

Fact Sheet

Changes to Parks Victoria's Maintenance Dredging program

Bays Maintenance Dredging Program - Long Term Environmental Management Plan.



Parks Victoria is the waterway manager for the designated local ports of Port Phillip and Western Port. Since 1998, Parks Victoria has managed an ongoing maintenance dredging program to facilitate safe boating access to local port facilities and harbours within its jurisdiction and control.

Parks Victoria has recently reviewed its maintenance dredging program to ensure that it is delivering a safe and efficient service. Following an examination of the program's marine design standards and methodologies, a number of changes were recommended.

These changes, and the manner in which the maintenance dredging program will be delivered into the future, have been compiled into a report, the *Bays Maintenance Dredging Program – Long Term Environmental Management Plan*.

Before these changes are finalised, Parks Victoria will make this information available, and provide opportunities for feedback from the community. See over page for more details.

Looking forward

Once approved, the Long Term Environmental Management Plan will provide a framework for Parks Victoria's updated maintenance dredging program while ensuring relevant statutory controls and obligations are met.

The Plan will also provide the technical specifications required to support Parks Victoria's application for Consent to dredge under the *Coastal Management Act 1995* (CMA).

New sites

A number of infrequently dredged sites have been included in the Plan. These were not previously a part of the dredging program, but are now

considered, as most will need some level of maintenance within the next ten years.

Their inclusion will also result in further efficiencies across the program, as separate CMA Consent applications will no longer be required for each activity. In most cases the sites will require further detailed investigation, design and funding prior to dredging.

The new sites include:

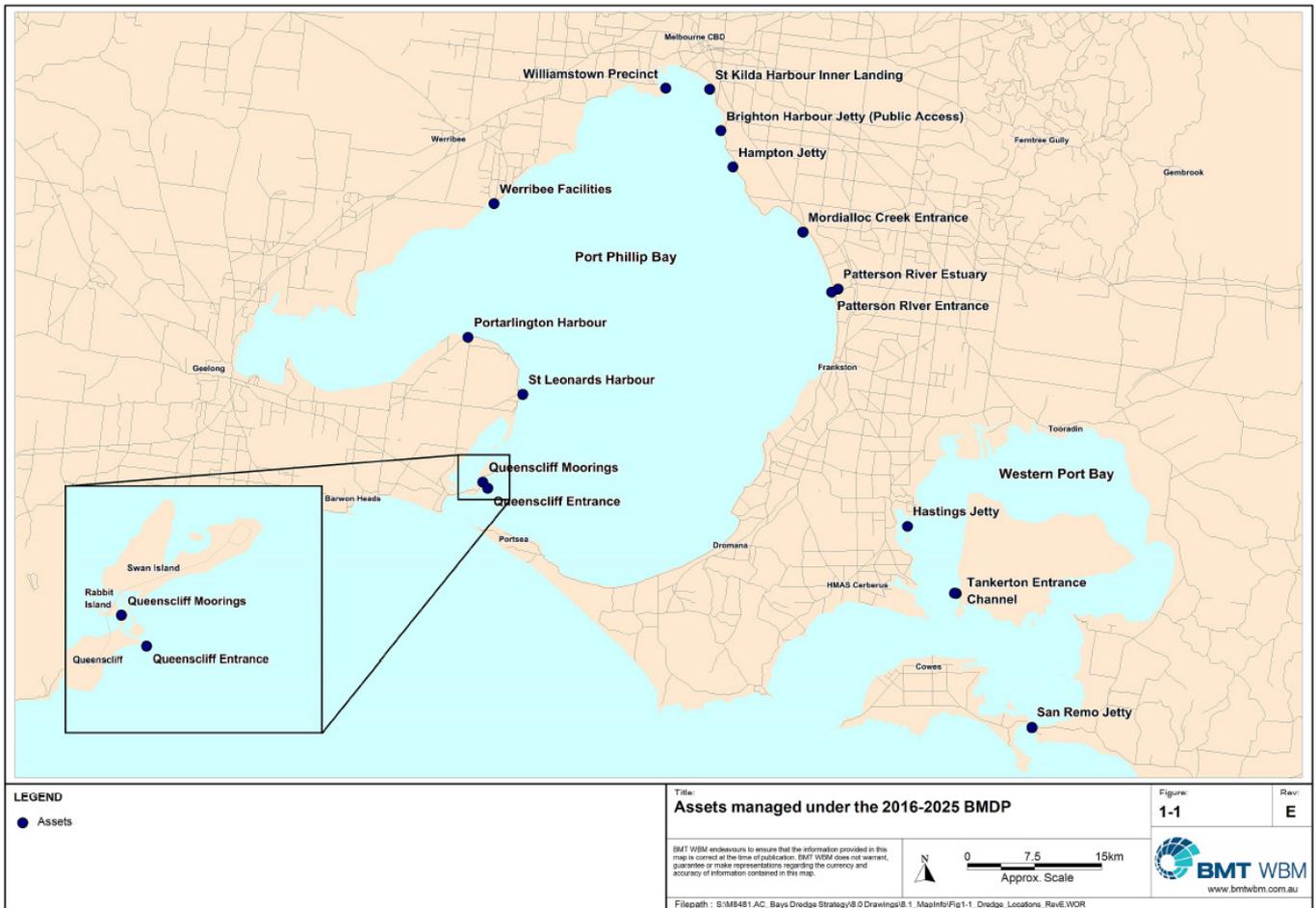
- Patterson River Estuary,
- Queenscliff Moorings,
- Brighton Harbour,
- Hampton Harbour and Jetty,
- Hastings Jetty,
- Williamstown Precinct,

