

Frankston City Community Plan

2017–2021



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Our Frankston will be:

“A vibrant, resilient seaside city that is transforming. Our local economy is becoming more diverse, and provides our people with great opportunities for employment and learning. Community assets are versatile, and provide spaces for a range of services and activities that improve the health, wellbeing and connectedness of our community. Our natural open space, including wetlands, bushland reserves, rivers and beaches, is treasured by residents and visitors alike.”



Introduction

The Frankston Community Plan 2017-2021 reflects the commitment and enthusiasm that our community has to make Frankston an even better place to be. This Community Plan builds upon the journey that the Frankston community and Council have embarked on since 2010, when the first community plans were developed.

From October 2016 to March 2017, Frankston City ran 'Think Big Frankston' - an innovative online community engagement program to gain information from residents, businesses and local groups to inform the Council, Community and Health & Wellbeing plans. The response was overwhelming, and has provided clear direction for this Plan. We now have a strong sense of the community's hopes and dreams for our future, along with what we need to keep doing and what we need to change in order to achieve these aspirations.

A Community Reference Group, which comprised of community members from across the municipality, informed our approach by providing advice to strengthen the proposed process, as well as promoting Think Big through their community connections. Frankston City Council acknowledges and appreciates the support of the Community Reference Group.

The first stage of Think Big ran from late October to early December 2016, and involved the creation of an online forum that enabled community members to contribute, comment on and support ideas (with a maximum 7 votes per person) for Frankston's future. People submitting ideas could then share their ideas with their networks and encourage voting for their idea. In total, 133 ideas were voted on 2,022 times, with votes being received from as far away as Port Hedland, Western Australia. Over 430 people were engaged through this process, which included interactive sessions with the community at 17 community events, and culminated in the Community Conference held on 3 December 2016.

The Community Conference saw over 50 members of the community, along with Frankston City Council staff, meeting to discuss the top issues posted on the online forum with a view to informing Council's strategic direction for the next four years. The authors of the 10 ideas with the most votes during this process were invited to attend the Community Conference and present their ideas. The following are the Top 10 ideas which were presented at the Community Conference:

Think Big Top Ten Ideas

1. Kindred Clubhouse – 333 online votes

“Kindred Clubhouse recently opened its doors in Frankston..... This evidenced based model helps people with mental illness recover. It is a safe and welcoming place where people can come for a meal, mix with others, participate in work and find pathways back to things like employment.....Our vision is for Kindred to have its own location and be able to open every day of the week.....” **Author: Michael Sillekens**

2. Downs Estate – 257 online votes

“DOWNS ESTATE COMMUNITY PROJECT (DECP) is an exciting project with great opportunities to strengthen our Frankston/Seaford community.....Down’s Estate is 50 acres along Old Wells Road in Seaford, across the road from the Motorbike Club. It was last used as a farm by Harry Down, and now DECP is applying for a licence from Council to use this iconic site beside the Seaford Wetlands for the community’s benefit..... WHAT IS PLANNED? Picnic tables and seats, walking trails, revegetation programs, planting food gardens, an orchard, environmental education and training, all built with a base of community skill sharing. We will tell the stories of this site with the Indigenous connections to the land and its stewardship and also the white settler and ecological history of the area, to enrich our community identity now and into the future..... With strong themes of building community resilience, care for environment and creating food security and sustainable living options - our kids, their families, youth, older residents and visitors will have a special place to relax, learn, play and connect.....” **Author: Maureen Griffin**

3. Child and Family Services Hub– 205 online votes

“.....Creating a community centre which includes for example maternal and child health, parenting programs, play groups, elderly citizen groups, education and learning opportunities, general practitioner, legal advice, and with specialist family violence, trauma informed services (for example) to gently engage when problems and vulnerability are identified, would be non stigmatizing and more welcoming.....” **Author: Jo Cavanagh**

4. Virtual Reality Concept– 130 online votes

“.....Imagine being able to view an online interactive map and directory from anywhere in the world that would virtually transport a person to that business or location and view that space like they were actually there. Stimulating our local economy and changing the unwarranted stigma and perceptions attached to our awesome city!

.....Encourage outer suburb, interstate and international visitors to physically visit, shop or holiday in the City of Frankston” **Author: Wade Angelo**

5. Outdoor Cinema in Monterey Park– 162 online votes

“Free outdoor cinema in Monterey Community Park, use the giant pavilion that is going to waste” **Author: Richard Harris**

6. Environmental and Sustainability Initiatives

- *“Planning for our future, long-term challenges like climate change, increasing population and how we can be more sustainable, such as more green and efficient buildings, great public transport with connected walking and bicycle paths, incentives for businesses and local jobs creation, solar on roofs and rainwater tanks, affordable housing, diverse open spaces for people as well for local wildlife.....”*

- *“.....Maximising the amount of annual hard waste collected that is recycled or reused (to minimise the amount that goes into landfill - currently many items that could potentially be reused / recycled and generate a revenue are crushed and put into landfill)”*

- *“Allowing residents to donate saleable items to the Frankston Recycling and Recovery Centre Treasure Chest Shop directly and without charging them a fee at the gate to do so! This could be a potential employment opportunity via a social enterprise - here is a great example from another municipality: <https://outlookvic.org.au/environmental/mornington-resource-recovery-centre-and-outlook-market-shop/>”*

- *“Green walls, green roofs, combat urban heat island effect and make a visually stimulating town centre with functional street art. Install green walls that make international headlines.”*

- *“Increase the number of green spaces and bike lanes (protected bike lines where possible) and ensure future planning maximises walkability.”*

- *“Follow the footsteps of Moreland, Randwick and Sydney councils and #Divest from fossil fuels <https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2016/sep/06/city-of-sydney-council-divest-fossil-fuels-regardless-electionresult>”*

- *“The way we are all living is not sustainable long term. We need to be thinking about our children and our children's children and setting a good example for them in how we live.”*

- *"...composting food scraps is something we all should be doing. This reduces waste greatly."*
- *"Council should advocate to the Victorian Government for a Victoria-wide ban on plastic bags and for a container deposit scheme."*

11 individual ideas from online forum related to this theme with combined votes making this a Top Ten idea

7. Art project by Young People at Frankston North Skate Park – 91 votes

"Frankston North Skate Park at Monterey Reserve: Frankston North young people leading an 'Art Project' using the skate park as the canvas. Community focused project to engage our young people in the community in which they live. This would be an Awesome project"

Author: Keery Gibson

8. Changing Places Toilet –84 online votes

"A 'Changing Places' facility (adult change room and toilet for people with severe physical disabilities and their carers can use) on the Frankston Waterfront, somewhere near the park and information centre and at the Frankston Train Station. If these are factored into the planning stages, it does not cost anything extra and would create more opportunities for sustainable employment for people of all ability levels as well as sustainable accessible tourism. Please have a look at this link to help you understand what I am talking about.

<http://changingplaces.org.au/>" **Author: Dee Davey**

9. Dog Off-Leash areas

"More dog friendly and leash free areas that are appropriately signed and are safe for dogs. A fenced dog park with proper dog disposal areas"

9 individual ideas on forum related to this theme with combined votes making this a Top 10 idea

10. Closure of Citylife – 60 online votes

“The closure of citylife and the breakfast club has affected so many. 3000 meals a month have been lost. It has affected homeless people as well as people who need company. It was like a family.” **Author: Katina**

Attendees at the conference then discussed the strengths and challenges with these ideas, and how these ideas might be progressed (and by whom).



The second stage of the project ran in February and March 2017, and asked residents to prioritise projects and think about a vision for their local community. For the purposes of Local Community Planning, the Frankston municipality is divided into seven Local Communities, being:

- Carrum Downs/Skye/Sandhurst
- Frankston Central/Heights
- Frankston North
- Frankston South
- Karingal
- Langwarrin/Langwarrin South
- Seaford

This stage involved online forums and face to face consultations targeting each local community. Further consultation also occurred alongside the Local Community planning to further inform the Health and Wellbeing Plan. This stage of the Think Big project engaged over 230 participants.

The ideas generated by the Frankston community during the Think Big project were positive and showed a strong commitment by the community to work together with Council towards an even more prosperous future for Frankston. All ideas provided by the community have helped to shape the development of not only this Community Plan, but also the Council Plan and Health and Wellbeing Plan.

Frankston Stories

As part of the Think Big initiative, a range of community members shared their stories and vision for Frankston City through a series of 'Frankston Stories'. These stories featured in promotions for Think Big, and a few stories are also shared throughout this Community Plan. Frankston City Council thanks these participants for sharing their stories.



Frankston Stories – THANK YOU!

