

# Frankston City SPORTS TELECAST



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## Basketball star sets his Gaze on Frankston

**M**elbourne Tigers and Olympic basketballer Andrew Gaze entertained more than 80 local sporting club representatives on Wednesday, 6 April as part of a Frankston City Council sports breakfast at the Frankston Arts Centre.

At the seminar titled Developing Sport in Frankston, Gaze spoke about his rise from a budding young basketballer to being named Australia's greatest basketballer of the past 25 years. He said that local sporting clubs and councils needed to create an

"atmosphere of greatness" where players could set high standards for themselves. However, they should remember that the most important aspect of sport was having fun, no matter at what level. Cr Suzette Tayler said Frankston City Council hosted the sports breakfast at no cost to local sporting groups as a "thank you" for their tireless hours spent providing competitive sport within the community.

It is anticipated that similar functions will be held in the future in line with Council's Ahead of the Game Sports Seminar Series.



Andrew Gaze speaks at the breakfast.



Cr Vicki McClelland, Andrew Gaze, Cr Suzette Tayler, Frankston and District Basketball Association General Manager Bill Runchey, and State Frankston MP Alistair Harkness.

Andrew Gaze achievements include:

- 1984 NBL Rookie of the Year
- Seven-time NBL Most Valuable Player
- 10 times NBL Top Scoring Title holder
- Captain of the Melbourne Tigers Basketball Club
- Five-time member of the Australian Olympic Basketball team, including being flag bearer and team captain at the 2000 Sydney Olympics.
- Awarded the Australia Medal for contribution to sport.

## Emerging Athletes program launched

**F**rankston City Council recently launched a new funding program aimed at supporting the needs of the city's emerging junior athletes.

The program titled "Emerging Athletes" will provide participants in organised junior sport within Frankston City the opportunity to apply for funding of up to \$1,000 to assist in their endeavours. The project is to be run in conjunction with sponsors

from the Frankston business community and will give young athletes from different sports, significant promotion in the local media. Athletes will be shortlisted each month in 12 categories for the opportunity of being declared the Emerging Athlete in their chosen sport. A presentation evening will be conducted in June 2006 to announce the category winners.

Frankston City Council's General Manager, Planning & Development, Peter Fitchett, launched the program at the sports breakfast with basketball champion Andrew Gaze. Peter Fitchett said the program was an exciting opportunity to bring together various members of the community to provide emerging sportspeople with much needed additional funds. Nomination forms for athletes are available from 1 May 2005 until June 30 2005.

Eligibility:

- Frankston City Resident
- Under age of 18 on 1 July 2005
- State or National level competitor

For further details on the Emerging Athletes program, or to obtain a nomination form, phone Frankston City Council's Recreation Development Officer Cam Roberts on 9784 1945.



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## Volunteer grants available

**T**he Victorian Volunteer Small Grants program continues to be offered by the Department for Victorian Communities with sports clubs among those eligible to obtain funding of up to \$5,000.

The program operates throughout the year allowing community not-for-profit organisations in Victoria that involve volunteers at a local level to apply for grants. The project that your club is applying for must involve encouraging volunteers and increasing the diversity of the club's volunteers. Examples of previously funded

- Providing computers for a project encouraging young volunteers to help older people learn basic computer skills
- Running a publicity campaign to attract new volunteers with disabilities
- Offering transport assistance to a community centre linking volunteer guides with "getting to know your neighbourhood" trips for newly arrived migrants

For further details on the Victorian Volunteer Small Grants contact DVC Program Officer on 1300 366 356 or visit [www.dvc.vic.gov.au/grants](http://www.dvc.vic.gov.au/grants).

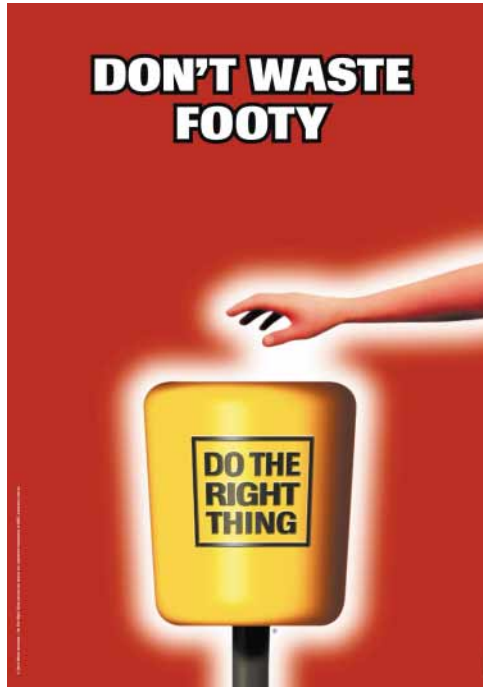
## Don't Waste Footy

**F**rankston City Council, in partnership with the City of Kingston, Mornington Peninsula Shire, Mornington Peninsula Regional Waste Management Group and the Beverage Industry Environment Council, have recently been awarded an EcoRecycle "Don't Waste Victoria" Litter Grant of \$35,000.

