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ORIGINS OF VICTORIAN PLACE NAMES

Victorian Coastal Place names Entries from this document are provided below.

- Narrawong (38° 16' S, 141° 42' E) Aboriginal term for long river.
- Surrey River (38° 12' S, 141° 35' E) named after the English county by Major Mitchell on 30 August 1836 at the request of Edward Henty, founder of Portland (Mitchell 1838).
- Lake Yambuk (38° 20' S, 142° 03' E) named after Baxter's Yambuk (Yambuck) cattle run in 1843.
- Merri River (38° 20' S, 142° 28' E) from the Aboriginal work for rocky or stony (Warrnambool & District Historical Society).
- Warrnambool (38° 23' S, 142° 28' E) from the Aboriginal warnimble, abundant water.
- Hopkins River (38° 20' S, 142° 38' E) named after Sir John Paul Hopkins by Major Mitchell in 1836.
- Stanhope Bay (38° 30' S, 142° 42' E) named after the Stanhope family, who farmed locally in the 19th century (Warrnambool & District Historical Society).
- Johanna Beach (38° 46' S, 143° 23' E) named after the Johanna (or Joanna), a schooner wrecked here on 21 September 1843.

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- Benalla— From local Aboriginal word Benalta—big water holes. *Benalla Standard,* 1889.
- Agnes River—Named after a daughter of Mr. John Gellion, pioneer.
- Beechworth—Named by surveyor after his native place in Leicestershire, England.
- Melbourne—After Lord Melbourne. Named by Sir. R. Bourke.