Top L-R: Andrea Staunton and family, Sara Catena, Milton Parr, Lisa Harry

Middle L-R: Jeremy Nikora, James Brown, Aine McKenna, Louise Holtzinger

Bottom L-R: David Cross, Clyde Aspinall, Scout Ross, John Albiston, Maureen Wainwright

Not pictured: Susan Levkovski, Jacqui Kirkland, Sandi Walters, Tony Sambell, Sharyn Cassano, Peter Orton, Alan Wallis

How This Plan Works

This Plan takes the information that the community told us through the Think Big consultation and groups them according to action areas that the community and Council can work on together. There are two components to this document:

1. Community Plan

The Community Plan provides direction for the Frankston City community to work alongside Council and other stakeholders to achieve the community's aspirations. Six action areas, which have been aligned with the Council Plan themes, provide areas for future investigation.

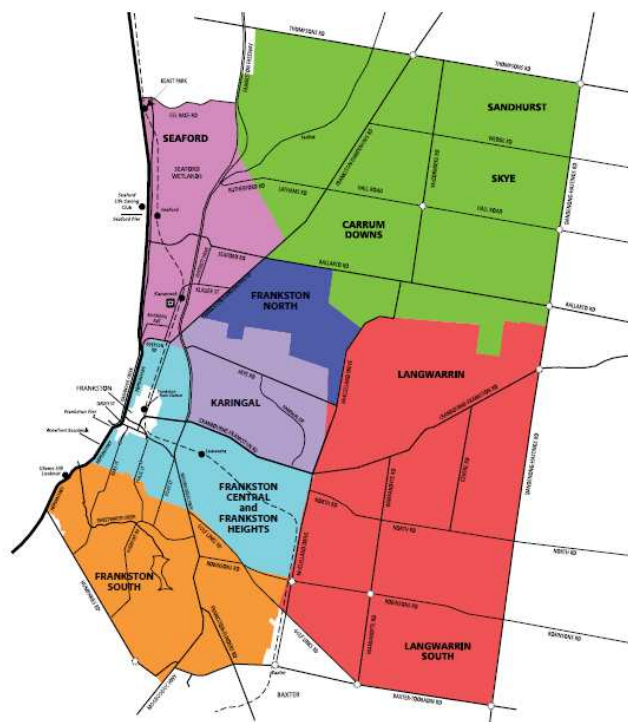
2. Local Area Community Plans

Local Area Planning allows for a place-based approach for Council and the community to work together on community-identified projects in a local area setting. The Local Community Plans sit within this Community Plan.

For the purposes of Local Area Planning, there are seven Local Areas within Frankston City, each with unique identities and assets. This approach allows for collaboration and ownership by the community whilst also allowing Council to consider the priorities of the local areas during its decision making processes.

The seven Local Communities are:

- Carrum Downs/Skye/Sandhurst
- Frankston Central/Heights
- Frankston North
- Frankston South
- Karingal
- Langwarrin/Langwarrin South
- Seaford



In working with the community to achieve the actions outlined in this Plan at both a city-wide and Local Community level, Council may take one of three different types of roles:

- **Provider:** Council will directly provide the service or infrastructure required to achieve the action
- **Facilitator:** Council will facilitate an outcome to achieve the action, working with key partners and relevant agencies if the action is outside the jurisdiction of Council's responsibilities
- **Advocacy:** Council will advocate with and on behalf of the community to the relevant agency or body in order to achieve the action.

Council has committed funding in its 2017-2018 budget to a number of initiatives that will help to meet the community's aspirations. These are identified under each action area.

This Community Plan also provides suggestions on how the community can get involved in key activities to bring the aspirations of the community to life.

Our Community

Our Location

The Frankston City municipality, located on the eastern shore of Port Phillip Bay approximately 45 kilometres south-east of Melbourne, is known for its beautiful coastline, award-winning beaches and natural bushland, vibrant lifestyle, diverse community and growing business, arts, education and health facilities.

The city is also host to venues, events and attractions such as Frankston Arts Centre; McClelland Sculpture Park + Gallery; Frankston Waterfront; and the annual Sand Sculpting event, making Frankston City an even more desirable place to live, work, learn, visit and invest.

Our History

The traditional owners of land in and around Frankston are the Boon Wurrung/Bunurong people. The country of the traditional owners extends from the Werribee Creek to the Tarwin River and Wilson's Promontory. It is estimated that the traditional owners lived in the area from as far back as 40,000 years ago.

The traditional owners were hunter-gathers, living on the natural produce existing in the area. Women gathered plants and men hunted. People ate local animals, plants, fish and shellfish. They did not use boats, but fished from shallow waters using nets.

Life was seasonal, with the availability of different plants and animals varying throughout the year. The Frankston foreshore and Kananook Creek area provided an ideal place to fish and hunt as it had seafood and saltwater plants as well as freshwater fish and eels. The Kananook Creek also provided drinking water, encouraged animals to the area and nourished other plants and trees.

The traditional culture of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people is resilient and is characterised by strong recognition and valuing of the roles of elders and traditional customs, such as reciprocity and a shared vision of community. The strength and resilience of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture provides a sound basis for developing a sustainable community in the long-term.

The township of Frankston was established in the 1850s. The establishment of the rail line from Melbourne in the 1880s (which was then electrified in the 1920's), saw Frankston emerge as a seaside holiday town, popular with residents of Melbourne. Formerly known as Frankston Shire, the Frankston City was formed in 1966 when city status was declared. From this time, Frankston experienced significant residential growth, particularly in the Frankston Heights, Karingal and Seaford areas. Frankston City in its current form was proclaimed in 1994.

Our People

Frankston is a thriving and growing community. Latest estimates (2015) show that the current population of Frankston is estimated at 135,971, which is expected to increase to 160,000 by 2050.

With our wide open spaces, beautiful beaches and range of services, many people choose to raise families here. Compared to the Greater Melbourne average, Frankston City is home to slightly more young people with 23.3% of the population being aged between 0 and 17.

Our access to beautiful open space and health services also makes Frankston City a place that people in their later years enjoy living in. Compared to the Greater Melbourne average, Frankston City is home to a higher percentage of people aged over 60 people. Almost half (45.1%) of people aged 75 years old and older live alone in our community.

Our community is diverse and vibrant. One in 10 people in Frankston City speak a language other than English at home. Also contributing to the strength and vibrancy of our community is that Frankston City has a larger percentage of the population that identify as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander population compared to Greater Melbourne.

We are a community that enjoy being active and getting out and about in our community. One in five Frankston residents engages in physical activity for four or more days per week, which is slightly higher than the Victorian average. We are home to 103 sporting clubs that provide social and fitness hubs in our local areas. We also have five community gardens that support healthy and locally grown produce. More people in Frankston City report that their health is either excellent or very good as compared to the Southern Metropolitan Region of Melbourne.

There are 12 hectares of open space for every 1,000 people in Frankston City. We do not just passively enjoy our open space though – we actively seek to improve our environment. In 2015-16, there were 14,190 volunteer hours recorded for local environment groups.

The Frankston economy is growing. In 2014, the gross regional product for the municipality

was \$5.011 Billion. There are currently 36,631 people employed in Frankston City.

Frankston City has a significantly lower percentage of people holding a bachelor or higher degree compared to Greater Melbourne - 11.9% in Frankston City compared to 23.6% in Greater Melbourne.





Frankston Story

Sandi Walters

"I am the Manager of SASI Home and Community Care. We provide in-home care to a range of clients including the elderly, new mums, people recovering from surgery, transport and Work Cover accidents.

We are now also branching out into disability, which is something close to my heart.

I have a daughter with some medical problems. She has a hearing impairment so I was unable to work for a while.

As soon as you have a child with a disability, it doesn't matter what it is, the parents go through a very similar scenario. She needed me to be at home, so working was quite difficult.

During that time I decided rather than just be at home I would volunteer my services to the local community, and by chance, I ended up at the Frankston Toy Library — which was headed for closure.

We have now grown the Library into the largest toy library in the country and also introduced a special needs section, which is the first of its kind.

We have developed a hearing support group to support parents of children with a hearing impairment 'Hear Together', as well as a community driven domestic violence prevention campaign known as 'Sisterhood FMP'.

I don't think I'm special. There are so many amazing people giving up their own time to make the Toy Library a better place for everyone."

My vision for Frankston City is a place where everyone feels safe to visit, live, work or raise a family. I would like to see a city that is innovative, proactive and recognised for its incredible community spirit."