The funding will be used to promote a "Don't Waste Footy" project. The "Don't Waste Footy" project will focus on the Mornington Peninsula Nepean Football League (MPNFL) and aims to engage spectators and players in litter prevention and public place recycling. The project, supported by the Mornington Peninsula Nepean Football League, will be managed by Community Education Project Officer, Fay Loveland who will be employed to work with the various sporting clubs and league officials to change both the infrastructure and attitude towards litter prevention at local football games.

The "Don't Waste Footy" project will be carried out at various Peninsula division matches throughout the MPNFL season and will focus on the activities of 10 football clubs across the three municipalities, including Pines, Karingal, Frankston YCW, and Seaford.

For further information about Don't Waste Footy, contact Frankston City Council's Recreation Development Officer Cam Roberts on 9784 1945 or [cam.roberts@frankston.vic.gov.au](mailto:cam.roberts@frankston.vic.gov.au).



## Changes to premises licensing

**S**everal Frankston sporting clubs recently were offered five year licences for club premises by Frankston City Council.

These licences replace seasonal tenancy agreements between Council and clubs and give tenants additional security over sporting reserves and pavilions beyond 2010.

A handful of clubs chose not to enter into licence arrangements and others have not been offered licences due to various conditions such as outstanding fees or limited tenancy history.

While the Licence for Club Premises can vary between different licensees, the tenant arrangements are still governed by the Seasonal Tenancy Manual. It is Council's intention to finalise all outstanding licences, and any outstanding leasing arrangements, at its earliest convenience.

For further information in relation to Frankston City Council's Licences for Club Premises, or to obtain an up-to-date copy of the Seasonal Tenancy Manual, please contact Frankston City Council's Recreation Development Officer Cam Roberts on 9784 1945 or [cam.roberts@frankston.vic.gov.au](mailto:cam.roberts@frankston.vic.gov.au).

## Parks crew clean up after big wet

**F**rankston City Council's Parks Department were kept busy in the first week of February with several sporting reserves and open space areas taking a beating at the hands of severe thunderstorms.

Of those sports ovals particularly hard hit by the weather was Banyan Reserve in Carrum Downs which was left with its very own cricket pitch in the middle of an island after a torrential downpour. The ground, located in a retarding basin, was out of action for one round of matches before cricket resumed at the venue the following week. Others grounds to get their fare share of watering included



*Banyan Reserve at dawn after heavy downpours.*

Seaford Road Reserve, Worland Park, Botany Park and Ballam Park. Frankston City Council's Parks Manager, Garry Woolard, said "that

although we need the rain to top up our water storage reservoirs, heavy rain such as this makes maintenance activities very difficult."

## Finlay shows good touch

**F**rankston youngster Finlay Batts recently returned from the Queensland Gold Coast after representing the Victorian Touch Rugby Under 16 Team in the National Championships. The Victorian team were plate winners in the championships.

Finlay, 15, received support from various sponsors in order to represent his state, including funding from Frankston City Council as part of the Individual Financial Assistance in Sport program.

For further details regarding this program, contact Frankston City Council's Recreation Development Officer Cam Roberts on 9784 1945 or [cam.roberts@frankston.vic.gov.au](mailto:cam.roberts@frankston.vic.gov.au).



*Finlay Batts in action.*



## Sporting clubs benefit from community grants

**The Frankston City Community Grants Committee has finalised the assessments of the 2004/05 grants program.**

The following sports clubs were successful with their applications:

- Carrum Downs Little Athletics Club
- Frankston Athletics Club
- Frankston Croquet Club
- Frankston Little Athletics Club
- Mornington Peninsula Pony Club
- Pines Junior Football Club
- Peninsula Pedallers

Mornington Peninsula Pony Club successfully applied for funding of \$1000 to buy safety vests to protect the spines and chest of their riders in the event of a fall.

