



Councillor Appreciation Awards

January 2025 – March 2026

Year	Council Meeting Date	Councillor	Nominee	Certificate Wording
2025	29/01/2025	Cr Cherie Wanat	Langwarrin Mens Shed	In recognition of the support the Langawarrin Men's Shed provide to the local community, particularly around social health and wellbeing. Focusing on men's health, the community group encourage men to participate in group activities and build teamwork, learn new skills, and share life experiences. Over the years, participants have made valuable contributions to the community by way of building connections and encouraging each other to maintain an active body and mind. Thank you for your generous offerings to the Langwarrin community.
2025	24/03/2025	Cr Brad Hill	Peter Talbot	In recognition of the dedication and tireless efforts in leading the 3199 Frankston Beach Patrol and keeping Frankston's beaches clean and safe. Peter's extensive work in organising beach clean-ups, engaging with school groups and advocating for litter reduction initiatives has played a vital role in protecting Frankston's coastline. Through this leadership Peter has inspired countless volunteers, fostering a strong and passionate network, dedicated to sustainability. Thank you for your hard work and commitment to making a lasting impact on our environment and community.
2025	12/05/2025	Cr Sue Baker	DIAC	In recognition of the Disability Access and Inclusion Committee's ongoing advocacy and support for people living with disability. This dedicated group of volunteers has played a vital role in shaping a more inclusive community. Through collaboration with Council, the Committee has supported initiatives such as public recharge points for mobility devices, beach accessibility projects, International Day of People with Disability events, and improved access to Council events, facilities, and public spaces. Their efforts ensure accessibility remains central to community planning and development. Thank you for your generous contributions to building a more inclusive city for all.

2025	2/06/2025	Cr Nathan Butler	Pink Ladies Auxiliary	<p>This certificate acknowledges the Pink Ladies Auxiliary, a long standing and highly dedicated volunteer group at Frankston Hospital since 1968.</p> <p>Through their dedicated operation of the hospital kiosk and various fundraising initiatives, they have raised over \$10 million to purchase vital equipment and enhance patient services.</p> <p>Their unwavering commitment and compassionate presence have significantly contributed to improving the hospital environment and patient care.</p> <p>Thank you to all members for your generous contributions to Frankston Hospital and the monumental impact on the Community.</p>
2025	23/06/2025	Cr Emily Green	Deb Mellett, Nairm Marr Djambana	<p>We honour Aunty Deb Mellett, a proud Gurindji woman and esteemed Elder, for her outstanding service to the Frankston Indigenous community. As General Manager of Nairm Marr Djambana, Aunty Deb has been a driving force behind cultural development and community empowerment across Frankston and the Mornington Peninsula. With over 30 years of leadership in social planning and Aboriginal cultural advocacy, she has inspired generations and built lasting community connections. Her receipt of the Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) in 2025, alongside previous honours such as the International Women's Day Award (2017) and NAIDOC Outstanding Woman of the Year (2018), reflects a lifetime of dedicated service. We are deeply grateful for her continued guidance, leadership, and unwavering commitment to Country and community.</p>
2025	21/07/2025	Cr Steffie Conroy	Rotary Peninsula 2.0	<p>In recognition of their outstanding contributions to the community through impactful fundraising initiatives.</p> <p>The dedication of Rotary Frankston Peninsula 2.0 has led to the successful installation of beach matting for improved accessibility, the provision of life-saving defibrillators through The Duck Derby, and the creation of The Birth Tree, among many of the meaningful projects delivered.</p> <p>Their unwavering commitment to service within Frankston City exemplifies community spirit.</p>

2025	11/08/2025	Cr Kris Bolam	Frankston Historical Society	<p>In recognition of the dedication to preserving and sharing Frankston’s historical heritage. The unwavering commitment of the Frankston Historical Society in preserving and maintaining Ballam Park Homestead and its museum has ensured that Frankston’s rich history continues to thrive - accessible and enjoyable for both locals and visitors, now and for generations to come.</p> <p>Their dedication to conserving the historical building, memorabilia, documents and artefacts exemplifies the profound respect for heritage and conservation of Frankston.</p>
2025	8/09/2025	Cr Michael O'Reilly	That's the Thing About Fishing	<p>In recognition of their dedication to supporting individuals affected by physical disability, mental health challenges or family violence, through the creation of programs that use fishing as a therapeutic conduit, encouraging people of all ages to connect with the outdoors as a pathway to physical and mental healing.</p> <p>That’s the Thing About Fishing has made a meaningful impact in the lives of many by offering a safe, supportive environment through their fishing clinics – promoting social connections, enhancing self-confidence, supporting personal growth and introducing fishing as a therapeutic and life-changing activity.</p> <p>Their ongoing efforts are appreciated by the community and have helped save lives.</p>
2025	6/10/2025	Cr Brad Hill	Frankston High School Students	<p>In recognition of the Students of Frankston High School for leading the ‘Solar School Initiative’.</p> <p>Through their tireless fundraising and advocacy efforts, they have successfully raised \$45,000 towards the installation of solar power at Frankston High School.</p> <p>This achievement will contribute towards making Frankston High School the first in this region to be powered by solar energy, cutting an estimated 50 tonnes of carbon emissions annually.</p> <p>Beyond its environmental impact, this initiative will also deliver long-term benefits for the school by investing in other student-led sustainability initiatives.</p> <p>The Solar School Initiative is a shining example of student leadership in action, delivering lasting benefits that positively impact both the community and the environment.</p>



2025	27/10/2025	Cr David Asker	Barbara Crook - Chairperson FAAC	Barbara has been an invaluable member of the FAC board - now known as the Frankston Arts Advisory Committee since early 2015 and will concluding her services in Feb 2026, making an outstanding 11 years contribution, bringing with her a wealth of experience across senior management roles in finance, tax, law and manufacturing.
2025	8/12/2025	Cr Steffie Conroy	Cristina Savanjika	In recognition of the dedication to supporting local businesses owned by women within the municipality. The commitment to the community and small business growth is shown through the 'Women in Business' event that was led and funded by Cristina. The event was held to ensure small businesses, especially women, were provided with a platform for networking and connection, opportunities for growth and celebrating local talent and enterprises. Cristina exemplifies civic leadership and economic resilience within the Frankston City Community.
2026	28/01/2026	Cr Cherie Wanat	Miranda Castles	In recognition of the dedication to enhance community health and well-being outcomes within the municipality. Miranda's commitment to the community is shown through leadership, community initiatives, driving programs and running a new district facility. As a member of the Sport and Recreation Advisory Committee, Miranda provides support as a valued volunteer and actively contributed to the design and functionality of Jubilee Park Stadium. Miranda exemplifies civic leadership and community connection within the Frankston City community.