

BIODIVERSITY VALUES

- The shorelines and sandy spits are important feeding and roosting environments for a diverse range of birdlife. The inlet also supports large beds of seagrass plants that exist in the shallow inlet waters, which also provide important bird feeding ground and fish nursery habitat.
- A wide range of coastal and wetland flora species survive on the shores of the tidal inlet and creek, with regionally significant stands of White Mangrove lining the shores of Hovells Creek.
- A diverse range of flora and fauna remains in relatively pristine condition in certain areas, along with diverse passive recreational activities, cultural values and sites of geological interest.
- Relatively intact stands of Shrubby Glasswort, Beaded Glasswort and Chaffy Saw-Sedge communities also contribute to its importance as a conservation area in the region.
- The Chaffy Saw-Sedge Saline herbfield is located in the low lying floodplain of Hovells Creek. Chaffy Saw-Sedge provides habitat for the uncommon Altona Skipper Butterfly. It is nominated as being a potential feeding ground for the threatened Orange-Bellied Parrot and there are records of the rare waterbird, Lewins Rail in this community area.
- Whilst Limeburners Bay is not a recognised 'winter stronghold' for the Orange-Bellied Parrot, there is suitable habitat available in this site for them to utilise the area. The Parrots use shingle and sand spits, saline shrublands and saline herbfield/shrubland habitats. They are known to rely on the seeds and fruits of a narrow range of sedgeland and heathland plants in its breeding habitat and upon saltmarsh coastal shoreline plants on its migratory route.
- Threats to the Orange-Bellied Parrot are the loss of winter habitat and food supply through development or damage, competition with other birds for food and nest sites, predators and possibly disease.
- Another special species that is known to use the Limeburners area is the Fairy Tern. They commonly nest on the banks offshore, estuarine islands. They nest in shallow scrapes in the sand, with the breeding season from August to September. They feed close in-shore on small schooling fish – Anchovy, Pilchard, Hardy Heads, Blue Sprats and Sandy Sprats.

