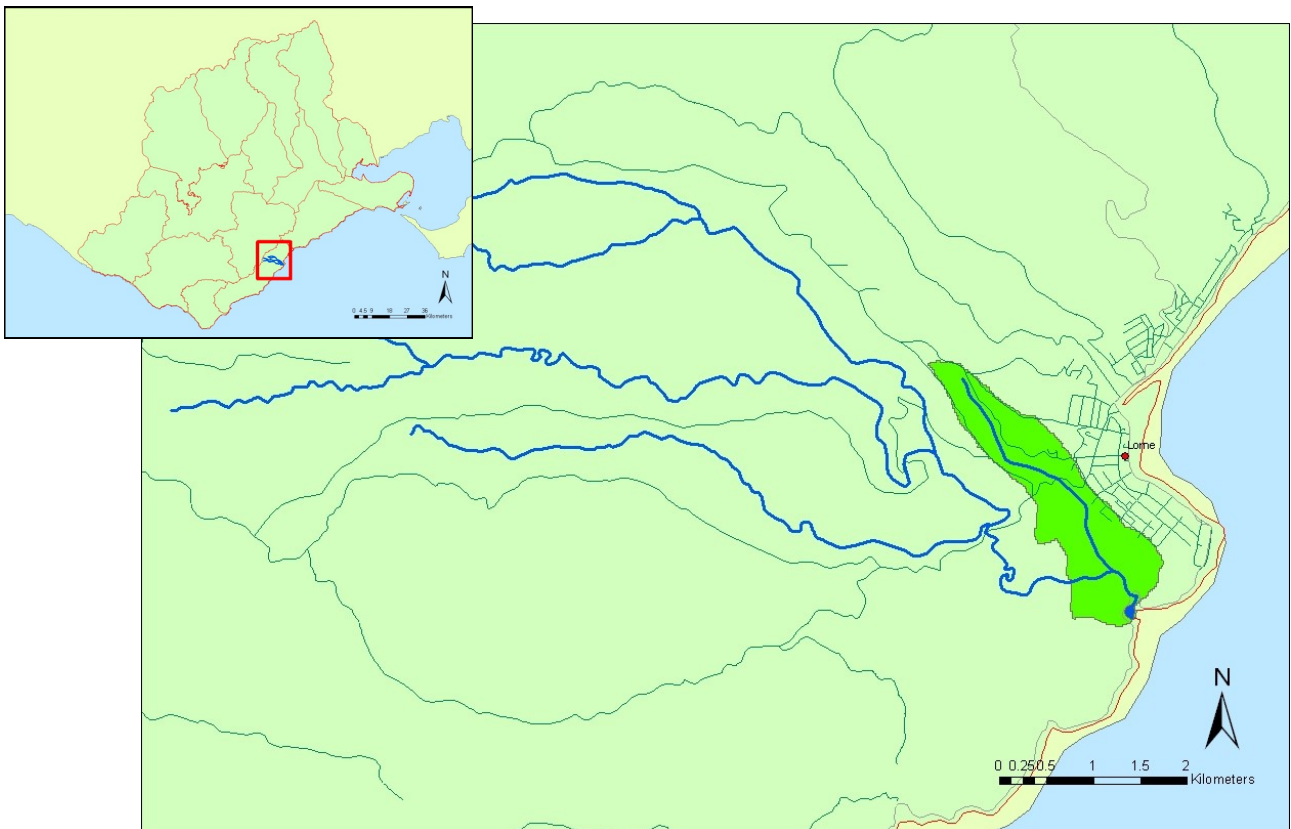


St George River

Characteristics:

Type of Estuary:	River
Landscape Zone:	Otway Coast
Catchment Area:	215.8 Ha
Estuary Area:	2.241 Ha
Estuary Length:	1.042 km
River Length:	12.128 km
Mouth Direction:	East facing
Mouth State:	Intermittently open
Location:	143°58'35.6201" E 38°33'22.3608" S
Distance from Apollo Bay:	34.989 km North East



Supplementary Data:

Estuary Watch
(P-Chem Data / Physical Observations)
<http://www.estuarywatch.com.au/>

Colac Otway Shire Council
<http://www.colacotway.vic.gov.au/>

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Special Attributes

Zones:

- 89% of the catchment zoned as Public Conservation and Resource
- 11% of the catchment zoned as Environmental Rural

Overlays:

- Environmental significance (covering the Lorne SWSC)
- Significant landscape (covering lower catchment Environmental Rural Zones)
- Vegetation protection (covering upper catchment Environmental Rural Zones)
- Wildfire management (entire catchment)



Estuarine Vegetation

EVC Name	Area (Ha) (Approx.)	Geographic Occurrence	Conservation Status
Damp Sands Herb-rich Woodland	11.66	Minor	Vulnerable
Riparian Forest	49.06	Naturally Restricted	Least Concern
Shrubby Foothill Forest	753.02	Common	Least Concern
Coastal Headland Scrub	19.72	Naturally Restricted	Depleted
Grassy Dry Forest	24.23	Minor	Depleted
Herb-rich Foothill Forest	18.68	Minor	Depleted
Shrubby Wet Forest	17.04	Common	Least Concern

Key Management Issues:

Invertebrates: Biological monitoring of the St George River showed the all SEPP objectives were met for both riffle and edge habitats.

Riparian Vegetation: Approximately 75% of the river is within forest.

Sites of Significance: Phantom Falls: Formed where the St George River crosses 20m of resistant, massive, flat-bedded sandstone. Water falls into a large pool where a cave is being created.

Swimming: Swimming is a major activity along the coastline of the Otway Coast Basin.

Passive Recreation: The St George catchment contains many walks and attractions including: Phantom Falls, Hendersons Falls, The Canyon, Cumberland Falls and Cora Lynn Cascades.

Listed Landscape: The Surf Coast Shire has placed significant Landscape Overlays over the freehold land upstream of the Great Ocean Road.

Flagship Species: Black Bream are known to be in the estuary.

Tourism: Great Ocean Road is Victoria's second most popular tourist destination, attracting between 12 and 14 percent of all visitors within the state. Value of tourism in the GOR region is estimated at \$940 million.

