parrots, Emu Wrens, and Swallows. The walk ends at the Davis Beach access car park.

**J4) Beach Walk:** (2.1 km) (Map 1 C14 via H13 to G12) This walk is accessed by a set of steps leading down through a coastal plant community from the car park serving Davis Beach or by turning right on **the beach below** the Bastion Point Lookout and proceeding around the point. At the Davis Beach end, there is a rock formation you may have to climb over if the tide is high (**take care**). On the Bastion Point side of this rock formation is a sand dune blowout. Sand dune colonising plants have not been able to become established here because of the shifting sand, due, in part, to people pressure. Sea Rocket (a colonising plant with mauve flowers), dune binding grasses (Hairy Spinifex and Marram Grass), Coast Tea Tree and Coast Banksias are common plants on the dune side of the walk. Whales, dolphins may be seen on the surf side. Rock pools are at Bastion Point.



**J5) Pittosporum Walk:** (1.4km) (Map 1 G12 to E10) This walk can be accessed from Bastion Point car park. The walk provides excellent views of islands, sand flats of the tidal delta (the largest in Victoria), Gabo Island and the Howe Range. The endemic Pittosporum thrives in the moist gullies. Some access and departure points of the gullies are moderately steep. Mistletoe Birds, Scarlet Honey eaters, Firetails, Lyrebirds and Whip Birds may be seen or heard. A commemorative plaque is a reminder of the indigenous heritage of the area.



**J6) Self Guided Historical and Points of Interest Walk:**

(Approximately 60 minutes). A pamphlet is available at the Information Centre (Map 1 G9).

**J7) Heritage Trail:** (0.5km) (Map 1 E10) A brochure is available for this walk. It will introduce you to some of the cultural and natural features of Mallacoota including the rare Mallacoota Gum (a hybrid of Mountain Grey Gum and Blue Gum). There are approximately 40 specimens. Evidence of aboriginal occupation, early European settlement and a range of plant species will be seen



*Mallacoota Gum*

**K) Lakeside Shared Pathway:** (5.4 km easy walking) (Map 1 G7 to D1). This pathway reveals the true beauty of the Bottom Lake with scenic views along the whole length. The path provides access to the fishing platforms and bird viewing areas. Coull's Inlet is frequented by a number of waders and other aquatic birds. Pelicans and swans are often near the shore offering photo opportunities. The path wanders through a remnant riparian vegetation community which is being re-established to cater for scrub loving birds. Boardwalks have been installed across sensitive habitats. Across the lake, the Goodwin Sands and the foreshore of the National Park have the backdrop of the Howe Range. The walk ends at the start of the very scenic Narrows Walk.



**K1) The Narrows Walk:** (3km one way) Croajingolong National Park (Map 2 D7) A pleasant walk alongside The Narrows (a waterway connecting the Bottom and Top Lakes). The Track commences just beyond Buckland's Jetty. The recently restored shed just past Buckland's Jetty was originally used as a boat shed for boat repairs. Parts of the track are rocky. Walking to the end of The Narrows will reveal the beauty of the two lake system. Continue on to Captain Creek Jetty picnic area for a much longer walk. (See Walk L below)



**L) Buckland's Jetty to Captain Creek Jetty:** (5km one way). (Map 2 E7 to C6) This walk is accessed from the parking area just past Buckland's Jetty and follows the shore line for a considerable part of the distance. It has relatively easy grades although the track surface is relatively rough in places. Wear good footwear. Good water views, birdlife and wild flowers (in season) are features of this walk. (See Walk K1 above)

**M) Captain Creek Jetty to Genoa Road:** (3km one way). (Map 2 C6 to C8) This relatively gentle walk is through an open dry sclerophyll forest. In Spring, wildflowers are evident.

**N) Genoa Rd to Buckland's Jetty via Karbeethong Rd and Schnapper Pt Drive:** (3.5km one way) (Map 2) This walk follows the listed roads to Lakeside Drive. Turn left to Buckland's Jetty. The grades are gentle. Pleasant vistas open up as the descent to Lakeside Drive is completed.

**O) Double Creek Nature Walk:** (1km round trip) (Map 2 A6) Access is from Double Creek picnic ground approximately 8km from Mallacoota on the Genoa Road. The loop track follows Double Creek for a short distance through a rainforest gully. Ferns, mosses, liverworts, fungi and temperate rainforest trees and shrubs are found in this area. The path then leads up a gentle slope through a dry sclerophyll forest. Here the observant will see small terrestrial and epiphytic orchids in season. The track then leads downhill back to the start. Koalas and Lyrebirds inhabit this area. Other birds may be heard or observed while at the picnic ground. Look up and down the creek – large mullet frequent this waterway.



**P) Double Creek Arm** (2km return) (Map 2 A6) This walk starts opposite the picnic area at Double Creek with access via a set of steps. It is an easy walk and follows the creek. It passes through stands of melaleuca trees which have distinctive paper like bark. Azure kingfishers are often seen working the creek. At the end of the walk, water birds are often seen. Koalas often frequent the large gums at the start of the walk.

**Q) Walks off Sandy Point Track:** (Map 2 C6) Approximately 2km along this road a walking track leads to **Campshot Point** (2km one way), and **Quamby Point** (4km one way). Both walks have moderate grades. Bird life and wildflowers (in season) are features of these walks.

**R) Captain Creek Jetty to Double Creek:** (4km one way) (Map 2 C6 to A7) Short sections of this walk are steep and parts may be muddy after rain. **This walk** and **Walk N** can form a round trip returning along the Genoa Road to Karbeethong Road and hence back to Buckland's Jetty (total 20km).

**S) Cape Horn Bay:** (Map 2 A4) (2km return). This walk starts from a small intersection and clearing on left hand side of the Genoa Fire Trail (approx 12km from town). The turn off is approximately 1km after Coolwater Creek and is near a relatively blind corner **so take care!**

**T) "Three Beaches Walk:"** (approximately 45 minutes return)

**A walk to be enjoyed at low tide.** From the mouth of the Betka River, turn right and follow the beach to a small rocky headland. Cross over the neck onto a second beach. Walk along this beach and enjoy the magnificent rock formations until you reach the end, where you once again cross over a small rocky headland onto the third beach where you will find stunning pink 'cathedral-like' cliffs. To return, retrace your steps.



