



# NEWS

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# Frankston City FIRST

## 2025 Federal Election Advocacy Priorities

As the next federal election approaches, Council is readying to make sure Frankston City's priorities for the community are heard.

Election advocacy is an important way we can let our next state and federal leaders know where they should be investing money at a local community level. Advocacy priorities are determined through community feedback from a variety of key projects and strategies, such as the Council Plan, Annual Budget and Long Term Infrastructure Plan among others.

As a result, Council will now focus our efforts on the projects you told us are most important to you: Nepean Boulevard Precinct revitalisation, support for vulnerable community members, enhancing connected neighbourhoods and a Bruce Park Pavilion redevelopment — all detailed in this special Frankston City News lift out.

This advocacy campaign will help to put our city's needs front and centre during candidates' election campaigning and ultimately during the all-important state and federal funding priority process.

There is plenty you can do to help support Council's efforts and we encourage all residents to take an active role in advocating for their City over the coming months. Let's work together to put Frankston City First this federal election!

Information about our campaign priorities is also available on the Council website, scan the QR code to find out more.



📷 Artist's concepts for the Nepean Boulevard Precinct revitalisation project







# Nepean Boulevard Precinct Revitalisation

A range of initiatives to enhance local infrastructure and liveability in Frankston’s growing city centre have been identified through the development of the Nepean Boulevard Master Plan, including the following:

- Kananook Creek park and gateway site
- Comfort Station activation
- central median greening landscaping improvements
- Overton Road signalised crossing and intersection
- waterfront Shared User Path connection
- southern path connection and median planting.

Council is seeking Federal and State Government funding contributions of **\$10 million** or more each towards a combined \$20 million package of signature projects.

**57 per cent of residents support the Master Plan and its potential to transform Nepean Highway**

NEPEAN BOULEVARD ENGAGEMENT REPORT

*“The benefits would be significant. Driving economic growth, encouraging opportunities for diverse private sector investment, stimulating job creation, and growing a skilled local workforce. It will showcase Frankston as a destination, not just a gateway.”*

JOSH SINCLAIR, CEO OF COMMITTEE FOR FRANKSTON AND MORNINGTON PENINSULA

*“Revitalising this part of Nepean Highway would be amazing for businesses and the pubs that operate here. We’d have more people coming around here feeling safer, feeling more welcome. Having the area between Frankston city centre and Nepean Highway made more pedestrian friendly would mean much more foot traffic for businesses like us, as well as getting easy access to the beach.”*

KARL VAN BUUREN, CO-OWNER, MOON DOG, FRANKSTON

# Support for Vulnerable Community Members

Council has identified two initiatives aimed at supporting our community, and is seeking:

- ongoing federal funding of an additional **\$500,000** per annum (increased by CPI each year) for emergency relief providers like Community Support Frankston to address the needs of vulnerable residents
- federal funding of **\$1.05 million** per annum over three years (2026–2028) to provide two mental health and social support practitioners under the Community Connectors initiative.

*“The demand here has absolutely sky rocketed. Since the 2018–2019 financial year, we’ve had a 120 per cent increase in clients that need our services. It’s lot more than just food...it’s bills, it’s people’s registrations, it’s essential medical costs, educational expenses. We really need these decision makers to really think about what’s happening on the front line and what needs to be done to support emergency relief.”*

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## Bruce Park Pavilion Redevelopment

The sporting pavilion at Bruce Park Reserve needs an uplift to accommodate growing participation, especially for young girls and women taking up tennis, football and cricket in increasing numbers. The current pavilion lacks female-friendly change rooms and other safe and fit for purpose facilities for women and girls. The proposed project includes:

- demolition of existing pavilion and construction of an all new two-storey facility
- inclusion of dedicated female friendly change rooms and associated facilities
- inclusion of accessible public toilets
- a larger community social room and meeting room.

To deliver this, Council is seeking a three-way funding split (Federal, State and Local Governments) of **\$3.33 million** each towards the **\$10 million** projects.

*“The facility is over 60 years old. It has asbestos in it, it’s falling apart. We try to refurbish as best we can, but we’re limited in our resources. [Our club] it’s not set up for wheelchair access. A new facility would enable people with disabilities come and play on our courts. But at the moment there are trip hazards around the court, we couldn’t facilitate that at all.”*

ROSS MCVEA, TENNIS CLUB PRESIDENT

*“This upgrade is so important because, in a time and age where mental health is such a big issue, we have the ability to use this facility to get young people, young families into the area and really enjoy cricket and the other sports in the facility have to offer.”*

ZACH HORSLEY, PRESIDENT OF HEATHERHILL CRICKET CLUB



Existing sporting pavilion at Bruce Park



Existing shared user path near Kananook Station

## Enhancing Connected Neighbourhoods

Council is seeking federal funding towards an **\$11.7 million** package of active transport initiatives that strengthen connections within Frankston and to its neighbouring municipalities, including walking and cycling pathways that integrate key suburbs with Frankston’s city centre.