The club, one of the largest in Victoria, is based at Baxter Park and currently has in excess of 140 members.

## Frankston clubs are good sports

**Efforts by the Seaford Junior Football Club to tackle the difficult issue of alcohol management in community sport have resulted in the club receiving a "Level 1 Accreditation" award under the Australian Drug Foundation's Good Sports program.**

The program has been designed to assist clubs with the responsible management of alcohol through the development of a code of conduct.

Seaford Junior Football Club spokesperson, Garry Woolard, said the club was keen to address the criteria required for Level 1 Good Sports.

"We offer friendly and safe club facilities which comply with Liquor Licensing's legal requirements.

An important part of that was to put our bar servers through a training course in responsible service of alcohol," he said. "We want people to know the Seaford Junior Football Club focus is sport, not drinking. We serve some alcohol and make a bit of money out of it, but it's done so in a safe responsible manner and it's certainly not our reason for being here. I can assure all members of our community that this is a welcoming and safe place to play, or watch, some great sport without fear of 'boozy louts' ruining your day."

The following Frankston City clubs are currently participating in the Good Sports program:

### Level 2

Frankston Peninsula Cricket Club

### Level 1

Baden Powell Cricket Club

Carrum Downs Cricket Club

Frankston Dolphins Junior Football Club

Frankston Pines Soccer Club

Frankston YCW Football Club

Karingal Football Club

Langwarrin Cricket Club

Langwarrin Football Club

Langwarrin Junior Football Club

Langwarrin Soccer Club

North Seaford Tennis Club

Seaford Junior Football Club

Seaford Tigers Cricket Club

### Level 0

Carrum Downs Junior Football Club

Frankston & District Netball Association

### Participating

Carrum Downs Baseball Club

Carrum Downs Football Club

Delacombe Park Cricket Club

Frankston Baseball Club

Frankston Football Club

Frankston District Junior Football League

Frankston Rovers Junior Football Club

Peninsula Junior Soccer Club

Pines Football Club

Pines Junior Football Club

Seaford Football Club

Seaford United Soccer Club

Skye Cricket Club

For further information phone Clea Smith on 9667 9202.



## Council completes risk assessment

**Frankston City Council has finalised an internal audit of the suitability of the 62 sports fields within the municipality. The audit was completed by Frankston City Council Project Officers Callum Pattie and Chris Beayni who finalised their studies in Recreation Management at Victoria University with placements in the local government area.**

The audit identified several issues within Council-managed reserves to be actioned by Frankston City's Parks Department. While the majority of reserves indicated that the current type of competitive sport was suitable and appropriate for the oval, there were some ovals highlighted for action. Such action can range from minimising the likelihood and danger of the organised sport interfering with spectators and the like, through to relocating competitive sport to an alternative facility.

For further information on the sports field suitability audit, phone Frankston City Council's Recreation Development Officer, Cam Roberts, on 9784 1945.



Wedge Road Reserve.

## Soccer bosses lead charge



Frankston City Soccer Liason Committee: (From left) Tony Hall, Steve Wallace, Josephine Baulch, Alan Hodkinson, Colin Nicholson, and John Monty.

**The Frankston City Soccer Liason Committee continues to meet regularly to discuss various issues relevant to the sport within the municipality.**

The committee was formed last year to provide an avenue for discussion between the city's six soccer clubs and Council.

The committee members' objective is to work with Council to improve the overall standards of sporting infrastructure to cater for the

increasing growth of the sport. Soccer is growing rapidly both on the Peninsula and throughout Australia with increasing numbers of participants particularly within the female and junior ranks.

Committee representatives are Tony Hall (Frankston Strikers), Steve Wallace (Langwarrin), Josephine Baulch (Seaford United), Alan Hodkinson (Frankston Pines), Colin Nicholson (Baxter Junior) and John Monty (Peninsula Junior).

## Contribution Policy gets approval

**C**lubs now have access to a new Frankston City Council policy that can assist with capital works projects. Passed at the recent Council February meeting, the Contributions Policy outlines the guidelines for community groups wanting to make requests for capital works funding.

The policy is based on principles that promote a community benefit and identifies a need for development of a facility. It helps to provide an understanding of what is an appropriate level of support for new developments and/or improvements. This ensures that Council funds are allocated to projects on the basis of verified demand and to those that have the greatest benefit to the community.