*3 Beaches Walk*

**T1) Shipwreck Creek Heathland Walk.** (Approximately 6km return). Follow the sign from the Shipwreck Creek Day Visitor Area. The walk passes through heathland and has good views. Spring and early summer, produce a good display of wild flowers.

Approximately 1km from the start, there is a track on your left; this leads back to the camping ground (use this path to return, however returning here also makes a pleasant 2 km loop walk). Continue past this point until a small gully is reached. A wooden bridge in this gully can be slippery at times, **take care**. Approximately 10 metres past the bridge is a narrow track, on the right, leading down to a secluded bay which, although very rocky, has excellent rock pools. Return via the same route except take the return path (mentioned earlier).

**T2) Shipwreck Creek to Seal Creek Walk:** (Approximately 6km return) The track has recently been upgraded. It is accessed from the south western side of Shipwreck Creek Beach. The track leads to the secluded Seal Creek Beach where there are impressive rock pools to explore. Approximately three quarters of the way along a sign indicates a path parallel to the creek down to the beach. Return by the same route.



*Dotted Sun Orchid*



*Pink Fingers*



*Fringe Lily*



*Common Coreia*



*Hyacinth Orchid*

# MALLACOOTA COASTAL WALK

The **Mallacoota Coastal Walk** is an easy walk taking you on a fantastic journey of exploration. There are spectacular views, tall forests, rainforest gullies, coastal woodlands, heathlands, riparian and estuarine habitats as well as unique geological formations.

**From Mallacoota**, the track leads through tall forest and rainforest gullies, along the banks of the tranquil Davis Creek, through stunning coastal heathland woodland to eventually reach the quiet waters of the Betka River.

**From the Betka Beach car park**, the track hugs the top of the coastal escarpment to Quarry Beach (page 7), Secret Beach (page 7) and eventually into Croajingolong National Park. A beautiful short loop track along the banks of Betka River is also available (see below). Lookouts along the way provide fantastic vistas of the coastline, taking in vast sweeping beaches, Cape Howe and Gabo Island. The total walk is approximately 9km, however it may be tackled in sections. There are a number of car parking areas along the route to permit this (see map). The sections include the Casuarina Walk (1.8km), The Heathland Walk (0.8km), Davis Creek to Betka Beach Picnic Ground (1.2km), and Betka Beach to Pebbly Beach (5.5km one way).

**Note:** If the Betka River Mouth is closed, access to the Pebbly Beach section is via the beach section. **However, if the Betka River Mouth is open, it is recommended that walkers drive to the Betka Beach Picnic Ground to access the southern section of the walk as the Betka River Bridge is for vehicle traffic.**



There are 9 new viewing platforms each offering magnificent seascapes revealing the true beauty of Australia's Coastal Wilderness.

Excellent access points to Davis Creek Beach, Quarry Beach and Pebbly Beach have been provided and are suitable entry points to sections of the Mallacoota Coastal Walk.

The 1.8km Loop Track offers magnificent coastal vistas, heathland communities and enchanting river views as the path wanders through a riparian open forest community with its upper stratum of ancient angophoras, white stringy barks and bloodwoods, a middle

stratum of pittosporum, wattles and mellaleuca, a lower stratum of cassinia and Goodenia ovata with a variety of ground covering species. This environment provides a range of protected habitats for many birds, the chorus of their calls adding further pleasure to this section.

Another delightful short walk (1.2km return) is accessed from a small picnic ground (Map1 C14). The turn off to this picnic area car park is 50m on the right of the road to the Davis Creek car park. The walk features views of the Betka estuary, a good example of a dune heathland community which has an excellent terrestrial orchid display in Spring. Many estuarine birds may be seen here; OR complete a loop by walking along the beach to the steps leading up to the Davis Creek car park (Map1 C14) and then follow the walking track back to the start.



## HALF AND FULL DAY TRIPS

*(Take your lunch and drinks)*

**AA) Genoa Peak and Falls:** (A half day trip) From Genoa travel 2km to the Genoa Peak turnoff. Follow this road to the car park. The walk is 3km return. There is an excellent viewing point on a large granite tor about 400m from the summit. The last section is steep with steel ladders to the summit and a 360° view of Mallacoota Inlet, ocean and mountains. **Be sure to pick a fine day. Supervise children.**

**Genoa Falls:** Return to the Princes Highway, turn left and travel approximately 2km to a turnoff on the right just before a set of power lines. A short distance down this track is a parking bay with a path leading to the scenic Genoa Falls.



*Genoa Falls*

**AB) Drummer Rain Forest Walk:** (1km) Located approximately 38km west of Genoa off the Princess Hwy. The walk starts from a carpark 300m along Drummer Road from the highway. Toilets and picnic facilities are provided. The loop walk takes you through the remnant of an ancient temperate rainforest. Giant Kanuka trees, grey gums, ferns, vines and mosses create the diverse beauty of this area.

**AC) Wingan Inlet Nature Trail to Fly Cove:** (3km return) Access is via the West Wingan Road approximately 40km from Genoa on the left. The track starts from the Day Visitor Area (35km from Hwy). Boardwalks assist visitors to negotiate the tidal estuary. The track then wanders over an old sand dune system to the beach of Fly Cove. To observe the Fur Seal colonies on the Skerries walk to your left along the beach. Return via the same route.

**AD: Elusive Lake:** (6km return) Access is from a small car park approximately 32km from the highway on the West Wingan Road. The track passes through a Banksia Woodland and winds gently down to the lake. This is a fresh water lake and is up to 22m deep in places. The lake is unusual in that there is no water course flowing into or out of the lake. Its level is maintained by rainfall and underground seepage. The lake is in a most attractive setting with white sandy beaches with excellent reflections.



*Elusive Lake*

**AE) Wingan River Rapids:** (5km return) The path starts from a car park accessed via Boundary Track (28km from Hwy). The path meanders through fern gullies descending to the Wingan River. The last section is narrow and marked by rock cairns. The cascading rapids are upstream.

**AF) Lake Barracoota:** (9km one way beach and dune walk) Lake Barracoota was formed by the silting up of an arm of the Bottom Lake (page 6). It is now a fresh water lake. Access to the lake requires the use of a water taxi to the northern side of the estuary and then walking along Big Beach to a point approximately 500m past Tullaberga Island where there is a gap in the dunes with a signpost indicating the track to Lake Barracoota. The route leads to a set of un-vegetated dunes. Walk in an east northeast direction to the southwest corner of the lake.