ACTION AREA 1 – COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE

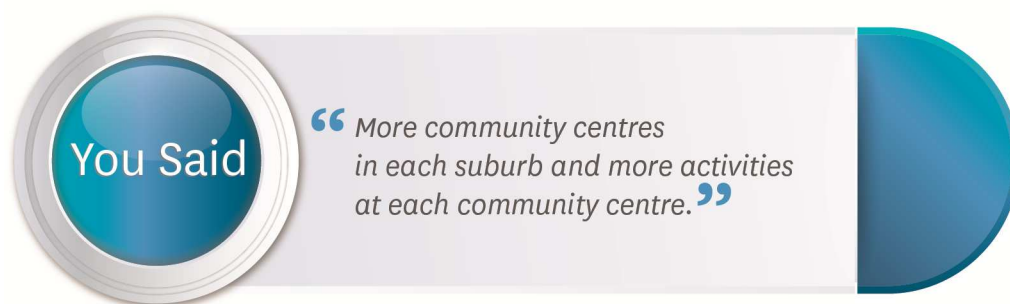


Our Frankston will be:

*“a city with a range of community facilities and services
that meet the needs of residents and visitors.”*

Our community has said accessible and multi-use community facilities are important. Whilst we have four multi-disciplinary community hubs in the municipality in Karingal, Frankston North, Frankston Central and Langwarrin that integrate Community Centres, Youth Services, Maternal & Child Health, adult learning, seniors group, community development and family support agencies; a Top 10 idea from the Think Big online forums was to create more of these.

There are eight community centres within Frankston City – Lyrebird, Frankston North, Frankston South, Langwarrin, Karingal, Orwil Street, Ebdale Hub and Belvedere. These centres provide a community ‘hub’ in local areas, and offer a wide range of services and activities in response to community articulated needs and desires.



Our community strongly supported a Top 10 idea from the Think Big online forums to provide additional Changing Places facilities within Frankston. There are three Changing Places facilities within Frankston City, in Bayside Shopping Centre, at Peninsula Aquatic and Recreation Centre (PARC) and at George Pentland Botanic Gardens. Changing Places toilets provide safe and accessible change room and toilet facilities for adults with a disability and their carers; enhancing opportunities for people to enjoy community activities and social connections.

Our community is not just made up of people, but of our pets too! One of the Top 10 ideas from the Think Big online forums was to create safe, fenced in dog parks. The community would like to see our furry friends have a safe place to exercise, and for dog owners to socialise.

And, in Langwarrin, our community articulated they would like a library in their suburb, to allow the community to enjoy all of the services library offers, whilst also providing a community meeting place.

The community said we need to....

- Consider Changing Places facilities in building works
- Explore opportunities for safe dog exercise areas
- Consider a library in Langwarrin
- Provide active and flexible community facilities

To achieve these goals, we need to involve residents, community groups, State Government agencies, Frankston Disability Access and Inclusion Committee; sports and recreation clubs; Community Centres Committees of Management and Council.

What's already happening (or about to happen)?

- There are over 30 free roam areas in Frankston City for our dogs (check Council's website for the park nearest you!)
- Council's 2017-18 budget includes funding for the investigation of an off leash dog area
- Funding has been included in Council's 2017-18 budget to commence planning for a Langwarrin Community and Library Hub
- Council provides infrastructure and funding for five community centres as well as directly managing Frankston North Community Centre, Frankston South Community and Recreation Centre, and Ebdale Hub Community and Learning Centre.

In the meantime you can

- Get involved at the Annual Pet's Day Out! This is a great day to socialise with your pets – it's usually held in October and advertised in Frankston City News and on Council's website.
- Check Council's website for the location of your local community centre.
- Join a local sporting club! Our sports clubs provide a range of activities for all ages and abilities. You can find a group that suits your needs on Council's website. Open and Registration Days are often advertised in local media and at local venues
- Join other like-minded community members and help implement this Community Plan – contact Council for more information!

ACTION AREA 2 – DEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING



Our Frankston will be:

*“a city that more people choose to live in due the diverse
range of housing options and lifestyle assets locally.
Sustainable development is important to us.”*

Our community has identified development and growth is a key issue facing the Frankston community. Residents have expressed a desire to grow the Frankston City Centre, also known as the Frankston Metropolitan Activity Centre (MAC) to provide a mix of housing, employment and recreational options.



Whilst generally supportive of new development, our community believes that it is vital that development is appropriate and sustainable, particularly in the City Centre and sensitive areas such as the Green Wedge. Protection of heritage buildings and homes is also important to our community.

Public transport services, particularly bus services, often do not meet the needs of our community. A greater span of hours and improved service frequency is required.

The community said we need to.....

- Work together to ensure that our community grows in a sustainable and appropriate way
- Advocate for improved public transport that meets our needs and reduces our reliance on cars
- Advocate for more affordable housing options and to support our homeless community members

To achieve these goals, residents, community groups, State Government agencies and Council will need to work together.

What's already happening (or about to happen)?

- Council has committed to working with the community to develop the Green Wedge Management Plan to protect this sensitive and vital asset
- Attracting higher density residential and mixed use developments will continue to be a focus for Council, including affordable housing in and around the Frankston Metropolitan Activity Centre (FMAC)

- Council will continue its advocacy to Public Transport Victoria for a Bus Services Review for Frankston City, to ensure that bus services meet the needs of our community
- Adopting the Housing Strategy will be a priority for Council, to ensure that future growth is adequately planned for, and that housing stock meets the needs of current and future residents
- Frankston City libraries will continue to be welcoming places for everyone with free memberships, access to computers and Wi-Fi and shelter

In the meantime you can....

- Keep an eye on Council's website and local newspapers for opportunities to have your say on new developments and plans
- Get involved in the community engagement process that will inform the development of the Green Wedge Management Plan. Details will be advertised in local papers as well as Council's e-News and social media pages



Frankston Story

David Cross

"I grew up in the bush and I suppose I've always enjoyed the outdoors.

I've been living in Frankston 25 years and have been involved with several environmental friends groups who help take care of our many wonderful reserves.

Last year the environmental friends groups contributed over 8,000 hours of volunteer work looking after our reserves and foreshore."

ACTION AREA 3 – NATURAL, SUSTAINABLE ENVIRONMENT



Our Frankston will be:

“a city that values and protects our natural environment. We will plan carefully to ensure that the needs of current and future generations are met. Sustainability will be at the forefront of decision making.”

We are fortunate that Frankston City is home to large open spaces, including foreshores, bushland areas, rivers, creeks and sporting grounds. There are 12 hectares of open space for every 1,000 residents of Frankston. There were so many ideas relating to sustainability and the environment during the Think Big online forums, that when combined, they became a Top 10 idea/theme.



We love our environment, and actively get involved in making sure that it is protected for current and future generations. In 2015-16, volunteers in local environment groups recorded an amazing 14,190 hours of environmental protection work!

Our community has said there is a need for information and support as to how we can all contribute to a better environment for our current and future generations. Being a coastal area, climate change and sea level rise is of concern to our community.

Our community has overwhelmingly supported the idea that Downs Estate in Seaford be open for community benefit, with a focus on sustainability. This was the second most-voted on idea during the Think Big online forum.

The community said we need to....

- Consider the environment and sustainability in all decision making
- Get involved in community environmental projects that will ensure the needs of current and future generations are met
- Utilise alternative energy sources

Residents, community groups, schools, State Government agencies and Council will need to work together to achieve these goals.

What's already happening (or about to happen)?

- In April 2017, a licence agreement was signed with Downs Estate Community Project Inc. (DECPI), which allows the group to conduct community activities on the land at Downs Estate!
- In 2017-18, Council will review its *Carbon Neutral Action Plan* and develop a new energy and emissions reduction plan to progress towards a sustainable city
- Council has an Urban Forest Policy that will ensure that our streetscapes enhance the liveability of our City and provide an opportunity for the community to connect to nature
- Council will continue to implement its *ESD Standards for Council Buildings* policy to improve environmental outcomes in the built environment
- The 'Environment and Waste' webpages on Council's website will continue to include comprehensive information on living sustainably.
- In 2017-18, local food premises in the Frankston city centre will be engaged in the *Bay Friendly Businesses* project funded through Council and the Victorian Government to reduce litter and stormwater pollution entering Port Phillip Bay
- Local schools will continue to be supported by Council with funded environmental programs and initiatives, and facilitation of the Teachers Environmental Network (e.g. professional development for teachers, environmental leadership activities for students)
- With support from Council, Frankston City's first community-led *Boomerang Bags* initiative has started with monthly sewing bees by volunteers to make reusable bags and reduce plastic bag waste
- Council will continue to educate and engage the community through its annual *Greening Our Future* community events program, and encourage community involvement in annual events and initiatives such as Plastic Free July, National Tree Day, Detox your Home, Clean Up Australia Day, Buy Nothing New Month
- Council's 2017-18 budget includes funding for the installation of solar panels on 11 Council owned sports pavilions

In the meantime you can....

- Get involved in your local environmental or Friends group! Frankston is lucky enough to be home to many Friends groups, Beach Patrols and other community environmental groups. Head to Council's website to find out more about these groups and how you can get involved
- Get involved in Greening Our Future events! Council's website and local papers will advertise upcoming events

- The Frankston Regional Recycling and Recovery Centre (FRRRC) in Skye is the place to head for your recycling needs. Council encourages all residents to dispose of their rubbish in a sustainable way
- Community Environmental Groups can apply to Council's Community Grants for projects that bring the community together
- Keep an eye out for environmental tips and advice in Frankston City News and sign up to EnviroNews, Council's e-newsletter for ongoing information on local environmental projects and initiatives. Find out more on Council's website!