New designs

To provide greater safety, efficiency, and environmental protection, some sites have had changes to their design or methodology.

These include:

- Patterson River depth increased to -5.0m.
- Mordialloc, length of dredge area.
- Queenscliff, increase of dredge area to include mooring area for Ferry and dredge.
- Portarlington new entry channel and depth within the harbour.
- Werribee, depth increased to -2.5m.
- New methodology at Tankerton for in water disposal.



Is it safe and clean?

The Long Term Environmental Management Plan includes a sediment sampling plan which complies with the EPA Best Practise Guidelines for Dredging, and the National Assessment Guidelines for Dredging. The previous sediment sampling results are provided in detail. In summary, the sediment dredged is suitable for placement on the adjacent beaches or in water, as is the proposal at Tankerton.

Freshly dredged sand may contain organic material, mostly seaweed, which will give it a dark colour and mildly unpleasant odour when it first comes out of the water. After a few days of exposure to the air and sun, the sand will bleach to a normal colour and lose any odour.

Have your say and find out more.

Community drop-in sessions will be held in May, and provide an opportunity to view the Long Term Environmental Management Plan, provide feedback, or to find out more about the maintenance dredging program.

To attend one of the community drop-in sessions, please register your interest at dredging@parks.vic.gov.au

Drop-in sessions will be held at:

Hastings for the following sites: Hastings Jetty; Tankerton Entrance Channel; San Remo Jetty.

St Kilda for the following sites: Werribee River Entrance; Williamstown Precinct; St Kilda Harbour Inner Landing; Brighton Harbour; Hampton Harbour and Jetty.

Queenscliff for the following sites: Queenscliff Channel Entrance; Queenscliff Moorings; St Leonards Harbour; Portarlington Harbour.

Carrum for the following sites: Mordialloc Creek Entrance; Patterson River Entrance Channel; Patterson River Estuary.

Can't make it to a drop-in session? You can still have a say.

If you would like to provide feedback about changes to the maintenance dredging program, please send your name and comments to: dredging@parks.vic.gov.au. **Comments will be received until 22 May 2017.**

For further information, please contact the Parks Victoria Information Centre on 13 1963 or visit www.parks.vic.gov.au/get-involved/have-your-say