



BIODIVERSITY VALUES

- Plant communities consist of salt tolerant species typical of coastal dune woodland and saltmarsh in the region. Woodland and tall shrubland along the southern lakeshore mainly consist of Moonah woodland *Melaleuca Lanceolata*, a species that is listed as threatened in Victoria under the Flora and Fauna Guarantee ACT.
- 81 bird species have been recorded. These include Waterfowl, Waders, Pelicans, Cormorants, Herons, Egrets, Ibis, Spoonbills, Crakes and Rails. There are breeding records for five species and it often supports thousands of birds. The highest ever recorded was 10,062 birds in 2000.
- The lake is of international significance for Red-Necked Stints, Banded Stilts and the globally endangered Orange-Bellied Parrot.

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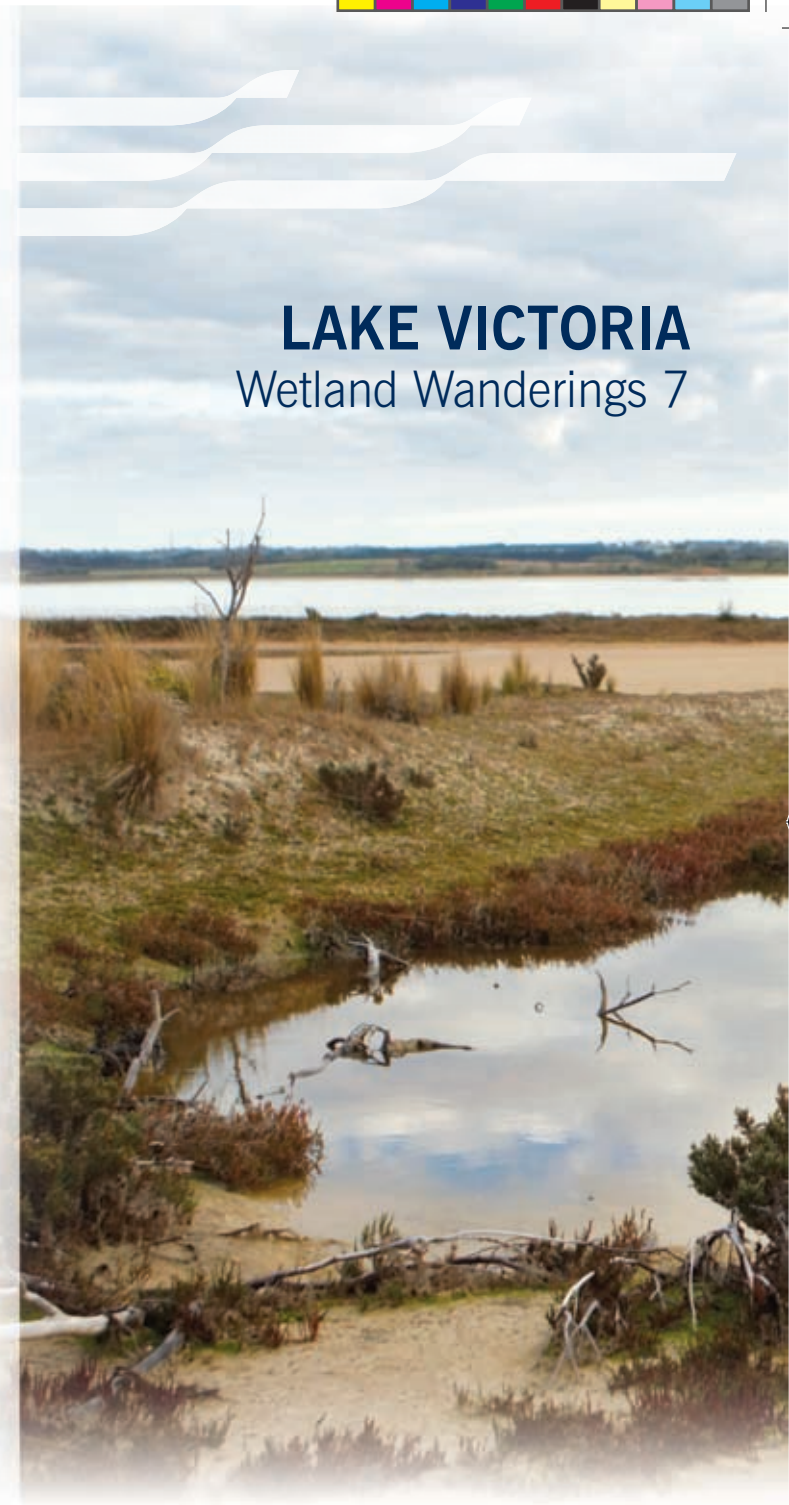
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Happy Wetland Wandering



LAKE VICTORIA

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Welcome to Lake Victoria, an outstanding wetland area, that forms an important part of the larger Swan Bay system.

LOCATION

- Lake Victoria is situated between Point Lonsdale and Ocean Grove and is separated from Bass Strait by a narrow strip of coastal dunes. **Melways Ref: 499.**
- It is a natural shallow saline lake 139 hectares in area.

SITE DESCRIPTION

- Lake Victoria is a shallow sub-coastal lagoon forming part of the Swan Bay systems of wetlands on the Eastern Bellarine Peninsula, south-east of Geelong.
- It is part of the Lonsdale Lakes Nature Reserve administered by Parks Victoria.
- Lake Victoria, although it varies in water level provides a relatively stable environment for waterbirds, maintaining its high salinity even when full and never drying out in summer.
- Saltmarsh is the dominant vegetation around the lakeshore.
- It is a natural lake but has been modified by shell-grit mining. Water enters the lake through urban run-off, rainfall and slow seepage.



LAKE VICTORIA

POINTS OF INTEREST

- 1 Emily Street Wetlands – a man-made wetland that catches stormwater from new developments and eventually directs water into Lake Victoria.
- 2 Point Lonsdale Township – a great spot for coffee and cake. This is also an annual holiday location for Henry the elephant seal.
- 3 Lonsdale Lighthouse – a great spot to catch amazing views to Point Nepean.