*Lake Barracoota*

# Map 1 MALLACOOTA TOWN MAP

Police Map 1 E9  
Medical Centre Map 1 D8  
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## Dining:

Café @ 54 Map 1 F9  
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The Hotel Motel Map 1 F9  
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## Shopping Centres:

Map 1 E9 to F9 and G8

## Toilets:

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## Public Phones:

Map 1 E9 and G8

- Parking
- Doctors
- Caravan Park
- Hotel
- Fuel
- Post Office
- BBQ/Picnic
- Boat Launching
- Public Phones
- Information
- Public Toilets
- Service Centre
- Accommodation
- Shared Pathways
- Walks
- Walking Tracks

**LEGEND**



**Jetty, Gas BBQ and Toilet at:**  
Cape Horn – Map 2 A4  
Gravelly Point – Map 2 E5

**Jetty, Fireplace and Toilet at:**  
Allan Head – Map 2 H5  
Captain Creek – Map 2 C6  
Cemetery Bight – Map 2 I4

Genoa River – Map 2 C4  
Goanna Bay – Map 2 D5  
Sou-West Arm – Map 2 B5

**Fireplace and Toilet at:**  
Sandy Point – Map 2 C5  
**Gas BBQ and Toilet at:**  
Betka Beach – Map 2 E12

**Fireplace at:**  
Double Creek – Map 2 A6

**AG) McKenzie River Rainforest walk:** (1km easy) is located 40km east of Orbost. Sealed paths, boardwalks and two swing bridges over the McKenzie River. It leads through a variety of habitats supporting warm temperate rainforest, dry sclerophyll (eucalypt) and riparian communities.

Information panels make this a pleasant experience. The dominant rainforest species is Kanooka and the dominant dry sclerophyll forest species is Mountain Grey gum. Tree ferns, vines and fungi add further interest.

**AH) Point Hicks Lightstation:** (4.5km return) Access is via Cann River. Turn South off the highway drive for about 1.5km, then take the Point Hicks road to the Thurra River Campground. (The road is sealed for half of the 40km trip). Drive to the end of the road to access the path, walk around the gate and follow the vehicle track to the lightstation. Allow plenty of time as there is much to see at Point Hicks. The granite headland was Captain Cook's first sighting of Australia in April 1770. Lightstation tours 1pm Fri to Mon.

**AI) Dunes Walk:** (4km return) The Dunes Walk begins in the Thurra River Camp Ground near camp site 14. The track climbs gently through Tea Tree and Banksia woodlands before reaching the dunes. Exploration of the dune system to the north leads to the Thurra River or to the west to the tallest dunes. **Warning:** Take adequate water and sun protection as the temperature can exceed 40°C, there is no shade and strong winds can whip up sand. There are **NO** walk markers on the dunes.

**AJ) Sledge Track:** (1.5km return) The track starts from the grassy area near the information board at Point Hicks Lightstation, it follows the original supply route from the old jetty to the lightstation. The last section provides excellent views in both directions along the rugged coastline and ends at an interpretive panel. Return via the same route.

**AK) Saros Track:** (1.5km return) This return track also starts near the information board at the Point Hicks Lightstation. It follows the coast to a viewing area above the wreck of SS.Saros.

**AL) Mallacoota Lookout:** Access is via Maxwell's Road approximately 22km north of Genoa. There is a small picnic ground from which there is an excellent view of Mallacoota Inlet.

**AM) Greencape Lighthouse:** The 30km road to Greencape has 23km of unsealed surface. The turn off is approximately 40km north of Genoa. The road leads to a car park near the lighthouse. A path past the lighthouse leads to a viewing area. Aquatic mammals and birds may be seen. While in the area investigate City Rock (great seascapes) and Bittangabee Bay. A good walk is from Greencape Lighthouse car park to Bittangabee Bay (14km return or 7km one way using a car shuffle).

**AN) Boyd's Tower and Davidson Whaling Station Historic Site:** Access to these two historic sites is via Edrom Rd which turns off the Princes Hwy 43km north of Genoa. Apart from the historical aspects (well explained on information boards), the seascapes at the headland where Boyd's Tower is located are superb. On the southern side of the headland is a very interesting rock formation (an interpretive board explains the formation).



*Point Hicks Lightstation & memorial*



*Thurra Dunes*



*Greencape Lighthouse*



## PICNIC AREAS AND WALKS (accessed by boat)

**V) Picnics:** (Refer to list on Map 2) Eleven picnic areas are located around the lake system ten of which may only be accessed by boat. (The other at Sandy Point may be accessed by road.) Gas barbeques are provided at Gravelly Point, Captain Creek, and Cape Horn. Fire wood is provided at the other areas in peak visitor times. Freshwater is **not available**. Rubbish bins are not provided so please take your rubbish with you. Cemetery Bight is popular as it is sheltered and is the starting point for the Spotted Dog Mine Walk.

**V1) Spotted Dog Mine:** (2km return) (Map 2 I4)

The Spotted Dog Gold Mine operated from 1895 to 1899. Access the walk from the jetty at Cemetery Bight. There is a pamphlet available for this self guided walk.

**V2) Allan Head to Cemetery Bight:** (2km one way) (Map 2 H5 to I4) The track from Allan Head Picnic area follows the shore line before rising to an old bush cemetery where some early pioneers of the district are buried. Only one grave is now marked, the rest having been obscured by fire and time. It is a short walk down to the beach at Cemetery Bight.



*Cemetery Bight Jetty*

## GABO ISLAND

Gabo is a granitic windswept island with a cover of dune sand. Notable features include the extensive outcrops of Gabo Island pink granite, basalt intrusions, stable dunes, boulder beaches, and the sandy beach at Santa Barbara Bay. Gabo Island's lighthouse was constructed using the distinctive pink granite from 1858 to 1862. The tower is 47 metres high. The views from the top are spectacular, taking in the Howe Range, a great expanse of the Wilderness Coast and the backdrop of the Croajingolong National Park. Whales, dolphins and seals may be observed. Tours are available and must be booked prior to arrival.

The 154ha island is at the eastern tip of Victoria and is 14km from Mallacoota and may be accessed by air or by charter boat (see page 24 for providers). It has significant colonies of seabirds including the largest known breeding colony of Little Penguins in the world. There is an interesting interpretive display in the blacksmith shop at the base of the tower presenting information on the geology, history, flora and fauna. November 2012 was the 150th anniversary of the construction of Gabo Island lighthouse.

