

# Frankston Foreshore Reserve

Frankston Foreshore stretches from Long Island tennis club south to Kackeraboite Creek and boasts a mix of coastal recreational development and natural dune and cliff top vegetation. The foreshore has won numerous awards in recent years and is regarded as one of Port Phillip Bay's most beautiful beaches.

## History

From early European settlement, Frankston developed as a small fishing community with a boat building industry based at Kananook Creek. When the railway line to Frankston opened in the 1880s, the beach became a popular seaside destination for day-trippers. These days the beach continues to be a well-loved place of recreation year round for locals and visitors alike.

Because of this popularity, there is more strain than ever on the foreshore with its fragile sand dunes and coastal vegetation. Local volunteer group, Frankston Beach Association, has been working with Frankston City Council for approximately 40 years to restore the coastal vegetation along the foreshore. This ongoing work helps create a safe habitat for wildlife, and protects the natural bushland and fragile coastal ecosystems for everyone to enjoy.

Results of this partnership include the major replanting of indigenous species and the construction of new fencing and paths to protect the foreshore from further disturbances. An award-winning boardwalk, providing spectacular coastal views, now stretches along the foreshore for over a kilometre from the foot of Olivers Hill to the Frankston Life Saving Club.

## Things to see

### Indigenous plants

The fore dunes are covered in salt tolerant plants, such as Hairy Spinifex, an indigenous grass, and sedges such as Knobby Club-rush, which are able to survive the constant exposure to salt spray and wind. Their roots help to bind the fragile dunes together to enable less hardy plants to become established on the landward side, including Coast Tea-tree, Coast Banksia, White Correa and Coast Daisy-bush.

### Native animals

The coastal vegetation provides important habitat for a diverse array of birds and lizards. Honeyeaters such as the New Holland Honeyeater and Eastern Spinebill can be seen amongst the coastal flowers feeding on the nectar. Lizards including the Common Blue-tongue Lizard and skinks scurry about the dunes under the protection of the coastal scrub.

## Things to do

The Visitor Information Centre, located near Frankston Pier, at the end of Pier Promenade, is a central place from which to base your activities. There is ample car parking, with toilets, a children's playground, picnic tables and barbecues. Fishing off the Frankston Pier is a popular activity. A boat ramp and trailer parking is available. The impressive Landmark Bridge is a focal point of this attractive precinct.

From here, you can walk south along the boardwalk to Olivers Hill and return along the beach.

This walk could be extended by crossing Nepean Highway at Liddesdale Avenue to enter

It is important to protect the coastal vegetation at Frankston Foreshore as it is a wildlife corridor, safe haven for birds and reptiles and a highly valued place of recreation for people from Frankston and beyond.



## REMEMBER

Please help by keeping off the dune areas and keeping your dog on a lead at all times. Please also clean up after your dog for the sake of other visitors and the environment.

Sweetwater Creek Nature Reserve. Alternatively, head north from the Visitor

Information Centre, and admire

the stunning sea views as you cross Landmark Bridge to the new Frankston Yacht Club building. Take either the dune boardwalk, or follow the creek along Kananook Creek Boulevard, which will bring you to Wells Street and the Life Saving Club. You can extend this walk by continuing north along either Gould Street or Kananook Boulevard, joining up with the Kananook Creek Trail at Beach Street. Follow this delightful scenic trail beside the creek, crossing several historic footbridges, as you wind your way towards Seaford.

## FACT BOX

Location: Frankston  
Melway Ref: 99 D10, 102 B4  
Area: 18 ha  
Special Features: Boardwalks, clean beach  
Walking tracks: 1km + 2km  
Walking time: ¼ hour + ½ hour  
Pets: Dogs on leash permitted; restrictions apply between December 1 and March 31  
Managed by: Frankston City Council  
Public toilets available  
Information: ☎ 1300 322 322



- Boat Ramp
- Public toilets
- Public barbecues
- Public transport
- Parking
- Bridge
- Lookout
- Visitor Information Centre
- Playground
- Pedestrian crossing
- Canoe launch
- Walking Trail
- Boardwalk
- Shared user pathway