Active transport Shared User Path projects included in this package are:

- Robinsons Road from Baxter Trail to Peninsula Link Trail
- Frankston-Dandenong Road from Boundary Road to Thompsons Road
- Baxter-Tooradin Road from Baxter Park Reserve to Peninsula Link Trail
- Eel Race Road from Station Street to Patterson River Secondary College
- Fletcher Road from Beach Street to Baxter Trail.

### What you told us:

*“The existing path needs to be transformed into a bike path. With more people cycling on Robinsons Road it’s time this can happen. Time to upgrade this road where many teenagers live who all attend local schools. If you want to promote a healthy active lifestyle: start with a bike path (on Robinsons Road) in Langwarrin”.*

*“The bike/footpath stops here and there is no connection with (Baxter Park) or the path along the Peninsula Freeway.”*

*“New shared bike path abruptly ends near Erskine Street. This new path should be linked to the Baxter. The new path needs to be extended (to Fletcher Rd) to provide seamless travel.”*

*“Unlock the industrial estates for pedestrians and cyclists by creating connections and shorten movement for alternative transport (city wide)”.*



# Why does advocacy matter?

Local governments represent diverse community interests in a variety of important areas such as healthcare, local infrastructure, community connection and education, sustainability and local environments among others. Councils also understand the specific challenges their communities face, from lack of transport connection to local hubs, housing affordability, healthcare access, social isolation and many other critical areas.

Advocacy is about local government representing these community voices at a state and national level, this helps to ensure your unique concerns aren't overlooked in state and national policy debates and funding streams. Advocacy can help to shape the policies and funding from these other levels of government that impact our quality of life. Advocacy is also a helpful way for state and federal governments to understand where they can best invest money, and ensure it is distributed to areas that need it the most.



© Bruce Park Tennis Club

## How has Frankston City benefitted from Council's advocacy in the past?

Council is always advocating for your interests, both in the lead up to — and between — elections. Below are some of the ways these efforts have delivered key infrastructure and supports for our city:

- Kananook Commuter Car Park, \$22 million in Federal Government funding
- Shared User Paths (SUPs): \$3.5 million from State Government towards four recent shared user path connections and road and kerb upgrades
- Building Blocks Partnership Agreement: up to \$15.45 million from State Government for three kindergarten upgrades to provide to 371 kindergarten places in Frankston City
- Frankston Basketball and Gymnastics Stadium: \$15 million each from the State and Federal Governments
- Seaford Wetlands Rejuvenation Project: \$4 million from the State Government
- Lloyd Park Pavilion redevelopment: \$8.6 million redevelopment of the main pavilion. Funding included \$3 million from the Federal Government
- and many more!

## How to get ready

To ensure your voice counts, before voting commences it is important to ensure you are:

- enrolled to vote. All residents over the age of 18 must register to vote.
- your details are up to date.

You can check your enrolment status and your personal details any time on the Australian Electoral Commission website [aec.gov.au](https://aec.gov.au)

## How can you help?

While Council will directly communicate with our local Member of Parliament and other candidates about our key funding requests, we also need you to let them know what matters most to you and where you would like to see funding invested in Frankston City.

You can do this by:

- sharing project information to your friends, families and online
- telling us and candidates how you will benefit from the project/s
- sending stories to local media outlets
- contacting your local Member of Parliament and political candidate and tell them these projects are important to you.

Candidates can be nominated up to 10 days after the election is called. You can confirm candidates closer to the date via the Australia Electoral Commission website [aec.gov.au/election](https://aec.gov.au/election)

Major party candidates will have their contact information on their party websites i.e. Liberal, Labor, Greens. For smaller party or independent candidates, you may need to do a quick web or social media search for contact information. And you can visit Frankston City First for all the latest information on candidates and commitments.





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SECL Community Connectors at Frankston Station

## New mental health outreach program for Frankston Station

**A new initiative putting mental health and social support practitioners in the heart of Frankston's city centre officially launched in February, making community wellbeing and safety a priority for 2025.**

The program is a successful collaboration between Frankston City Council, Metro Trains Melbourne, and South East Community Links (SECL) that sees trained community workers supporting those needing help at Frankston Station and the Young Street precinct. The program, which forms part of Council's Young Street Action Plan, follows a successful pilot at Dandenong Station that has helped hundreds of vulnerable community members who frequent the

station precinct and face complex challenges, including mental health issues, substance abuse, poverty, family violence, and housing insecurity.

State Member for Frankston Paul Edbrooke MP and Councillor Brad Hill praised the team, who have been on the ground since November, for the difference they are already making in helping our most vulnerable and making the Young Street precinct a safer place for everyone.