Walks around the island provide stunning land and seascape views set off by significant floral displays in season. Swimming and snorkeling is possible at Santa Barbara Bay. Accommodation is available in the former Assistant Light Keeper's residence.

For details contact Parks Victoria Information on 131963 or [www.parks.vic.gov.au/stay](http://www.parks.vic.gov.au/stay)

Gabo is accessible by private boat owners.



*Gabo Island*

## WATER SPORTS

**W(I) Boating, Windsurfing, Kayaking and Canoeing:** The Mallacoota lake system is best enjoyed by using a boat or a canoe. The Mallacoota Inlet is an estuarine system consisting of two lakes. The Bottom Lake is connected to the sea at the southern end and by an attractive water way called the Narrows to the Top Lake which is fed by the Genoa and Wallagaraugh Rivers. The system is easily navigated from Mallacoota to Gipsy Point which is approximately 1km downstream from the confluence of the Wallagaraugh River with the Genoa River.

There are a number of "arms" connected to other minor waterways, bays and bights providing approximately 320km of lake-shoreline, most of which is part of the Croajingolong National Park. The system is a canoeist's delight. The Betka River is most suitable for canoeists.

**W(II) Windsurfing and Sailing:** The lake system provides the ideal venue for all standards of wind surfers and sailors.

**BOAT RAMPS:** There are four established boat ramps.

**A river access ramp** is at Gipsy Point (Map 2 A2).

**Two Bottom Lake ramps**, one at Main Wharf (Map 1 G7) other at Karbeethong Jetty (Map 1 E7).

**Ocean access ramp** is at Bastion Point (Map 1 G13).

Before setting out from Bastion Point, boat operators are reminded to refer to the safety requirements administered by Gippsland Ports and the Mallacoota Coast Guard (see below). Marine information is available at the local service stations.

**Mallacoota Coast Guard VF15** for emergencies at sea. Boats with marine radios call on VHF 16, 81 or 27Meg 88; If no radio, phone 0429 503 618; if no response call 000. Always check: correct safety equipment is on board as well as sufficient fuel and water. Weather forecast and ask about local conditions. **If a change is coming, get in early.**

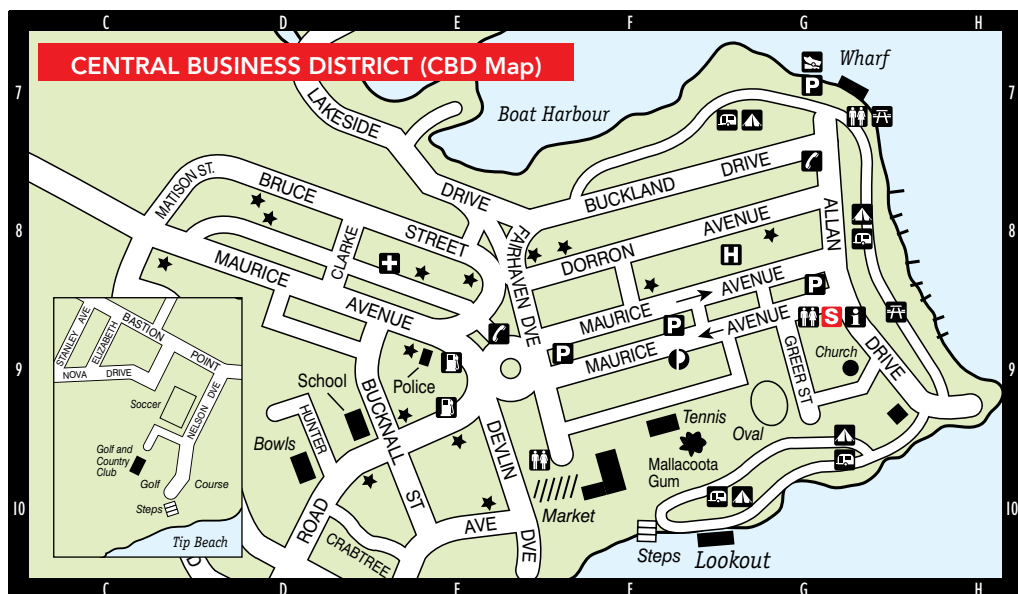
**X) Swimming:** The Mallacoota Lake system and adjacent beaches offer opportunities for swimming or surfing. Please surf within the flags at the supervised surf beach (Map1 G13). A good family swimming area is at Betka Beach (Map 1 B15) which has excellent facilities.

**Y) Surfing at Mallacoota:** Surfing is a popular recreational activity. Town Beach at Bastion Point (Map 1 – G13) is the most popular surf spot in Mallacoota. It is suitable for the prevailing SW wind. This is a Special Purpose Zone, so all signs should be read before entering the water. Adjacent areas are suitable for **experienced surfers** who may look at Tip Beach when the wind is WNW-NE (accessed via Nelson Drive). All surfing spots around Mallacoota are subject to small and large rips so caution must be taken. **If unsure ask someone or do not enter the water.**

**Z) Fishing:** The Mallacoota Inlet is a Recreational Fishing Area. A Victorian Recreational Fishing Licence is required and these may be obtained at the Caltex Service Station. Try one of the four fishing platforms (Map 1 – G6) which were funded by The Futurefish Foundation, or throw a line from a beach, the wharf, a boat, or a secluded lakeside spot. You may catch flathead, snapper, whiting, tailor, luderick, garfish, mulloway, bass, bream and salmon.

**Prawning** in season can be a fun family activity.





## PLACES TO DINE

**Croajingolong Café:** (CBD Map G8) 5158 0098

Offers all-day breakfasts and a mouth-watering lunch menu. Freshly roasted coffee and a range of other drinks available.

**Mallaacoota Golf and Country Club Bistro:** (Map 1 E13) 5158 0277

Evening meals in Summer, Thu-Sun in Winter. Children welcome. Courtesy bus. Bar opens 4pm.

**Mallaacoota Hotel-Motel and Bistro:** (CBD Map F9) 5158 0455

Bistro meals available. We also cater for your accommodation, bottle-shop and TAB needs.

**Lee's Pizza & Take Away:** (CBD Map F9) 5158 0586

Open daily for Chinese, pizza, fish and chips. Full range of meals dine in or take-away.