The policy criteria calls for combined planning of facility development between a club and Council. Many clubs already have started the planning process using the Sports Club Business Plan Template, available on the Frankston City Council Web site at [www.frankston.vic.gov.au](http://www.frankston.vic.gov.au).

Based on contribution percentages currently used, the policy expands the opportunities for funding assistance to include training lights, emergency assistance, and assistance to sole tenants of a facility.

Benefits to clubs include the availability of planning and support mechanisms from Council and an opportunity to understand the process Council uses when prioritising capital works funding, which means less frustration for clubs. Most importantly, the policy recognises that not all clubs are the same, and therefore provides an equitable opportunity for all.

## Frankston Leisure Centre gets revamp

**F**rankston Leisure Centre closed for renovations on 23 December 2004 with all users temporarily relocated to alternative venues for the 2005 year. Frankston City Council accepted a tender in late 2004 for its redevelopment which includes replacement of the existing floor in the sports stadium and realignment of the floor levels throughout the building.

The existing roof is also set to be replaced which will be followed by internal modifications to toilets and kitchen areas to ensure compliance with disability requirements. A new façade will also be constructed to aesthetically enhance the building, while a 35,000-litre water tank will provide water to both the building and adjacent sports ovals. There will also be some upgrading of car parking areas. Works are scheduled to commence next month.

## More women needed in sport

**W**omensport and Recreation Victoria recently released the following facts regarding participation rates of females within active sport and recreation throughout Victoria.

The statistics highlight the need to further educate the community on the importance of physical activity, especially for women and girls.



Womensport and Recreation Victoria are committed to supporting females in all aspects of sport and physical activity, including participation (grassroots to elite), women in coaching and officiating, leadership and governance roles.

1. In Victoria, the mortality burden attributable to physical inactivity is 9.3% in females (males 7.3%) and obesity 9.5% (males 8.4%).

*(Victorian Burden of Disease Study, 1999)*

2. In 2003, the level of participation in organised sport and physical activities for females in Victoria was only 42.9%.

Of particular note is the low level of participation for

women in the 45- 54 age bracket (29.7%)

*(Participation in Exercise, Recreation and Sport Survey 2003 Annual Report, p40)*

3. Only 7.5% of female Australians participated in physical activity three or four times per week.

*(Participation in Exercise, Recreation and Sport Survey 2003 Annual Report, p17)*

4. 52% of girls aged 5-14 years and 66% of boys participated in sport or physical activity

*(ABS - Year Book Australia 2003 - Culture and Recreation - Children's participation in sports and leisure)*

For further information, phone Lyn O'Donnell on 9654 7545.

## Bulls call in big guns

**K**aringal Bulls Football Club got a taste of the AFL in January with current St Kilda footballer and past Bulls player Justin Peckett visiting for an internal player values sessions.

Justin, along with ex Saint and club development officer Jason Cripps, worked with the entire playing list and support staff to identify and set a benchmark for key behaviours and values within the club. The session, organised by new club coach Daniel Watts and president Paul Groves, is one of a variety of approaches the Bulls are taking in their quest to return to finals action in the new-look Peninsula division of the Mornington Peninsula Nepean Football League.

The session was also attended by club sponsors and Council representative, Cam Roberts.

This session is to be followed up with additional workshops involving Peckett who is likely to continue his affiliation with the club once his AFL days are over.



Karingal Football Club in action.

## Sports Snippets

- The Frankston District Tigersharks Superules Football club is up and running for season 2005. After finishing third last year, the club is set for a huge year. Even if you don't want to play, you are most welcome to come and train and be involved in a great Superules football club. Training is at Lloyd Park, Wednesday nights from 6:30pm. For further details, phone Gary Hofert on 0417 824 976.
- Frankston Dog Obedience Club was established 13 years ago by a group of concerned dog owners who saw the need for a training facility within the Frankston community. The club has been at its current location in McClelland Drive, Frankston, for the past eight years. At a recent meeting three club members – Janice James, Wayne Collihole and Audrey Thorn – were inducted as life members. For further details on how to join the club, phone Audrey Thorn on 0417 054281.
- Baxter Cricket Club youngsters Cameron Macaulay and Andrew Mathers recently were selected to represent Frankston and the Mornington Peninsula at Lords in England for a three-week cricket camp. Selection for this prestigious cricket development both the Baxter Cricket Club and the Mornington Peninsula Cricket Association are endeavouring to nurture. The players leave in July.