Frankston Story

Louise Holtzinger

“I’ve been a part of Frankston Youth Council for five years. A teacher at school thought I would be great at it and said I should give it a try.

It’s been wonderful. I’ve made new friends, gained new skills and had many fun experiences, including creating our own event – Frankston Stands for Change: Zero Tolerance for Bullying.

This anti-bullying event raises awareness about how bullying is just not on, and that there’s lots of support out there for young people to help get through difficult times.

As I was leaving school, I was thinking about what I was going to do for the rest of my life. I thought to myself, who do I want to be?

The people I admire are youth workers. And so, I think it’s the right path I’ve chosen. I’m currently studying at Frankston Chisholm Institute, Diploma of Youth Work. I know it’s what I want to do.”

ACTION AREA 4 – EMPLOYMENT, EDUCATION, ECONOMY



Our Frankston will be:

“a city that boasts a diverse and innovative range of education and employment opportunities that allows both our people and our economy to prosper. We support our young people to learn and grow, which will create a bright and strong future for the City.”

There was a lot of support in the Think Big online forums to create opportunities for young people in local businesses. Frankston City has higher youth disengagement than the metropolitan Melbourne average. Some local areas have significantly higher than average rates of youth disengagement.

Frankston City has a lower percentage of people holding a bachelor or higher degree – 11.9% compared to 23.6% in Greater Melbourne. We have more people employed in trades and other skilled labour positions.



Ideas shared on the Think Big forum showed that our community is aware that technology is changing the way that we work. Opportunities to obtain skills in new technologies, and to support our changing workforce were raised as considerations to strengthen Frankston's economy. In fact, one of the Top 10 ideas from Think Big was a 360 degree virtual reality experience. Our community values being able to share and promote our community with visitors, which drives our economy and creates a sense of pride in our community.

The community said we need to....

- Attract a range of economic and tourism opportunities to Frankston City to boost our economy and provide employment opportunities for our residents
- Support our young people into education and employment

The community, Local Businesses, Business Chambers, education providers including Frankston Mornington Peninsula Local Learning and Employment Network and Council will need to work together to achieve these goals.

What's already happening (or about to happen)?

- The Events Attraction Program managed by Council assists in growing our reputation for hosting major events of a national and international standard, including: the annual Sand Sculpting exhibition, the Frankston Waterfront Festival, Christmas Festival of Lights and Festival of Rugby!
- The Training Café at Frankston North Community Centre supports local youth employment. Planning is underway for a new Training Café at Frankston South Community Centre to further support employment
- Council's Commercial Use of Public Open Space program provides individuals and organisations with opportunities to run commercial activities over summer in our parks and foreshore areas. Find out how to apply by visiting Council's website
- The Splash Card program run by Council offers young people discounts at local shops as well as information about local employment.
- The Frankston Arts Centre (FAC) offers mentorship programs and connections to industry professionals to support education and employment outcomes
- The FAC also offers work experience placements and Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning (VCAL) internships for young people to get involved in all areas of theatre – from backstage technicians, programming, marketing and box office roles
- EDGE arts is an online arts space for the arts community of Frankston City and beyond to connect online, share ideas, promote events and showcase work
- FAC's Hip Cat Circus program educates and supports the employment of circus professionals that extend from weekly circus program

In the meantime you can....

- Visit your local library! To find out more about your local library and the activities they offer, visit <https://library.frankston.vic.gov.au>
- Support local events and attractions to grow our tourism businesses and support our economy and employment!
- Students can receive a SplashCard, for discounts at local shops and information about local jobs! Visit www.splashcard.com.au to find out more!



Frankston Story

Aine McKenna

“I’m originally from Ireland but I’ve been living in Frankston for nearly 34 years. I think Frankston is one day going to be a big city – it has lots of potential.

To keep myself busy I volunteer at the RSPCA Op Shop on the corner of Playne and Young Streets. I love it because I really enjoy meeting and communicating with people.

The shop sells lots of different things and all profits go to the RSPCA. Many people come in for a chat, to tell us their problems or make suggestions. We’re always here to listen.

I’m also part of the Positive Ageing Network but at 76 I don’t always feel positive, however I always try to look at the positive side of things.

In our community some people are loud and always manage to have their say. We need to make sure that the “little man” also has the opportunity to have their say.

My vision for Frankston City is that we continue travelling in the right direction, be strong about keeping our green wedges and remember to support those less fortunate in our community.”

ACTION AREA 5 – VIBRANT AND ENGAGED



Our Frankston will be:

“a city that people love living in and visiting due to its abundance of events, activities and tourism destinations. We are engaged in our local area, which strengthens our community and creates a strong sense of pride amongst residents.”

Residents want a say in decisions that affect their lives. The number of people involved in Think Big demonstrated that Frankston is a community ready to get involved in shaping the future.

We like to live here and we like to share our community and assets with visitors. We get involved in activities such as Think Big so that we can have our say in shaping our community.

Statistics show that the proportion of Frankston residents that agreed that people in their neighbourhood are willing to help each other out was 71.3% compared to Victorian estimate of 74.1%.

A strong theme coming through on the Think Big online forums was that people would like to see more opportunities to come together as a community. They want more music, restaurants, events and chances to connect, socialise and enjoy community life.



The community said we need to....

- Build a sense of place, belonging and connection
- Get involved in community events and activities

To achieve these goals, the community, tourism providers, events providers, community groups and agencies and Council will need work together.

What's already happening (or about to happen)?

- Council runs six major community events every year, attracting tens of thousands of residents and visitors.
- Council supports community events through funding and support – get in touch with Council if there's an event you'd like to see!

- Evaluation surveys consistently find that the community is proud of events held in our community – something we always try to build upon!
- The Frankston Arts Centre provides a large number of performances, workshops and education programs every year!
- Council and community events celebrate different cultures including:
 - Ventana Fiesta
 - Blessing of the Waters
 - Isoli Isoli
- Council is proud to have strong relationships with our two sister cities – Susono (Japan) and Wuxi (China)
- The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community and their traditions are supported and celebrated by Council through NAIDOC week celebrations as well as exhibitions and performances at the Frankston Arts Centre

In the meantime you can....

- Attend one of the many local events in Frankston City! Find out more about upcoming local events on Council's website or www.visitfrankston.com
- Give back to your local community and feel amazing by volunteering! Find out more about local volunteering activities at www.impactvolunteering.org.au
- The Frankston Visitor Information Centre hosts a Residents Morning Tea for new and old residents who want to find out more about the services and activities found in Frankston. Find out more at www.visitfrankston.com
- Visit the Frankston Arts Centre! See what's on at www.thefac.com.au
- Get involved in local decision making. Council has regular meetings that the community can attend. Council also regularly encourages input on a range of strategies and projects, which will be advertised through Council's website, social media pages and the local newspapers.
- Celebrate the diversity of the Frankston community! Get involved in Harmony Day, NAIDOC Week, International Day Against Homophobia, Biphobia and Transphobia (IDAHOBIT) and other celebrations of diversity throughout the year
- Get to know your neighbours and local community a bit better by celebrating Neighbour Day each year! Host a celebration or look out for local events!
- Look out for the annual Seniors Week! There are always plenty of activities held in Frankston as part of this state-wide initiative!
- Community Groups can apply to Council's Community Grants for projects that bring the community together.
- Encourage and welcome visitors! Spruik Frankston everywhere you go, be proud and let everyone know how great we are!



Frankston Story

James Brown

"I'm a Community Transport Officer, so essentially you might say I'm a bus driver, but there's a lot more to it than just driving a bus. I pick up clients from their homes, and I also help plan activities and the routes we take.

Most clients don't have their own transport and many don't have partners because they have passed away. They love the outings and the social activity.

The regular clients who I pick up weekly have become my friends. To me it's an honour and a privilege to be able to serve these people because they are the ones who've built this country.

I love the feeling of dropping someone off after a day out, and seeing them smiling and laughing because they've had a great day. Everyone is so appreciative and they always say a big thank you.

'Think Big' is a chance for the community to dream it, think it and talk about it.

My vision for Frankston City is to become Melbourne's version of Coney Island, a seaside paradise."

ACTION AREA 6 – HEALTH AND WELLBEING



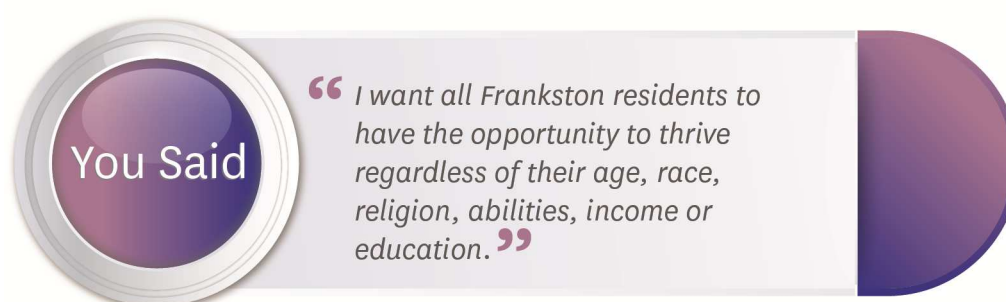
Our Frankston will be:

“a city where individuals strive to be as healthy as possible, and are supported by a range of services and infrastructure that support optimal health and wellbeing. As well as looking after our own health, we also support vulnerable members of our community”

Frankston is an active and vibrant community! This is a proven fact given that Frankston residents are more likely than the State average to participate in physical activity on four or more days per week.