**Gipsy Point Lodge Café, Bar and Restaurant:** (Map 2 A2) 5158 8205

A-la-carte menu. Dine with a view. Bookings recommended.

**Coota Q "Pop Up" American Style BBQ:** (CBD Map D10) 0412 445 222.

Bar and restaurant at the Mallaacoota Bowls Club December to February.

**Café @ 54:** (CBD Map F9) 5158 0646

Open daily for breakfast and lunch. Eat in or take-away. Hot roast chickens daily (whole or portions). Fully licensed. BYO wine only.

**Lucy's:** (CBD Map F9) 5158 0666

Open from 8am to 8pm for breakfast and Lucy's freshly prepared authentic rice noodle dishes. Coffee, fresh juices and other drinks are available.

**Mallaacoota Juice Bar:** (CBD Map G8) No.1, 14 Allan Drive.

Freshly squeezed juices and ice-creams.

**Origami Coffee:** Doran Avenue (CBD Map G8)

Instagram/Facebook @origamicoffeemallaacoota

Making the world a happier place, one cup at a time with care and smiles.

## RETAIL BUSINESSES AND SERVICES

**Mallacoota Community Bank Branch of Bendigo Bank:** (CBD Map F9) 5158 0111 –

Provides all banking services including an ATM. **Banking is our business, Community is our purpose.** Using our banking facilities enables us to support the Mallacoota Community.

**Post Office:** (CBD Map F9) 5158 0227 – On-line banking services (Bendigo, CBA and NAB), Bill Pay services. Bank@Post facility. Traveller's cheques, mobile phones, cards and gifts available.

**Mallacoota Pharmacy:** (CBD Map F9) 5158 0421 – A fast and friendly service for a wide range of gifts, cosmetics, sunscreens, insect repellants, sunhats, natural health and veterinary lines.

**Mallacoota Bakery:** (CBD Map G8) 5158 0253 – Bake daily breads, rolls, cakes, pastries, pasties, pies and fresh salad rolls. Enjoy a hot chocolate or coffee in our shaded outdoor area.

**Mallacoota IGA Plus Liquor:** (CBD Map F9) 5158 0604 – Our friendly staff provides quality goods at cheaper prices. **Fresh fish available.** Home delivery is free. EFTPOS available.

**Mallacoota Foodworks Supermarket:** (CBD Map F9) 5158 0244 – Friendly service providing groceries, liquor, deli, fresh meat, vegetables and fruit. Free local delivery. EFTPOS available.

**Mallacoota Butchery:** (CBD Map F9) 5158 0359 – Provide quality cuts of beef, lamb, pork and chicken. We can help with bulk orders and all your BBQ needs. **Frozen fish available.**

**Inlet Auto Electrics:** (Map 1 A7) 5158 0828 – Will tend to your car and boat electrical problems. Also air conditioner servicing.

**Caltex Mallacoota:** (CBD Map E9) 5158 0354 – For all your fuel needs, bait, fishing tackle, ice, drinks and confectionary. We also supply stock food. EFTPOS facility.

**Mallacoota Fuel & Tackle (Shell):** (CBD Map E9) 5158 0023 – We cater for all your fuel and fishing needs. Fresh bait available. EFTPOS facility.

**Mallacoota Automotive & Towing (RACV):** (CBD Map D9) 5158 0188. (0438 580 188) – Automotive services. 24 hour towing boats, cars and caravans.

**Alison Green Designs:** (Map 1 F4) 0412 888 079 – Producing printed textiles.  
sales@alisongreendesigns.com.au

**Sue's Bribes:** (CBD Map F9) 5158 0877 – A great variety of clothing, jewellery, chocolates, books and lots more, fresh flowers always available. BIKE HIRE available. **V-Line Booking Agency.** Bookings for house boats and hire boats accepted.

**Salt Home & Living:** (CBD Map F9) 1/60 Maurcie Ave, 0474 097 026 – For unique homewares clothes, jewellery and accessories.

**South Eastern Home Hardware:** (CBD Map F9) 5158 0217 – Our friendly staff provides service for your camping, home and garden needs.

**Mallacoota Laundrette:** (CBD Map F9) 5158 0516 – Washing machines and dryers available.

**Mallacoota Outboards:** (Map 1 A7) 5158 0459 – Problems with your boat motor? Need a new lifejacket? Motor needs servicing? See Stewart for your boating needs.

**Surf Shack:** (CBD Map E9) (5158 0909) – Offers an extensive range of surf wear and accessories. Surf lessons and board hire available. Also a "Coota theme" Mini Golf course.

**Mallacoota Real Estate:** 159 Mirrabooka Rd (B4 Map 1) 5158 0600 – For real estate, holiday house and your business needs. Faxing, photocopying and laminating service.

**Mallacoota Property Sales:** 0418 833 770 – Allan Dobbin, Over 40 years experience, with an extensive property portfolio. Expert service and happy to show you around our unique town.



## GALLERY

**Mallacoota Arts Space:** is in the Croajingolong Centre for Communication and the Arts (CBD Map G9) 'The gallery displays an impressive exhibition by local artists. Also providing a venue for hosting interesting talks, E.J. Brady short story readings and music events. Open every day through the holiday season and 10am-4pm Thursday to Monday other times.

