

# Marine Forecast Service Changes Local Waters

The Australian Government has provided funding to roll-out the NexGen Forecast & Warning System (NexGen FWS) to upgrade the operational forecasting systems in each State. The NexGen FWS will enable the Bureau to provide more meaningful and detailed forecast services to the Australian community.

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Local Waters Forecast for Western Port

Issued at 5:10 am EDT on Tuesday 21 October 2008 for the period until midnight EDT Friday 24 October 2008.

**Please be aware**  
Wind gusts can be 40 percent stronger than the averages given here, and maximum waves may be up to twice the height.

**Warning Summary at issue time**  
Nil.

Details of warnings are available on the Bureau's website [www.bom.gov.au](http://www.bom.gov.au), by telephone 1300-659-217 or through some TV and radio broadcasts.

**Weather Situation**  
A cold front will pass through Bass Strait today. A high pressure system will then develop over the Bight on Wednesday and move eastwards across Victoria to reach the Tasman Sea by Thursday. A weak cold front will approach southwestern Victoria later Friday.

Forecast for Tuesday until midnight  
Winds: Southerly 5 to 10 knots tending south to southwesterly 15 to 20 knots around midday. Seas: Below 1 metre.

Forecast for Wednesday  
Winds: Southerly 10 to 15 knots tending southeasterly 15 to 20 knots by evening tending east to southeasterly up to 10 knots by evening.

Forecast for Thursday  
Winds: Northeast to southeasterly 5 to 10 knots becoming light during the evening. Seas: Below 1 metre.

Forecast for Friday  
Winds: North to northeasterly 5 to 10 knots tending west to northwesterly 10 to 15 knots during the afternoon. Seas: Below 1 metre.

The next routine forecast will be issued at 4:40 pm EDT Tuesday.

Separate forecast services for selected local waters areas

New label outlining the extent of the forecast

Warning Summary at issue time included

Change to consistent terminology from waves to seas

New label indicating the next issue time

Improved layout with clear sections for winds and seas

Clear headings to describe the forecast period