# Western Treatment Plant - Wetlands

The historic Western Treatment Plant in Werribee is a world leader in environmentally-friendly sewage treatment, and one of Victoria’s most unlikely hidden treasures.

Roughly the size of Phillip Island, the vast site is home to more than just sewage treatment facilities – doubling as a working farm and internationally-recognised bird habitat. Here, agriculture and biodiversity meet resource recovery, education and ecotourism, supporting Melbourne’s renowned liveability.

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## Speaker

Narrator – N1 (Cody McCormack)

N1: Having such a large intact

[Aerial footage of the Western Treatment Plant conservation area including vegetation and conservation ponds/wetlands]

N1: habitat which is so close to a city

[Footage of the shorebirds looking for food along the edge of a wetland]

N1: and it’s one of the, probably the best spot in south east Australia if not Victoria

[Footage of Cody McCormack standing in front of a conservation pond/wetland with the You Yangs Regional Park in the background]

[on-screen text: Cody McCormack. Western Treatment Plant Conservation and Land Officer.]

N1: for things like migratory shore birds, Growling grass frogs,

[Footage of migratory shorebirds standing on vegetation and looking for food in conservation pond/wetland]

N1: Orange-bellied Parrot, things that are incredibly threatened and endangered

[Up close footage of Orange-bellied Parrots looking for food in a shrub at the Western Treatment Plant]

N1: and without this place they potentially wouldn’t exist. We’re one of the only places, if not the only

[Aerial footage of discharge point along the Western Treatment Plant coastline]

N1: Ramsar listed, so internationally significant wetland in Australia, which

[Footage of migratory shorebirds looking for food in marine habitat along the Western Treatment Plant coastline]

N1: actually actively manages man-made ponds for migratory shore birds

[Aerial footage of conservation ponds/wetlands at the Western Treatment Plant]

N1: and also for other species.

[Footage of migratory shorebird wading in marine habitat along the Western Treatment Plant coastline]

N1: This is a really special place.

[Footage of Cody McCormack standing in front of a conservation pond/wetland with the You Yangs Regional Park in the background]

[Aerial footage of the Western Treatment Plant treatment and conservation lagoons]

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