## CRUISE AND TOUR OPERATORS



*Loch Ard*



*Gipsy Princess*

- 1. Loch Ard:** The Main Wharf (Map 1 G7) 0438 580 708  
Enjoy an informative and relaxing cruise on an historic ferryboat featuring wilderness scenery, birdlife and history.
- 2. Mallacoota Cruises & Eco Tours:** The Main Wharf (Map 1 G7) 0438 580 708 for bookings.
- 3. Gipsy Point Wilderness Tours:** Gipsy Point (Map 2 A2) 0417 589 172  
Cruise the beautiful forested river waterways for that special experience and rare photo or video. For information contact 0438 580 708.
- 4. Wilderness Coast Ocean Charters:** 03 5158 0701  
Offers a water taxi service to Gabo Island.
- 5. East Gippsland Fishing Charters Lake:** 0400 564 032  
Contact Frank who will provide that memorable fishing trip. Learn to fish with soft plastic and hard body lures.
- 6. Mallacoota Fishing Charters & Tours:** 0419 223 101  
Offshore fishing charters, Gabo Island water taxi and seal and whale watching tours.
- 7. Mallacoota Wilderness Houseboats:** Karbeethong Jetty (Map 1 E2) 0409 924 016 C  
A fully self-contained 6 berth houseboat allows you to select your own views.
- 8. Barbie Boats:** The Main Wharf (Map 1 G7) 0433 193 572. Enjoy a BBQ on the lake.
- 9. Dysons V-Line Bus Service** provides the bus link to Genoa  
(see **SERVICES** page 24 for timetable and bookings).
- 10. Bucklands Jetty Boat Hire:** (Map 2 E7 at the Narrows) 0428 580 660  
Minutes from the best fishing, BBQ spots and walking tracks. The only way to see Mallacoota is by boat.
- 11. Mallacoota Hire Boats:** Coull's Inlet (Map 1 F8) 0438 447 558  
Hire motor boats, fishing rods, kayaks, pedal boats and bikes. Easy access to bottom lake.
- 12. Kiah Wilderness Tours:** 0429 961 047  
Local accredited kayak guides conduct tours for wildlife spotting, fishing and enjoyment.
- 13. Tours and Transfers:** For tours and bushwalker transfers to surrounding areas such as Wingan Inlet and Nadgee Nature reserve contact 0438 580 708.

## EVENTS

**Mallacoota Community Markets** are held summer holidays and at Easter 8am to 1pm in the Mudbrick Pavilion and precincts (Map 1 F10). (mallacootamarkets1@gmail.com)

**Saturday Markets:** 8am to 1pm are held in the Summer Holidays and at Easter.

**Artisans and Produce Markets:** 1st Saturday of each month 9am to 1pm.  
Phone 0468 818 344 or goblinhag@gmail.com

**The Mallacoota Arts Council** conducts art programmes, activities and events throughout the year. For details phone 0422 988 890.

**Mallacoota Golf & Country Club** conducts a number of events. Enquiries 5158 0277.

**Mallacoota Inlet Bowling Club** conducts monthly competitions. Enquiries 5158 0284.

**Mallacoota Angling Club** conducts monthly competitions. Enquiries 5158 0354.

**Wild Harvest Seafood Festival:** Discover some of Australia's freshest and most outstanding seafood — [www.wildharvestseafoodfestival.com](http://www.wildharvestseafoodfestival.com)

**Mallacoota's Carols by Candlelight** event is held mid December at the Mudbrick Amphitheatre (Map 1 F10).

## SPORTING CLUBS

**Mallacoota Golf Club:** (Map 1 E13) Enquiries 5158 0277. An 18 green scenic course. Moderate fees. Equipment hire. Ladies' Golf Wednesdays 10am, Saturday 11am. Men's Golf Saturdays 11am. Visitors welcome.

**Mallacoota and District Angling Club:** Enquiries 5158 0354. Conducts monthly competitions. Non-members are welcome and registration may be made at Shell or Caltex Service Stations.

**Mallacoota Inlet Bowling Club:** (Map 1 D10) Enquiries 5158 0284. Visitors welcome. Holiday memberships available with membership rights. Bare foot bowlers welcome in season.

**Mallacoota Cricket Club:** (Map 1 G10) Enquiries 5158 0233. The Club's demographic is 13-65. It is always a great day playing at home. New members and spectators welcome.

**Mallacoota Soccer Club Inc:** (Map 1 G10) Enquiries 0438 515 805. Provides an encouraging environment for our youth and adults to join one of up to seven teams in different age groups.

**Mallacoota Gun Club:** (Map 2 C13) Enquiries 0421 057 736. Meets 10am first Saturday of the month. All welcome.

**Mallacoota Pony Club:** (Map 1 B3) Visitors welcome. Contact 0418 553 809.

**Surf Life Saving Club:** (Map 1 G12) Enquiries 0438 522 091 – Supervise a section of beach during the holiday period for safe swimming between the flags (from Dec 26 thru to Jan 26).

**Far East Gippsland Boardriders:** Enquiries 0487 380 742 – Represent boardriders for health and safety issues and the protection of surfing spots.

**Mallacoota Social Badminton and Tennis:** (CBD Map F9) Contact Lily 5158 0330.

**Badminton:** Monday 6.30pm (new players), Tuesday 4.30pm, Wednesday 5pm and Friday 10.30am; **Tennis:** Thursday 6pm (Summer) and Sunday 9am. Court Hire thru **Shell Service Station** (CBD map E90).

## INFORMAL GROUPS

**Footmobiles:** Phone contact 5158 0744 – An informal group of walkers who meet 9.30am each Tuesday at the Miva Miva Centre (Map 1 C8) for local walks of interest. All are welcome.

## COMMUNITY GROUPS

**MADRA:** 62 Maurice Ave. (CBD map F9) (Mallacoota.district.assoc.2020@gmail.com)

An elected body to guide the recovery process for Mallacoota and district after the 2019-20 bushfires with the aim of ensuring a safe community that is inclusive, vibrant and strong.

**Mallacoota Coast Guard** is a branch of the Australian Coast Guard Association. Membership and information is available on the Coast Guard website or by phoning 0429 503 618.

**Mallacoota Arts Council:** Facilitates, encourages and supports arts practice and cultural expression with and for our community and visitors. Enquiries 0422 988 890.

**Mallacoota District Business and Tourism Association Inc:** Supports local businesses and promotes area's natural qualities for visitors. (madbata3892@gmail.com).

**Mallacoota District Health and Support Services:** (Map 1 C8) 5158 0243 – Provide a range of Health Services for the communities of Mallacoota, Gipsy Point, Genoa districts.

**The Shed** (an initiative of MDHSS) permits community and personal projects to be undertaken.

**Mallacoota Medical Centre:** (CBD Map D8) 5158 0777 (same number after hours) – General practice open 9am-noon, 2pm-5pm Monday to Friday. Longer hours over summer.

**Mallacoota Ambulance Auxiliary** is an advocate for the service provided by Ambulance Victoria within the community (ambulanceauxiliary@gmail.com or 0419 097 949).

**Coast Care:** Enquiries 5158 0072. Helps protect and preserve our fragile coast and foreshores.

**Mallacoota and District Historical Society Inc:** The Society provides a local heritage resource centre and maintains an interpretive display in its Mallacoota WWII Bunker Museum. Visitors and volunteers welcome. Open Tues 9.30am-12 noon and Sun 1pm-3pm. (Map 2 D13) Enquiries 0459 437 474. (www.mallacootabunker.com.au)

**St Peters Op Shop:** (Map 1 G9) Enquiries 0411 016 470 – Open Fri 10am-3pm, Sat 10am-12 noon for quality pre-loved goods and clothes.

