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SCHEDULE 4 TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL SIGNIFICANCE OVERLAY

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SOUTH WARRNAMBOOL WETLANDS

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Statement of environmental significance

The South Warrnambool wetlands are significant coastal wetlands that form an important home for wildlife and native vegetation. The wetlands are of regional geological, flora, fauna and recreational significance. They are also of strong local Aboriginal, cultural and historic significance. Protection of the ecological integrity and quality of this asset is of prime importance. The management of recreational/tourist and interpretive activities is also of importance.

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Environmental objective to be achieved

To recognise and protect, geological, historic, botanical, zoological and scenic values of the South Warrnambool Wetlands and their importance to local Aboriginal culture.

To protect the ecological integrity and quality of the natural areas from degradation of water quality and flows, invasive flora and fauna, vehicular and recreation-related impacts and land use impacts on adjacent land.

To establish recreation/tourism and interpretive activities, and provide access through the construction of walking tracks and erection of signs, interpretive shelters, viewing platforms and small bird hides.

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Permit requirement

A permit is not required for

- Removal of environmental weeds.
- Repairs and maintenance of existing buildings and works including fences.
- A minor utility installation.
- Informal outdoor recreation.
- Walking tracks, interpretive facilities and signs, shelters, bird hides and car parking areas which are developed generally in accordance with the recommendations of the Landscape Management Plan for the South Warrnambool Wetlands.

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Reference Document

Warrnambool City Council (1996) Landscape Management Plan for the South Warrnambool Wetlands. Scenic Spectrums Pty Ltd & Ecology Australia Pty Ltd. Melbourne.