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Sunday 11th January 2015
10.30am followed by lunch.

Balnarring Hall Frankston- Flinders Road, Balnarring

What if we didn't build a massive port? What if the Victorian Government abandoned plans to expand the Port of Hastings and invested in regional development and public transport instead?

That's one of the scenarios developed in a future envisaged at a scenario planning workshop held at Newhaven Yacht Squadron in July. The workshop was led by Australian National University Professor and leading environmental ecologist Robert Costanza, who was joined by students as well as Bass Coast councillors, Tourism Industry Professionals, Parks Vic, industry and environmental specialists. Over five days, the participants developed four different scenarios for Western Port's future.

Guest Speakers

Chris Smyth

Chris Smyth, is the Policy Director at the Australian Oceans Institute, as well as a private consultant specialising in research, analysis, project management and writing of environment-focused publications. Prior to that he was the Healthy Oceans Campaigner at the Australian Conservation Foundation, and he co-ordinated the marine national parks campaign at the Victorian National Parks Association .

Jenny Warfe

Jenny was involved in the Port Phillip Channel Deepening campaign from 2003 until the project completion in 2009.
She has since raised concerns about the likely environmental impacts of an expanded Hastings Port and the Channel Deepening project. The Port of Melbourne Corporation's predictions for growth in shipping numbers has yet to materialise. Hence the project's Cost Benefit analysis has been entirely discredited and was clearly confirmed in figures produced by Dr. Hermoine Parsons, VU Institute of Supply Chain Logistics. Build it- but will they come? There has barely been a whimper from the media regarding this. Her careful research and direct delivery has made her an immensely important speaker in the Westernport Campaign.