**Friends of Mallacoota:** Enquiries 0400 744 289. Care for the natural environment and work towards sustainability in Mallacoota and surrounds through raising awareness and understanding of the whole community. To ensure that environmental issues have a high profile.

**Community Radio 3MGB** is in the Arts Space Building (CBD Map G9). Tune in to 101.7 FM in Mallacoota and 94.9 FM in Genoa for great music local news, events, weather and national news. **3MGB is our official emergency broadcaster** – tune in for accurate information.

**Mallacoota U3A Inc:** (u3amallacoota@gmail.com). Delivers researched presentations monthly, as well as debates, excursions and workshops, based on the U3A concept of mutual learning.

**Mallacoota Community Op Shop:** (Map 1 E8) 43 Maurice Avenue (0429 799 721).

Gratefully accepts all donated goods which are then made available for sale. All proceeds are donated to worthy community activities. Come in and browse, you may find a bargain.

**Mallacoota Lions Club:** Enquiries 0417 688 162 – A very active community group meets 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month at The Shed (Map 1 C8).

**Mallacoota Senior Citizens Club** (5158 0565) runs functions for seniors.

**Mallacoota Community Health Infrastructure & Resilience Fund Inc. (CHIRF)**

A tax deductible charity ensuring continuity of medical services in Mallacoota. (0417 271 852).

**Mallacoota Inlet Aged Care Inc. (MIAC)** A tax deductible charity aiming to provide a 24 hour aged care facility for the frail aged. (0427 355 693).

**Dogs 2 Care (Inc) Assistance Dogs:** Working with the community to train assistance dogs to help alleviate symptoms of people's disabilities. Contact 0490 133 452.

**Bushland Weeding Group:** Meets 1.45 to 3.45pm each Thursday to remove introduced weeds that threaten our unique bushland. Contact Yvonne 0427 355 693.

**Wildlife Victoria:** Contact (03) 8400 7300.

## SERVICES

**Dyson's V-Line Bus Service to Genoa:** Twice each Monday, Thursday and Friday to link with the V-Line services. Departs from near the Bendigo Bank Branch (Map 1 F9) to Genoa and returns to Mallacoota. A Victorian School Holiday Sunday service is provided. **Sue's Bribes is the booking agency (03) 5158 0877** – 9am-5pm Monday to Friday.

**Mallacoota Service Centre** Corner Maurice Avenue and Allan Drive (Map1 G9) incorporates

- **Visitor Information Services** 5158 0800: Volunteers providing tourist information.
- **Library** (free wifi) and Service Centre 5179 5032. For all council services.  
Open Monday-Tuesday 10am to 12 noon, Wednesday-Friday 2pm to 5pm.
- **Mallacoota Foreshore Holiday Park Reception:** Open 8.30am to 5pm daily 5158 0300.
- **Vic Roads Agency:** 10am to noon Wednesday and Friday.

## CHURCH SERVICES

**St Peters "A Church for Everyone"** (Map 1 G9) Phone 0411 016 470.

**St Johns Cann River:** 1st and 3rd Sun 11.30am; Genoa Community Hall 4th Sunday 11.30am. Family Easter & Christmas services. See Church notice board for details or phone 0411 016 470.

**Anglican/Uniting Congregations** cooperating service at 9 am Sunday.

**Catholic Services:** Monthly services at 3pm; 2nd Sunday mass, other Sundays Liturgy with Communion. Phone 5158 0086 or 0427 355 693.

## HOLIDAY SERVICES

<b>Accommodation Booking Agents</b>	Mallacoota Accommodation Hotline	(03) 5158 0654 fegwa@optusnet.com.au
	Mallacoota Real Estate Pty Ltd	(03) 5158 0600 realestate@mallacoota.com
	Hammond Property Services	0401 825 547 amelia@hammondpropertyservices.com.au
	National Park Campsite Bookings	131 963 www.parkstay.vic.gov.au

Cruises	Loch Ard	Map 1 (G7)	0438 580 708
	Wilderness River Cruises	Map 2 (A2)	0418 279 997
Fishing Charters	East Gippsland Fishing Charters Lake		0400 564 032
	Mallacoota Fishing Charters & Tours		0419 223 101
	Wilderness Fishing Tours		0438 589 798
Hire Boats	Mallacoota Hire Boats	Map 1 (F8)	0438 447 558
	Buckland's Jetty Boat Hire	Map 2 (E7)	0428 580 660
	Gypsy Point Boat Hire	Map 2 (A2)	5158 8205
Canoe/Kayak Hire	Mallacoota Hire Boats	Map 1 (F8)	0438 447 558
	Gipsy Point Boat Hire	Map 2 (A2)	5158 8205
	Kiah Wilderness Tours		0429 961 047
Bike Hire	Mallacoota Hire Boats	Map 1 (F8)	0438 447 558
	Bribes Giftshop	Map1 (F9)	5158 0877
Tours & Transfers	Dale Winward		0438 580 708
Water Taxi (Gabo)	Wilderness Coast Ocean Charters	Map 1 (G13)	5158 0701
	Mallacoota Fishing Charters & Tours		0419 223 101
ATM	Bendigo Bank Maurice Ave	Map 1 (F9)	
	Maurice Ave (next to PO)	Map 1 (F9)	
Post Office	Mallacoota Post Office	Map 1 (F9)	5158 0227

