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# Bass River Delta And Flood Plain



L10035 Billabongs near Bass  
Landing

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## Location

BASS VIC 3991 - Property No L10035

## Municipality

BASS COAST SHIRE

## Level of significance

Regional

## Heritage Listing

National Trust

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## Statement of Significance

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The Bass River delta, as a physiographic unit, extends from Reef Island, an outlier of Tertiary volcanics which is joined to the coast 50 chains to the east by a ridge of basalt rubble, to the Grantville Gravel formation at the foot of the Bass fault scarp in the south. There are a few scattered mangroves, (*Avicennia marina* var. *resinifera*) on the coastline south of Reef Island and north of the river mouth. The tidal tract of the river has been successfully colonized by (*Spartina*), which was planted to stop erosion of the river banks.

In 1835, Anderson and Massie, Scots from Launceston, established a station on the Bass River; they used bricks from the settlement abandoned at Corinella in 1828, for their "house". By 1840, they were trading wheat for beef from settlers at Tobin Yallock (Lang Lang) and providing hospitality for those trying to pioneer an overland route into Gipps ' Land.

LOCATION:

On the eastern side of Western Port, stretching from the above-water section of the delta north-east along the Bass River flood-plain to the township of Bass.

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