

# Our local Ramsar site

## Port Phillip Bay (Western Shoreline) and Bellarine Peninsula



Ramsar wetlands are specific wetlands in different parts of the world that are important worldwide. In 1971, people from all over the world came together to pledge to protect specific wetlands. This pledge was called the "Ramsar Convention" and aims to protect wetlands across the globe and take care of the plants and animals that rely upon them.

Here in Victoria, we have 12 of these globally important wetlands, with the 'Port Phillip Bay (Western Shoreline) and Bellarine Peninsula' site being our local Ramsar wetland established in 1982. This site includes wetlands at Lake Connewarre, Swan Bay, Mud Islands, Point Wilson / Limeburners Bay, Werribee River and Point Cook / Cheetham Wetlands.

These sites were chosen to have international significance as they meet a number of criteria including the number of migratory shorebirds that they support.