Nearly 8% of Frankston residents reported meeting the vegetable guidelines, which is slightly higher than the State average. We love our community gardens, and have five already within the municipality. Residents would like to see more in our local areas to support healthy food habits and community connectedness.

One in five residents living within Frankston reported that their health as poor or very poor, which is slightly higher than the average for the Southern Metropolitan Region. We are fortunate to have a range of health and community services within Frankston, including three hospitals and many medical specialists to assist.



The most-voted idea from the Think Big online forums was support for Kindred Clubhouse, an organisation that provides support to people with mental illness. Another of the Top 10 ideas from Think Big was regarding the impact of the closure of Citylife, which was an agency that provided social inclusion activities, including meals, to vulnerable community members. Such a high level of support for these ideas shows that the Frankston community support those who disadvantaged or vulnerable.

Our community is an inclusive community, and this is something that we value and want to further enhance. Providing further support to our GLBTIQ community, through ideas such as painting the Kananook Creek bridge at Frankston Waterfront rainbow, and establishing a GLBTIQ café in Frankston have been suggested by our community during Think Big as ways to promote inclusion.

The community said we need to....

- Establish more community gardens in our local areas
- Support our vulnerable community members
- For our local Community Centres to respond to the needs of all community members – from disadvantage to advantage

To achieve these goals, the community, service providers, community groups and agencies and Council will need work together.

What's already happening (or about to happen)?

- The Frankston Arts Centre offers a weekly program 'Artwell' for community members to work on mental wellness through the practice of arts
- Council's Community Centres provide a range of services and programs for all community members regardless of age or ability
- The Arts Access program, run by the Frankston Arts Centre, supports the health and wellbeing of community members with diverse access needs
- Council offers a range of free or low cost events and education programs to encourage learning and community participation
- Council operates the Frantastic Food Business Award Program and Domestic Waste Water Management Program to improve environmental health outcomes in Frankston
- Frankston Libraries run the E-Smart Digital Literacy Program to help our community to stay cyber-safe

In the meantime you can....

- Get active! Walk and cycle for short trips, and consider joining a sporting or social club. Frankston City has a range of walking and cycling paths, and over 100 sporting clubs. Check out Council's website to find something that suits you!
- Established Community Gardens are found in many local areas in Frankston. Call Council on 1300 322 322 if you would like to know more about these gardens or explore the possibility of establishing a garden in your local area
- Donate time or money to a local charity. Frankston Charitable Fund and Community Support Frankston and many other local charities make a big difference to the health and wellbeing of the Frankston community. Find out more about the Frankston Charitable Fund on Council's website. More information about Community Support Frankston can be found at <http://frankston.net/>
- Visit your local Community Centre and see if there's an activity that suits you! Chat to the friendly team at the Centre if you'd like to suggest an activity
- Get involved in supporting local services that support our vulnerable community members, such as Kindred Clubhouse, Community Support Frankston and others.

LOCAL COMMUNITY PLANS

CARRUM DOWNS / SKYE / SANDHURST



Our community will be:

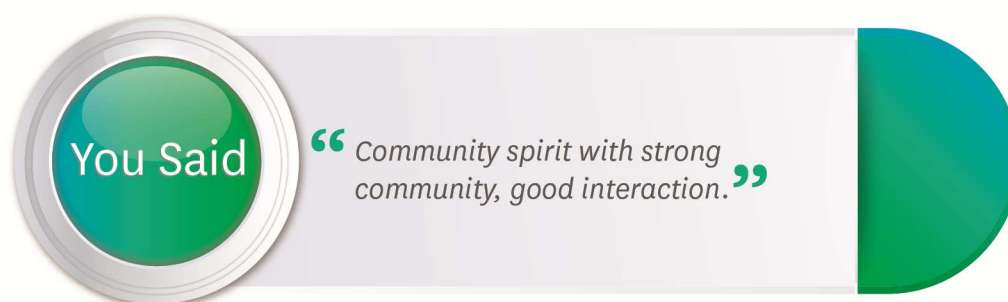
“a community with strong spirit with access to a range of services and facilities that support us to be healthy, educated and connected to each other.”

The Carrum Downs/Skye/Sandhurst area has a strong community spirit. Residents are grateful for the growth in health services in the area, which along with a range of education and transport services as well as a Police Station, makes this Local Community an attractive area to live in.

The population of the Carrum Downs/Skye/Sandhurst Local Community has grown significantly since the 1990's. Sandhurst is a relatively new development in the north of this Local Community. This is reflected in the fact that over 75% of Sandhurst residents have moved house in the past five years, compared to 41% of residents in the rest of the Local Community.

Its mix of housing, including townhouses, units and houses provides a home for a diverse range of residents. In 2015, the Carrum Downs/Skye/Sandhurst Local Community had an Estimated Resident Population of 34,241.

This local area is predominately made up of young families, with couples with children being the most common family type in this area. Over 26.8% of the population is under 18 years of age, and nearly half of all residents are aged between 18 and 50. A greater proportion of people living in Carrum Downs were born overseas when compared with Frankston. The Hindu Society of Victoria is situated in Carrum Downs, with the largest temple in the Southern Hemisphere, which attracts people to live in and visit this Local Community.



This Local Community is served by four primary schools, four kindergarten/preschool/childcare centres and one secondary school. Compared to the rest of Frankston City, residents in this area are slightly more likely to have a vocational qualification, and less likely to have a bachelor or higher degree. The top three occupations in this area are technical and trade roles (18%), clerical and administration (16%) and professional (12.3%). Over 11% of 15-24 year olds in this Local Community are not engaged in education or employment, which is slightly higher than the average for the rest of Frankston City. Carrum Downs Library and Lyrebird Community Centre support residents with opportunities for learning and social connections.

Access to public transport differs dramatically across this Local Community, with 92.1% of residents in Carrum Downs living near public transport, dropping to 31.4% in Skye and 6.5% in Sandhurst. Residents have told us that bus services to Carrum and Cranbourne are needed, as are improved frequency and span of hours for bus services on the weekends.

There are four supermarkets and two greengrocers in this Local Community. Residents have told us that a more diverse and modern range of shops and services is important to grow and develop this area.

This Local Community is well serviced by open space, with many parks, sporting grounds and playgrounds, as well as the Sandhurst Golf Club. Ten sporting clubs call this Local Community home.

The Carrum Downs/Skye/Sandhurst community said we need to.....

- Improve and promote local infrastructure to encourage the community to utilise the open space, social and entertainment facilities located within the area
- Work towards more planned and incidental opportunities for community members to come together
- Improve and modernise the public space within Carrum Downs/Skye and Sandhurst
- Increase opportunities for recreation across all ages, including exploring opportunities for a swimming pool and adult exercise equipment in parks
- Advocate for improved public transport in and around this local area, including a new bus service from Sandhurst to Carrum Station

Residents, community groups, transport providers, businesses and Council will need to work together to achieve these goals.

What's already happening (or about to happen)?

- Work is underway in the construction of a new multi-use pavilion at Carrum Downs Recreation Reserve
- Council's 2017-18 budget includes funding for the installation of a new playground in Clifton Grove, Carrum Downs
- Council will continue its advocacy to Public Transport Victoria for a Bus Services Review for Frankston City

In the meantime you can....

- Stay tuned to Council's website and local newspapers to find out about events and activities in your local community.
- Community Groups can apply to Council's Community Grants for projects that bring the community together
- Pines Pool in Frankston North is conveniently located for residents in Carrum Downs, Skye and Sandhurst and is open each year from November to March
- Get involved in activities at Lyrebird Community Centre! More information can be found at www.lyrebird.org.au

FRANKSTON CENTRAL/HEIGHTS



Our community will be:

“an active community that values its natural environment, with an abundance of parks and gardens and the foreshore. It is a community with opportunities for employment, education and investment. It may be the end of the train line, but it is the start of something new.”

The township of Frankston was established in the 1850s, and experienced significant growth in the 1880s with the construction of the train line from Melbourne. Initially Frankston was a resort town, with residential development commencing in earnest from the 1920s.

Development in Frankston Heights occurred in two stages, with the first stage occurring in the 1940s and 1950s with development in the Lakewood estate occurring predominately in the 1970s and 1980s.

