

Westernport: a bay on the brink

Westernport Bay is a site of international significance for aquatic birds and right on the doorstep of Melbourne. Its extensive intertidal mudflats, seagrass meadows, saltmarshes and mangroves support more than 10,000 migratory shorebirds and 10,000 waterfowl.

Yet despite its incredible importance as a bird sanctuary the Naphthine Government plans to drastically expand Port of Hastings within the bay into an international container port - oil spills, dredging, land clearing, and thousands of more ships a year could put Westernport's birdlife and habitats at risk.

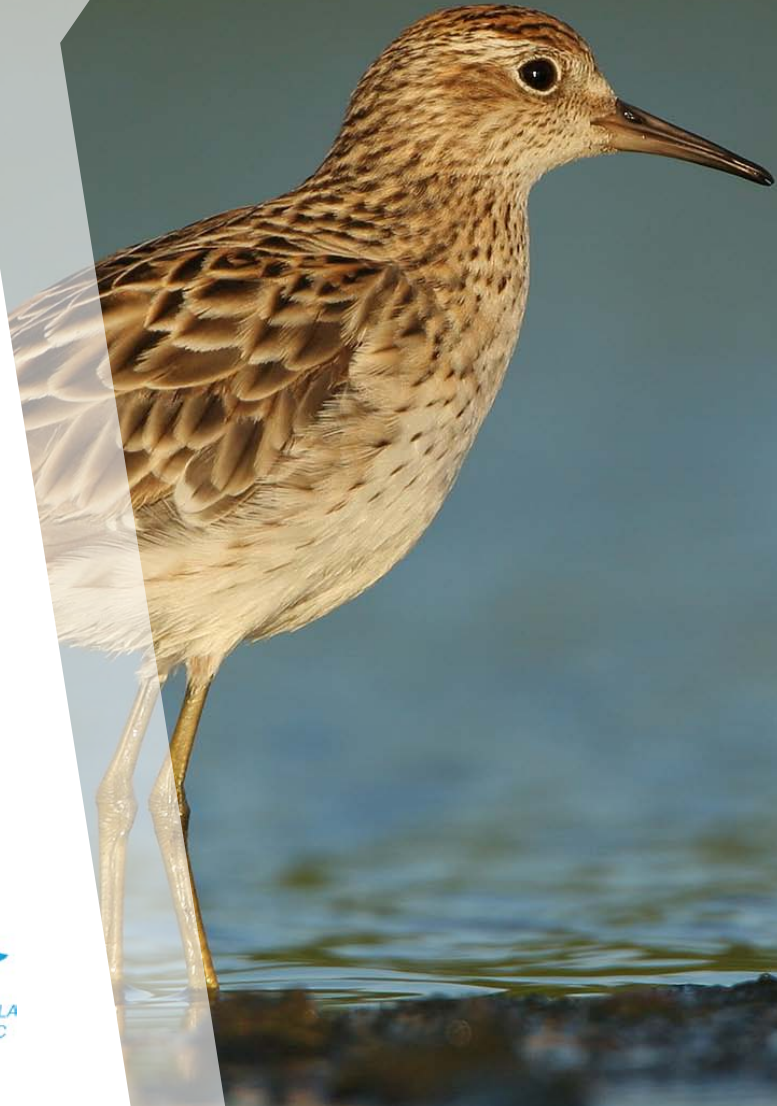
This interesting and informative seminar will explore the potential impacts the port expansion could have on seagrass, saltmarsh and mangroves as well as on the bay's many bird species.

Speakers include

- A representative from Birdlife Australia.
- Dr Hugh Kirkman, environmental consultant and seagrass expert.
- Representatives from the Victorian National Parks Association, Blue Wedges Coalition and the Westernport & Peninsula Protection Council.



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TUESDAY 15 APRIL



EVENT DETAILS

WHERE: Hastings Community Hub, 1973 Frankston-Flinders Rd, Hastings (Google Map Reference <http://goo.gl/TVUtML>).

WHEN: Tuesday 15 April.

TIME: Doors open 5.45pm, 6.10 start, finishes 7.30pm.

RSVP: This is a free event, tea and coffee provided, but bookings are essential through Eventbrite – vnpa.eventbrite.com.au

A full agenda is available on the booking page.

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