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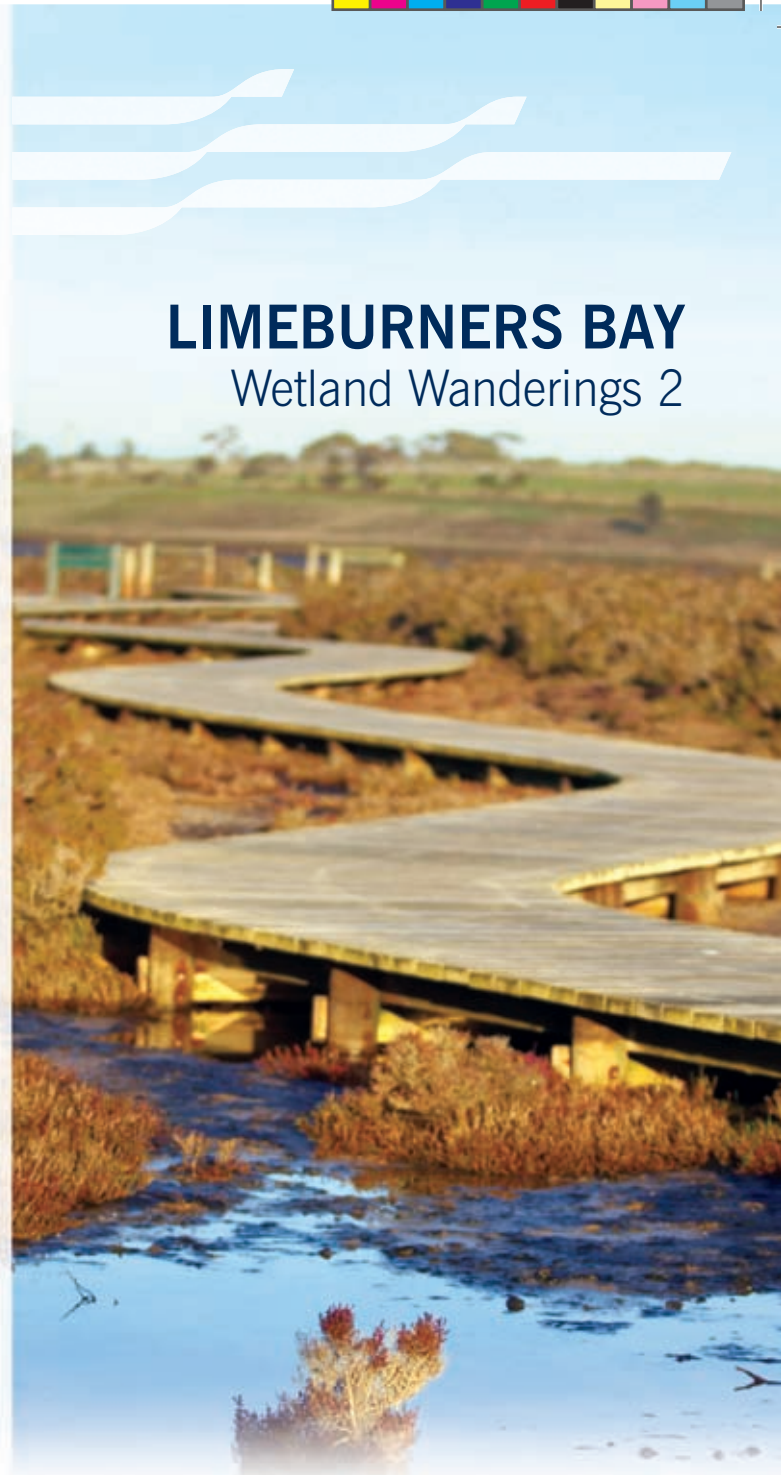
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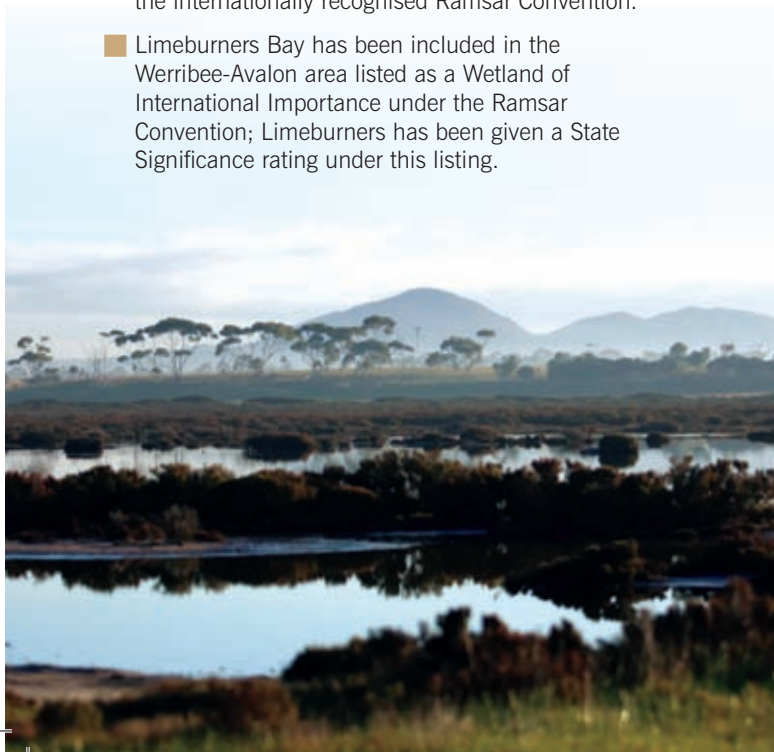
Welcome to Limeburners Bay, a special spot that lies between Hovells Creek and Corio Bay and is home to many native plants and animals. It is a favoured feeding, roosting and resting habitat for a wide range of water and wading birds. Get out, stretch your legs and take in the natural surroundings that make Limeburners a special spot to visit.

LOCATION

Limeburners Bay is located north of Geelong on Foreshore Rd adjacent to Geelong Grammar School.
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SITE DESCRIPTION

- Limeburners Bay is a broad and sandy estuarine inlet with high conservation values, located on the northern shore of Corio Bay where Hovells Creek enters from its primarily rural catchment.
- The Bay is characterised by open, shallow tidal water, which supports a high diversity of birdlife, with particular species giving the area status under the internationally recognised Ramsar Convention.
- Limeburners Bay has been included in the Werribee-Avalon area listed as a Wetland of International Importance under the Ramsar Convention; Limeburners has been given a State Significance rating under this listing.



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