In 2015, the Estimated Resident Population of the Frankston Central/Heights Local Community was 23,123.

Compared to the rest of Frankston City, this area has a significantly lower number of households with couples with families, and a slightly higher percentage of one parent families. The mix of housing and proximity to the Frankston Metropolitan Activity Centre, Monash University Peninsula Campus and Chisholm Institute attracts a large number of lone person households and share houses, as well as a more transient population than the rest of the municipality, as people move in and out of the area for study and employment opportunities.

A slightly higher percentage of people had a bachelor or higher degree at 13.1% compared to 11.9% for the municipality. The top three occupations of residents in this community are Professionals (18.2%), Technical and Trade workers (17%), Clerical and Admin (14.5%). The area has large proportion of highly skilled workers compared to the rest of the municipality.

Due to its proximity to the Frankston Metropolitan Activity Centre, this community is well served by essential services, shops, educational facilities and transport links. Residents told us during Think Big that they value the easy access provided by the area, and not needing a car to get around.



The Frankston foreshore provides residents and visitors with natural open space that is utilised for a range of leisure activities. Residents told us that they would like to see more cafes, shops and markets along the foreshore, to encourage people to use the area all year round.

As the Frankston Heights area is so close to the Frankston Activity Centre, it is experiencing growth through subdivision. Residents have told us that there is a need for the growth to be sustainable, and for future developments to be appropriate for the existing neighbourhood character. We've also heard that car parking and traffic is becoming a problem as more people move into the area. Sustainable transport, such as walking, cycling and public transport, should be encouraged in this area.

The Frankston Central/Heights Community said we need to....

- Ensure sustainable development in residential areas as well as the Frankston Metropolitan Activity Centre
- Explore opportunities to attract people to our City Centre, Waterfront and other attractions
- Provide infrastructure that supports health and wellbeing
- Connect the footpath outside the Frankston Yacht Club to the boardwalk

Residents, community groups, health and community service providers, State Government and Council will need to work together to achieve these goals.

What's already happening (or about to happen)?

- Council and the community will advocate for improved public transport services that meet the needs of residents and help to reduce reliance on private vehicles, making our streets more vibrant and less congested
- Council's 2017-18 budget includes funding for the upgrade of Station Street Mall, Nepean Highway Boulevard (from Beach St to Davey St), Shannon Mall and Clyde Street Mall, to make these places safer and more attractive for users and businesses
- Council's 2017-18 Budget includes funding for the upgrades to Jubilee Park Netball Centre
- Council will consider the proposal to connect the footpath between the Frankston Yacht Club and the boardwalk during its annual Capital Works Program development.

In the meantime you can....

- Check out the range of activities and classes at Orwil Street Community House and Ebdale Community Hub! More information about these centres can be found at www.orwilst.org.au and on Council's website
- Get involved in the Joy of the Earth Community Garden in Joy Street, Frankston. Find out more about the Garden by searching for 'Joy of the Earth' on Facebook
- Council's website and local newspapers are the places to find out about opportunities to have your say on new developments and plans
- Visit the Frankston City Centre. Aside from the wide range of shops, cafes and restaurants, there is always something on!
- Keep an eye on local newspapers and Council's website for details on other events and activities!

FRANKSTON NORTH



Our community will be:

“a community with a strong sense of identity, connection and pride, with easily accessible facilities and clean and green outdoors areas which encourage the community to connect to each other.”

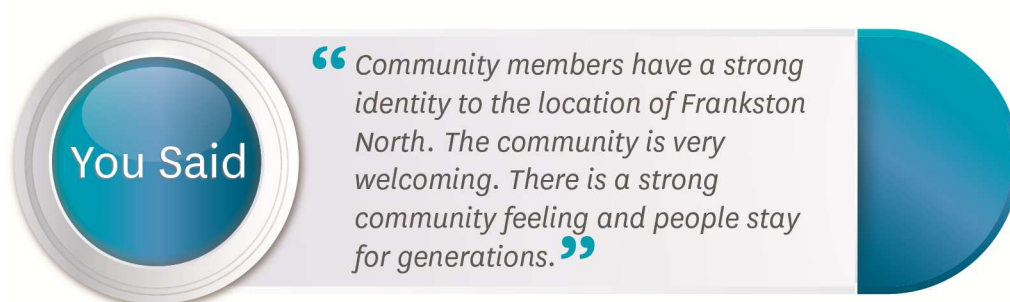
The area of Frankston North was established in the late 1950s after a fire destroyed part of the pine plantation that previously occupied the land. This explains why the area is often referred to as 'The Pines'. In 2015, the Estimated Resident Population of the Frankston North Local Community was 5,759.

In line with the age of the area, Frankston North has a higher proportion of people over 60 living in Frankston North compared to the rest of Frankston City, 23.8% compared to 19.2%. Additionally, the area has a high percentage of households (29.7%) that are lone person households (25.1% for Frankston City). Frankston North has over twice the rate of one parent families as Metro Melbourne (22.3%, compared to 13.7% for Frankston city, 10.4% for Metro Melbourne).

Frankston North is a resilient community with a strong sense of community connectedness which may explain why people who move to the area stay in the area. In fact, the area has the lowest rate of people having recently moved house in the municipality (33.1% in Frankston North compared to 38.1% in the Frankston municipality). Residents have told us that there are already opportunities for the community to come together, but they would like to see more opportunities, including open air movies at Monterey Reserve (a Top 10 idea from Think Big), as well as dances and events at the Frankston North Community Centre.

Frankston North has a higher rate of open space per 1,000 people than the rest of the Frankston municipality. It is fortunate to be situated alongside the open space of the Pines Flora and Fauna Reserve, Long Island Country Club and Peninsula Country Golf Club. Eleven sporting clubs call Frankston North home. Pines Pool is a well-utilised outdoor aquatic centre in Frankston North.

In comparison with the rest of Frankston City, Frankston North has poor provision of health and human services; however it has a strong level of aged care provision.



A significantly higher rate of residents live close to public transport in Frankston North (91%) compared to the overall municipality (80.1%). Residents told us that they value the great public transport and access to shops, facilities and services that they have in Frankston North. An arts project for young people at the local skate park was one of the Top 10 Think Big ideas, and was seen by the community as an opportunity to bring the young people of the community together to improve an existing community facility.

Frankston North has the highest rate of unemployment in Frankston City (11.6% in June 2016 compared to 6% for Frankston City). Only 3.2% of Frankston North population hold a bachelor degree or higher, compared to 11.9% for Frankston City. 57.7% had no qualifications (Frankston City 46.7%).

The Frankston North Community said we need to....

- Trial an outdoor cinema at Monterey Reserve over the 2018 Summer
- Explore new events and initiatives to bring the community together
- Investigate the possibility of improved lighting at Monterey Reserve
- Value the input and perspective of young people in Frankston North. Explore opportunities for young people to continue to be involved in their community, including an arts project at Frankston North Skate Park and then see what other initiatives young people would like to be involved in
- Explore opportunities for new activities and initiatives at Frankston North Community Centre, including dances, seniors' activities and youth activities

Residents, community groups, Frankston North Community Centre, Youth Service Providers and Council will need to work together to achieve these goals.

What's already happening (or about to happen)?

- All ideas for new activities and initiatives at Frankston North Community Centre that were identified by residents through Think Big have been passed on to the management of the Frankston North Community Centre for consideration
- Existing groups such as the Youth Leadership Program and Monterey Secondary College Rotaract (youth Rotarians) program support the engagement of young people in Frankston North
- Council will consider the lighting of Monterey Reserve as part of its annual Capital Works Program development

In the meantime you can....

- Visit Frankston North Community Centre! There are activities for everyone! Learn more about the classes and activities held at Frankston North Community Centre on Council's website or search Facebook for the Frankston North Community Centre page
- Get a working group together to make the trial outdoor cinema at Monterey Reserve a reality
- Get involved in local community groups who do a fantastic job of bringing the community together
- Got an idea for a project or activity that will bring the community together? Consider applying for a Community Grant! More information is available on Council's website
- Any more ideas on how to get young people involved in community projects? Let Council know by calling the Community Strengthening department

FRANKSTON SOUTH



Our community will be:

“a safe and peaceful community that values its open green spaces and foreshore and sense of neighbourhood. It has strong transport links providing connection to the Frankston city centre and beyond.”

Frankston South is the southernmost Local Community of the Frankston municipality. The area grew significantly after World War II, and again in the 1980s with the Mount Erin estate. Due to the age of the area, almost 20% of the population in Frankston South is over 65.

Recent growth has focused on subdivisions of the large blocks that are typical of the area. In 2015, the Estimated Resident Population of the Frankston South Local Community was 18,574.



Being an area dominated by low density housing, 94.8% of Frankston South lacks access to fresh food produce outlets within 1 kilometre. However, this community has good transport links, with 78.1% of the population within 800m walk to train and 400m walk to bus in Frankston South, compared to 73.1% for the rest of the Frankston municipality. Frankston South has good access to essential services, both within the municipality and also due to its proximity to the Frankston Metropolitan Activity Centre (FMAC). However, residents have noticed that some shops, including butchers, have shut down and residents would like to see these shops back in the community.

