

Maintenance Dredging Program 2023

Port of Melbourne has ongoing maintenance dredging obligations to ensure the safe passage of ships visiting the port.

Port of Melbourne operates 365 days of the year to bring in the goods that help Victorians live work, study and play, and to send our exports to global markets.

An important part of our operations is to conduct maintenance dredging to ensure safe passage for the vessels that call.

Dredging works will be carried out at various locations within the port precinct and South Channel in Port Phillip Bay to remove a build-up of sediment and to ensure Port of Melbourne's berths and channels are maintained for shipping.

Dredging activities within the port have been routinely conducted in shipping channels throughout Port Phillip Bay and the port area over the past 100 years.

ENVIRONMENTAL APPROVALS

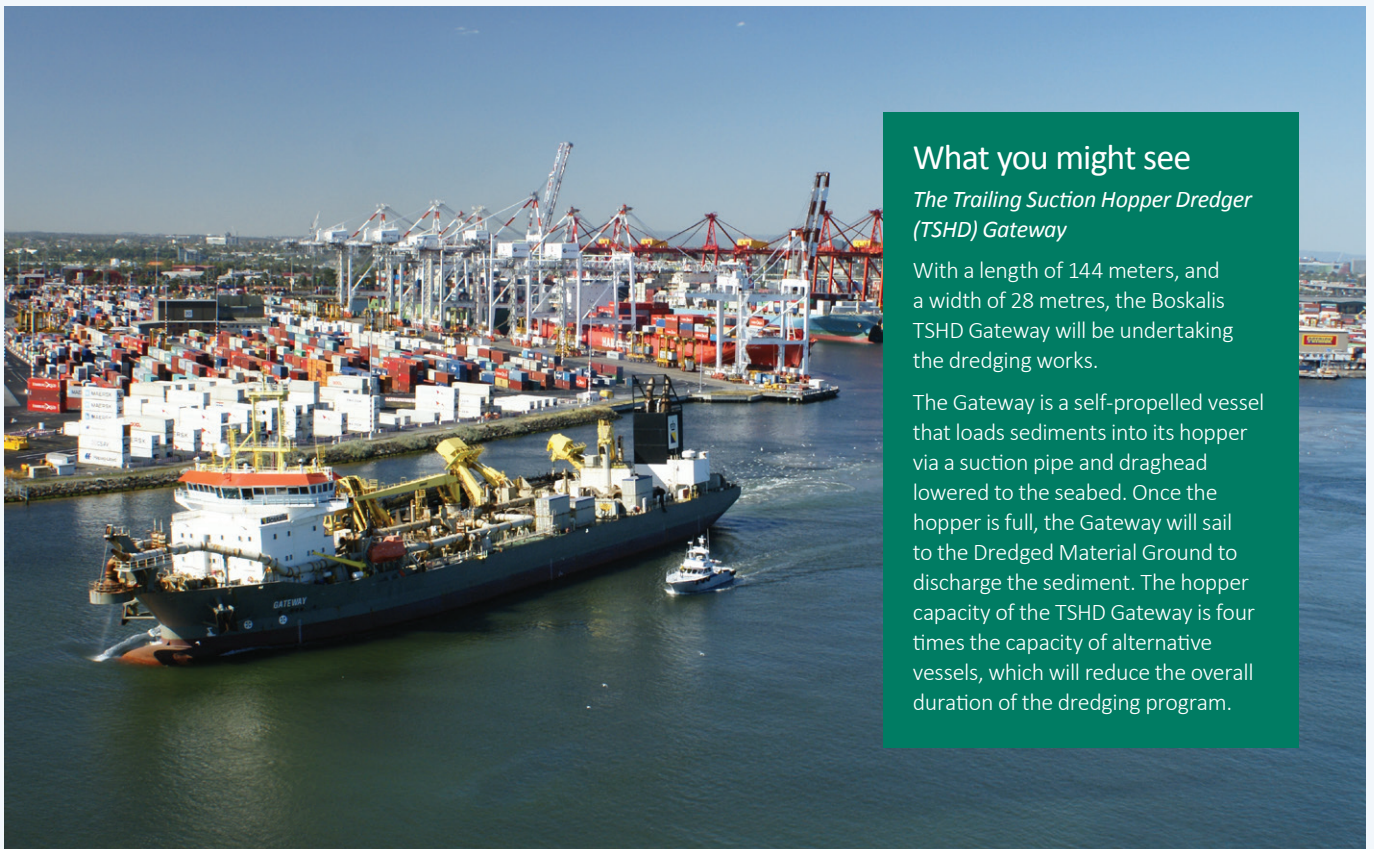
Port of Melbourne's dredging works are approved by the Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action (DEECA).

Port of Melbourne will be dredging in accordance with its Environment Management Plan.

MAINTENANCE DREDGING SCHEDULE

Dredging work will commence on or about 25 May 2023 with an expected completion in early July 2023.

To ensure minimal impact on Victorian import and export trade, dredging work will occur 24 hours a day – seven days a week.



What you might see

The Trailing Suction Hopper Dredger (TSHD) Gateway

With a length of 144 meters, and a width of 28 metres, the Boskalis TSHD Gateway will be undertaking the dredging works.

The Gateway is a self-propelled vessel that loads sediments into its hopper via a suction pipe and draghead lowered to the seabed. Once the hopper is full, the Gateway will sail to the Dredged Material Ground to discharge the sediment. The hopper capacity of the TSHD Gateway is four times the capacity of alternative vessels, which will reduce the overall duration of the dredging program.



COMMUNITY INFORMATION

Regular dredging updates will be provided on our website: [PortofMelbourne.com](https://portofmelbourne.com)

If you would like more information on our dredging program or to report an issue, call 1300 857 662 or email Port.Dredge@portofmelbourne.com