

# BALCOMBE ESTUARY WETLANDS

Balcombe Creek's diverse and relatively undisturbed natural environment and its well developed estuary make it the most important waterway discharging into the eastern side of Port Phillip Bay. The estuary has resulted from intermittent blocking of the creek mouth by sand. This has created a 400 metre long inlet of regional significance for plants and animals.

From the Nepean Highway to the sea, the creek winds through a variety of vegetation types. In the estuarine lagoon, shallow water, islands and fringing native vegetation all provide habitat for a range of waterbirds. Here Egrets and White-faced Herons stalk fish, while Dusky Moorhens and Coots peck weeds from the surface. Spoonbills, Ibis, Cormorants, Ducks and other waterfowl can also be seen.