Frankston South is home to many pockets of open space, including the foreshore and Oliver’s Hill, Sweetwater Creek Reserve and Baxter Park. Residents value the leafy neighbourhoods and numerous walking tracks in the area.

Over 36% of Frankston South residents are employed in managerial or professional roles. Frankston South residents are more likely to hold a Bachelor Degree than residents in other parts of the municipality, and are less likely to hold a vocational qualification.

The Frankston South Community said we need to.....

- Explore new events and initiatives to bring the community together
- Ensure sustainable development
- Work with bus service providers to improve bus services – improved frequency and span of hours, as well as seats and/or shelters at more bus stops

- Get involved in the huge range of activities and classes available at Frankston South Community Centre
- Build a new playground at Baxter Park
- Explore opportunities, such as new infrastructure and a dog park, at Eliza Heights Reserve, Frankston South
- Continue to develop a safe and accessible pathway network

Residents, community groups, State Government and Council will need to work together to achieve these goals.

What's already happening (or about to happen)?

- Council has committed funding in its 2017-18 budget for the establishment of a training café at the Frankston South Community and Recreation Centre
- Funding to commence additional car parking and designs for a landscaped hub at Baxter Reserve
- Council will consider opportunities to improve the infrastructure at Eliza Heights Reserve as part of its annual Capital Works Program development.
- Council's 2017-18 budget contains funding for the construction of a footpath on Seaview Road

In the meantime you can....

- Consider applying for a Community Grant for projects that bring the community together
- Council's website and local newspapers are the places to find out about opportunities to have your say on new developments and plans
- If you would like a bus shelter at your local bus stop, contact Council on 1300 322 322 and Council will investigate and pass on the request to Public Transport Victoria
- Get involved in the huge range of activities and classes available at Frankston South Community Centre. More information can be found on Council's website
- Know an area that needs a footpath, or have seen a footpath that needs an upgrade? Let Council know so it can be investigated!

KARINGAL



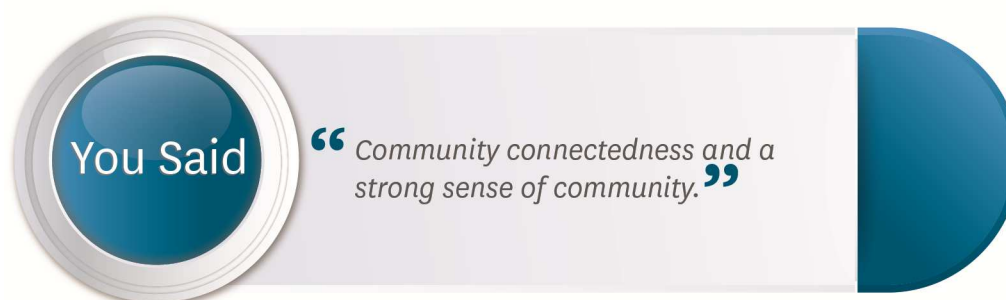
Our community will be:

“a local area with a strong sense of community. It is affordable to live in, and has a great range of facilities. Karingal is well connected by road and path linkages to central Frankston and beyond.”

European settlement of Karingal commenced in the 1840s, and the land was used for farming. Residential settlement of the area grew in the 1950s and 60s. In 2015, the Estimated Resident Population of the Karingal Local Community was 13,643 (2015).

As one of Frankston City's longer established suburbs and as such, having a relatively older population with many retirees and 'empty nesters' than the Frankston average, the most common household types are lone person households, and couples living without children. An ageing population contributes to the fact that 5.8% of people in Karingal need assistance with everyday activities, such as communication, body movement or self-care compared with 4.5% for Frankston City.

There are strong transport links in Karingal. Eight bus services travel through the Karingal area, providing the area with a good access to public transport. The area has an abundance of footpaths and access to open space including Ballam Park allowing members of the community to enjoy their natural environment. There is an on-road bike lane along the entire length of Cranbourne Road through Karingal, as well as off-road paths down Skye Rd and McClelland Drive.



A lower proportion of Karingal residents have completed year 12 and/or a bachelor or higher degree compared to the Frankston municipality. Almost one-third of workers are employed in either retail or manufacturing.

Karingal has pockets of green space, and the large open space area of Ballam Park, which provides passive and active recreation spaces. There are seven sporting clubs in Karingal.

Karingal Hub Shopping Centre, along with other local shopping precincts, provide the area with employment and access to shops and services. However, Karingal has significantly more fast food and takeaway outlets than supermarkets and greengrocers, with 78% of Karingal to be considered to be in a 'fresh food' food desert, with the majority of households over 500m from a fresh food outlet.

Youth disengagement in the Karingal Local Community is high, with 17.2% of 15-24 year olds not in employment or in education, compared to the municipal average of 10.4%. The area also has a higher proportion of children entering school that are vulnerable with regards to their communication skills and general knowledge, language & cognitive skills, and physical health and wellbeing.

Karingal is a culturally diverse Local Community, with 23% of the population born overseas, compared with the municipal average of 20%. People from Germany, Netherlands, Ireland, Greece and Italy are long established in the Karingal community while emerging populations

in the area come from Sri Lanka and the Philippines. Compared to the municipal average, the Karingal Local Community also has a higher proportion of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residents.

The Karingal community said we need to....

- Increase the use of open space, through events and activities
- Support the most vulnerable members of our community
- Explore opportunities to establish a community garden and other pockets of green space

Residents, community groups, entertainment providers, health and community service providers and Council will need to work together to achieve these goals.

What's already happening (or about to happen)?

- Council has committed funding in its 2017-18 budget for the construction of a new Ballam Park East pavilion
- A number of health and welfare services can be found in Karingal. Call Council to find out more about these services
- Council's 2017-18 budget includes funding for a new playground at Karingal PLACE
- Council is working with the Karingal Local Area Planning group at Gretana Crescent Park

In the meantime you can....

- Visit Karingal PLACE! There are a wide range of activities and courses on offer. Find out more on Council's website
- Support Coffee on Kareela, a café in Kareela Street which aims to provide 'a place of refreshment and hope'
- Get a Community Garden working group established to work on developing a Community Garden in Karingal! A suggestion by a community member has been made that Peninsula Reserve on Frank Street might be a good location for a Community Garden

LANGWARRIN/ LANGWARRIN SOUTH



Our community will be:

“a community with an abundance of parks, gardens and bushland. It is home to attractions including McClelland Gallery, Cruden Farm and Mulberry Hill. These assets are so valued by the community that many people choose to stay in the area for a lifetime.”

The Langwarrin Local Community includes the residential suburb of Langwarrin and the rural suburb of Langwarrin South. The Langwarrin residential population has grown substantially from the 1960s, with new developments still underway today. The Langwarrin South population has grown significantly since the 1980s, mainly due to the subdivision of the large blocks that are common in the area. In 2015, the Estimated Resident Population of the Langwarrin Local Community was 23,635 (2015).



Langwarrin is a relatively young residential area. Over 25% of the population is under 18 years of age, and 45% aged between 18 and 50. Compared to the municipal average there is a larger proportion of two parent families with a child/children, and a slightly smaller proportion of one parent families. Residents have told us that they value the community feel and spirit in Langwarrin/Langwarrin South. There are many active community groups and sporting clubs that help to create this sense of community.

Australian-born residents make up 80% of the population of this Local Community. The other 20% are small communities of people born in countries including the United Kingdom, New Zealand, The Netherlands and Germany. There is a high proportion of Australian-born residents compared to the overall Frankston municipality which is 72.6% Australian-born.

The area is well served by educational and medical facilities, including Peninsula Private Hospital which was expanded in 2016 to include an emergency department. Compared to the municipal average, this Local Community has lower levels of youth disengagement from work and study and children who are developmentally vulnerable. Residents have said that Langwarrin would benefit from a central hub, and that a library would support community connectedness and learning.

Access to public transport differs dramatically across the Local Community, with 49.4% of Langwarrin (suburb) residents living near public transport, but only 13.4% of residents in Langwarrin South. This Local Community has poor access to fresh food, with only 2.5% of households within 500 metres of a fresh food outlet.

Langwarrin/Langwarrin South residents value their access to open space, parkland and remnant bushland. Nearly 15% of Langwarrin remains conservation or natural land. The area is home to places of interest such as McClelland Gallery + Sculpture Park, Cruden Farm and Mulberry Hill, which attract large numbers of locals as well as providing a tourism drawcard to the area. The area is home to Lloyd Park and Lawton Reserve, which provide sporting facilities for the community. Ten sports clubs call the area home.

