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Origins of Victorian Place Names

[Victorian Coastal Place names](http://www.spiffa.org/uploads/2/6/7/5/2675656/victorian_coastal_place_names.pdf) 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.

[Victorian Place Names](http://dro.deakin.edu.au/eserv/DU%3A30111533/saxton1907victoriaplacenames-text.htm)

* 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.

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