# ACCOMMODATION

Accommodation Provider	Map 1 Ref	Telephone All area code 03	Website OR email
<b>Map 1 – Mallacoota Properties – Flats, Units, Cottages or Houses</b>			
Adobe Abodes (P)	D2	0499 777 968	www.adobeabodes.com.au
Adobe Mudbrick Holiday Flats (P)	D2	5158 0329	peter@adobeholidayflats.com.au
Ballinosollis	D1	5158 0031	marganth@vicnet.net.au
Ballymena Holiday Units	D8	5158 0258	info@visitmallacoota.com
Bellbird Retreat	D6	0408 515 449	e.a.bayley@hotmail.com
Bidawal Beach Cottage (P)	D11	5158 0900	fegwa@optusnet.com.au
Blue Waters Cottages for Two	D2	5158 0261	stay@bluewaters.biz
Bruce's Flats (P)	F8	0427 580 515	www.brucesflats.com.au
Coull Waters Holiday Apartments	E8	5158 0551	www.coullwaters.com.au
Four Aces Goora	B4	0425 869 200	
Gowings of Mallacoota	F8	5158 0401	gowings@bigpond.com
Grevillea Grove Apartments	E8	5158 0600	info@mallacootaholiday.com.au
Harbour Lights Holiday Flats (P)	D9	5158 0246	harbourlightsflats@dodo.com.au
Lakeside at Mallacoota	G8	5158 0282	www.mallacoota.net.au
Mallacoota Beach Houses	D8	0429 383 573	sue@mallacootabeachhouses.com
Mallacoota Log Cabins	E10	5158 0233	www.mallacoota.info
Mallamaurice units	D8	5158 0432	www.mallamaurice.com
Melaleuca Grove Holiday Units	B4	5158 0407	melaleucagrove@bigpond.com
Polehouse Mudbrick Units	D1	5158 0771	johnrroy1@gmail.com
<b>Motels</b>			
Mallacoota Hotel Motel		5158 0455	www.mallacootahotel.com.au
Silver Bream Motel	F9	5158 0305	www.silverbream.com.au
<b>Bed and Breakfast</b>			
The Wave Oasis Luxury B&B		5158 0995	www.thewaveoasis.com.au
<b>Lodge</b>			
Karbeethong Lodge	F5	5158 0411	www.karbeethonglodge.com.au
<b>Caravan Parks</b>			
A'Wangralea Caravan Park (P)	D2	5158 0222	www.mallacootacabins.com
Beachcomber Caravan Park		5158 0233	www.mallacoota.info
Mallacoota Foreshore Caravan Park (P)	D10	5158 0300	mallacootacp@wideband.net.au
Shady Gully Caravan Park (P)	E9	5158 0362	shadygully@bigpond.com
<b>Houseboats</b>			
Mallacoota Wilderness Houseboats	B6	0409 924 016	www.mallacootawildernesshouseboats.com.au
<b>Mallacoota Environs Properties</b>			
Gipsy Point Luxury Lakeside Apts	D2	5158 8200	info@gipsylakeside.com.au
Gipsy Point Lodge		5158 8205	info@gipsypointlodge.com.au

P = Pet friendly

For additional information contact [www.visitmallacoota.com.au](http://www.visitmallacoota.com.au)



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## EMERGENCY SERVICES

<b>A</b>	Allan Drive	G8	<b>Emergency Services:</b>		<b>Phone:</b>
<b>B</b>	Angophora Drive	G3	Police	E9	5158 0280 or 000
	Banksia Parade	D6	Ambulance	D9	000
	Bastion Point Rd	C10 & E12	Doctor	D8	5158 0777
	Betka Road	D10	Doctor (EMERGENCY)		000 Ask for ambulance
	Blackwood Drive	D3	Fire (Fire calls only)		000
	Boundary Lane	A6	CFA Enquiries	C9	5158 0288
	Brady Street	E5	Chemist	F9	5158 0421
	Broome Street	G5	S.E.S. Emergency		000
	Bruce Street	D8	S.E.S. Mallacoota HQ	C9	5158 0839
	Bucklands Drive	F8	S.E.S. Storm damage		132 500
	Bucknall Street	D9	AusNet Service (Power Failure)		13 1799
<b>C</b>	Clarke Street	D9	Radio 3MGB (101.7 FM)	G9	5158 0929
	Commercial Rd	B7	<b>Local Authorities</b>		
	Crabtree Lane	D10	East Gippsland Water	C9	5158 0414
<b>D</b>	Devlin Drive	E10	East Gippsland Water		A/H 1800 134 202
	Dorron Avenue	F8	Mudbrick Pavilion	F10	5158 0680
<b>E</b>	Elizabeth Court	D12	East Gippsland Shire Office	G9	1300 555 886
<b>F</b>	Fern Court	D5	Parks Victoria & Fisheries		
<b>G</b>	Genoa Road	DB7	Office	F7	5161 9500 or 131963
	Greer Street	G9	<b>Other Services</b>		
<b>H</b>	Hodson Street	F5	Airport (Betka Road)	C13	
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	Hunter Street	D10	Telstra (Faults and Repairs)		132 203
<b>I</b>	Inlet View Court	D2	Telstra (Cable locations)		1100
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<b>J</b>	Jones Road	E6		G8	
<b>K</b>	Karbeethong Ave	D2	<b>Mallacoota &amp; District Health</b>		
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<b>L</b>	Lakeside Drive	E7	Community House	C8	5158 0243
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<b>N</b>	Nauta Terrace	A6	Main Wharf	G8	
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	Raheen Drive	F5	<b>Sporting Venues</b>		
	Rasmus Ave	E10	Bowling Club	D10	5158 0284 B/H
<b>S</b>	Scenic Court	C1	Golf Course	D13	5158 0277
	Schnapper Pt Dr	D2	Pony Club	B3	5158 0740
	Shady Gully Rd	D4	Tennis/Badminton	F10	5158 0330
	South Gateway	E4	Football/cricket oval	F10	
	Stanley Ave	D12	<b>Mallacoota Service Centre</b>		
	Stingray Point Rd	D2	Mallacoota Information	G9	5158 0800
<b>T</b>	Sylvia Court	C12	East Gippsland Shire Office	G8	5179 5032
<b>V</b>	Terra Nova Drive	D12	Library	G8	5179 5032
<b>W</b>	Vista Drive	F5	<b>Internet Services</b>		
	Water Trust Road	A3	Mallacoota Service Centre		5153 9500
	Wrights Close	B4	MDHSS		5158 0243
<b>Z</b>	Zachary Drive	C3			

## PHOTO OPPORTUNITIES

Croajingolong's Coastal Wilderness provides numerous photographic opportunities.

### Spectacular seascapes and amazing rock formations



*Secret Beach*



*Rock Arch*



*Nature's sculpture*

### Over 1500 plant species



*Fringe lily*

There are 306 bird species, 52 mammal species plus reptiles, amphibians and insects



*Caterpillars*

In Autumn a huge variety of fungi spore bearing structures (many colourful)



*Earth stars*



*Coral fungi*



*Gold Tufts*

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