The top three industries that Langwarrin/Langwarrin South residents work in are Construction (15.1%), Manufacturing (12.9%) and Retail Trade (12.7%). Over 25% of Langwarrin workers have obtained a vocational qualification, compared to the municipal average of 21.7%.

The Langwarrin/Langwarrin South community said we need to....

- Increase provision of footpaths and public transport services
- Explore opportunities for a 'Community Hub' and library to promote community connections and learning
- Attract services, shops and eateries to Langwarrin
- Support Cruden Farm to continue to be a valued community space
- Continue to provide infrastructure that supports the needs of residents

Residents, community groups, local businesses, State Government and Council will need to work together to achieve these goals.

What's already happening (or about to happen)?

- Funding has been included in Council's 2017-18 budget to commence planning for a Langwarrin Community and Library Hub
- Council is planning on constructing a new footpath in Centre Road, Langwarrin during the 2017-18 financial year

In the meantime you can....

- Get involved in a class or activity at Langwarrin Community Centre! Find an activity or class that suits you at www.langwarrincc.org.au
- Keep a look out in the local media regarding open days and events at Cruden Farm
- Council's 2017-18 budget includes funding to commence planning for a new playground at Lawton Reserve.

SEAFORD



Our community will be:

“a community that possesses a village feel, with streets full of character and heritage. Seaford has a wealth of open natural space, including the beach, wetlands, and bushland. Residents value the accessibility of road, bus and train links connecting Seaford to its local area and Melbourne.”

Following European settlement, Seaford became a popular seaside resort village in the early 1900s. Residential growth in the Seaford area grew significantly in the 1960s, and then steadied over the following decades. In recent years, growth has increased again with subdivision of large blocks and mid to high density living occurring throughout the area. In 2015, the Estimated Resident Population of the Seaford Local Community was 16,996.

As a long established suburb, the population is relatively older than other parts of Frankston City and has a higher proportion of households with older lone persons. Seaford also has more single parent families in the eastern side and empty nesters on the western (coastal) side.



Seaford has plentiful open space – almost double the proportion of open space of the rest of the municipality. This space includes the Seaford Foreshore, Kananook Creek Reserve, Seaford Wetlands, Belvedere Bushland Reserve and numerous passive and active open spaces scattered through the suburb which support the 22 sporting clubs that call Seaford home.

Seaford Village provides a hub for the community and hosts a monthly Farmer's Market as well as a craft market. Residents have told us they value opportunities to shop locally and make use of the local cafés on offer. There is a desire for more fresh food outlets within the Local Community.

Residents of Seaford are slightly more likely than other Frankston City residents to work as managers or professionals or hold a bachelor or higher degree.

Seaford has strong transport links, with 78.5% of Seaford residents living near public transport. The Melbourne-Frankston train line includes two stations within the Seaford Local Community at Seaford and Kananook.

Seaford residents have good access to essential services and educational facilities, but residents aged 15-24 years are slightly more likely than young residents in other areas in the municipality to not be in employment or in education.

The Seaford community said we need to....

- Protect and promote our natural assets
- Establish the Down's Estate as a community venture
- Provide and promote opportunities for community connectedness and a sense of community pride
- Improve playgrounds in the area for the many young children living in the area

Residents, community groups, State Government and Council will need to work together to achieve these goals.

What's already happening (or about to happen)?

- Planning for a Community Garden in the Kananook area is now underway! Contact Council to get involved
- A new play space is being planned for the Seaford Community Centre!
- Council has committed funding in its 2017-18 budget for the planning of a new playground at Wisewould Reserve
- Council's 2017-18 Budget includes funding for Stage 2 detailed design for the upgrade and expansion of Seaford Community Centre
- State Government has committed \$10M investment in the rail corridor through Seaford as part of crossing removal works
- Council is working with the BMX Club to develop an international standard track

In the meantime you can....

- Seaford Beach Patrol 3198 welcomes enthusiastic residents to join their group and protect the Seaford foreshore! Find out more at <https://www.beachpatrol.com.au/BeachGroups/3198>
- The Downs Estate Community Project Inc encourages interested residents to get involved in the group! Search Facebook for the group and find out how to get involved!
- Visit Seaford Community Centre and Belvedere Community Centre and get involved in the range of activities and classes on offer! More information about what is available can be found on Council's website or www.belvedere.org.au
- Consider applying for a Community Grant for projects that bring the community together

Implementation and Evaluation

Community's Role

This Plan belongs to the community – it reflects community ideas and desires for a better future. Community involvement is imperative to achieve this Community Plan.

The community is encouraged to join with like-minded residents to achieve priorities of interest. Council will provide support with opportunities for learning and networking to these groups. Groups may consider applying to Council's community grants program for assistance in undertaking community projects.

Information on Council supported events and activities will be advertised on Council's website – www.frankston.vic.gov.au, in local papers and on Council's social media pages. To sign up for Council's e-News and stay up to date with Council News, visit Council's website.

Council's Role

Council is fortunate to possess strong partnerships all the way from the local level with community members and groups right through to state and federal governments and agencies. Council is therefore well placed to work with key stakeholders to achieve the actions outlined in this Plan.

As outlined earlier in this Plan, Council's role in working with the community to achieve the actions outlined in this Plan may include any of the following roles:

- **Provider:** Council will directly provide the service or infrastructure required to achieve the action
- **Facilitator:** Council will facilitate an outcome to achieve the action, working with key partners
- **Advocacy:** Council will advocate with and on behalf of the community to the relevant agency or body in order to achieve the action

Monitoring and Evaluation

Council will monitor progress of the actions identified in this Plan, recognising that these needs may change over the life of the Plan. This could be due to a number of reasons, including due to new and emerging issues taking priority or actions in the Plan being achieved, either as a direct result of the Plan, or due to other external influences.

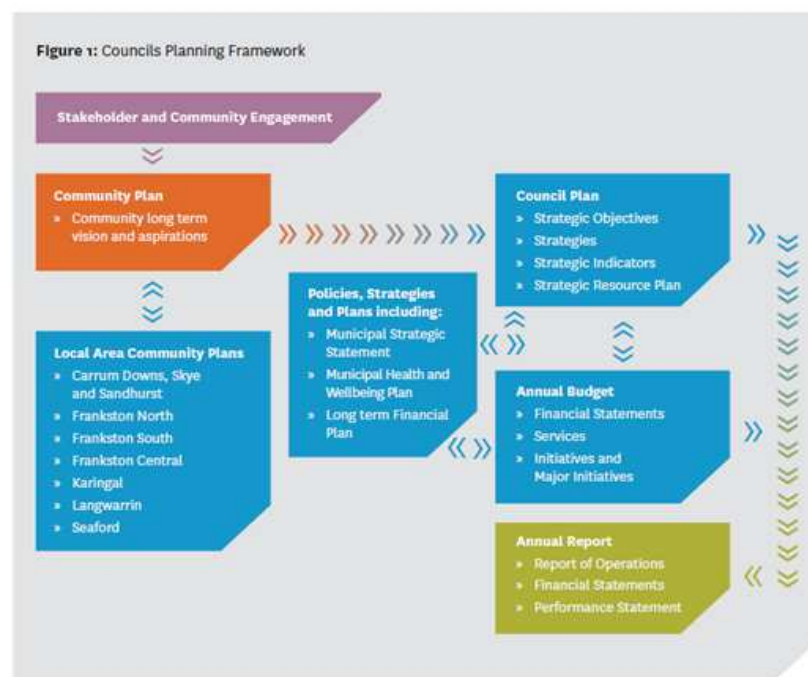
Council will monitor further issues and needs arising from the community through formal and informal consultations and discussions to ensure that current priorities are being addressed.

Appendix

Integrating Community Planning

There is a strong relationship between Council's planning processes and engaging the community in shaping the future of the City. Community engagement enhances public participation, good governance and social trust.

For these reasons, the community's ideas and desires that were expressed as part of the 'Think Big' community engagement project, which ran from October 2016 to March 2017, have been considered in the development of the Council Plan, as well as other Council strategies including this Community Plan, and Council's Health and Wellbeing Plan. Information provided by the community influences all levels of Council planning, and there is strong interplay between all Council planning processes.



Council Plan

The Council Plan is a legislative requirement and outlines Council's direction for the next four years. The Frankston City Council Plan 2017-2021 is based around four key themes which will help Council to achieve its vision of being the 'Lifestyle Capital of Victoria':

- **A Planned City** *'A vibrant city providing affordable housing'*
- **A Liveable City** *'An active and healthy community'*
- **A Well Governed City** *'An elected Council that is driven by the privilege of serving its community'*
- **A Well Managed City** *'Proudly delivering services to improve our community's lifestyle'*

This Community Plan groups the ideas provided to Council during the Think Big project under the same domains to ensure clear alignment between the Council Plan and the Community Plan.

'A Well Managed City' relates to the internal workings of Council, including its systems, services, people and resources that contribute to a strong and vibrant community. As responsibility for delivering on this theme relates solely with Council, this theme is explored further in the Council Plan.



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