Metro Trains' CEO Raymond O'Flaherty said, "Safety is at the heart of everything we do, and our experience with the Community Connectors Program at Dandenong proves that it works. Expanding the program to Frankston will mean that safety at the station is improved for our passengers. I want to thank

Frankston City Council for their support in this program."

Mayor Kris Bolam JP says, "While traditional law enforcement approaches have strong visibility and often act as a deterrent to some of the concerns experienced within the precinct, there are many comprehensive underlying factors such as mental health and social disadvantage that require a specialist and empathetic approach."

SECL CEO Peter McNamara said, "People will get the support they need, passengers feel safer and the Frankston railway station will maintain its important role in supporting a thriving, vibrant community."

Make sure to say hello to the Community Connectors if you see them out and about.



## Contact us

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## Customer Service Centres

### Civic Centre

30 Davey Street, Frankston  
Monday to Friday, 8.30am–5pm

### Seaford Customer Service Centre

Seaford Community Centre,  
corner of Station Street and  
Broughton Street, Seaford  
Times vary.

### Langwarrin Customer Service Centre

Shop 6, The Gateway,  
Cranbourne-Frankston Road,  
Langwarrin  
Monday to Thursday, 9am–4pm  
Friday (limited self-service),  
9am–4pm

### Carrum Downs Library and Customer Service Centre

203 Lyrebird Drive, Carrum  
Downs, Times vary.

### Visitor Information Centre

7N Pier Promenade,  
Frankston Waterfront  
Open 6 days, 9am–4pm  
Phone: 1300 322 842

### Hoon driving

1800 333 000 (Crime Stoppers)

### Graffiti removal

1800 66 8247 (1800 NO TAGS)

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## Message from the Mayor

### Strong election advocacy for our community

As you can see from this special edition of Frankston City News, Council is heading into this next federal election determined to act as a strong voice for our community. This is an environment where local governments are increasingly bearing the burden of funding crucial services and infrastructure amid reduced state and federal funding. The drawback of this is that it's more difficult for local governments to fund community infrastructure works and there's a culminative impact on municipal rates given councils are taking on more with less. Simply put, gone are the days of ratepayers 'going it alone' on major infrastructure projects. This is why it is important for Council to remain impartial and politically neutral throughout election cycles as we push local priorities with all candidates equally given the growing changes and opportunities confronting our municipality. We were able to determine our advocacy priorities at the Special Council Meeting held 20 January, only thanks to the direct feedback you provided us about what matters to you. We have also committed matched funding to several community

groups and sporting clubs, but this funding will only come to fruition if these groups can help us to secure funding commitments from candidates. I urge club members to begin reaching out to candidates to make their case. Council also has a statutory and enforcement role during the election period regarding candidates' campaign signage, in terms of placement, size and time limits. You can report any campaign signage you believe breaches local laws and the planning scheme at [frankston.vic.gov.au/ContactUs](https://frankston.vic.gov.au/ContactUs). See the special lift out in this edition for more information about our advocacy priorities this election and how you can get involved.

### Supporting those who need it most

We are all feeling the current cost of living pressures, but these have hit some members of our community harder than others. It is the vulnerable members of our community, those on lower incomes, single income households, those experiencing family violence and other difficult circumstances, who will be the ones to bear the brunt. Council is committed to supporting anyone struggling in our community with

a variety of supports, from financial hardship assistance, homelessness/rough sleeping supports, community outreach programs, community grants, initiatives to ameliorate family violence, emergency relief, mental health support and more. Funding for these supports has formed the basis for our advocacy campaign in the lead up to the federal election. For more information head to [frankston.vic.gov.au/communitysupport](https://frankston.vic.gov.au/communitysupport)

### Meet the Mayor and CEO sessions return

I am pleased to announce the return of our Meet the Mayor and CEO sessions, an initiative I began during my first Mayoral term way back in 2010. The sessions are a unique opportunity to bring your feedback, concerns and questions to me directly; and I welcome the chance to chat directly with residents. If you would like to book a time to chat, you can do so by completing the booking form at [frankston.vic.gov.au/MeetTheMayor](https://frankston.vic.gov.au/MeetTheMayor)



**Kris Bolam JP  
Mayor**

## Message from the CEO

Welcome to this special edition of the Frankston City News. Many residents may be unaware of the vitally important role local government plays for our community in election cycles.

As a part of the lead into this federal election, Council has adopted its advocacy priorities and has been proactively engaging with each identified candidate. This has been to clearly communicate the key projects and priorities that we need their interest and financial support for.

Our top four advocacy priorities for the pending federal election include: \$10 million (or more) towards the Nepean Boulevard

Precinct revitalisation; \$3.3 million towards the Bruce Park Pavilion redevelopment (\$10 million project); \$11.7 million towards a package of shared user path improvements and key financial support for vulnerable community members.

It is crucial that Councils have a mature and well thought out advocacy strategy in place when communicating our key priorities to other levels of government. An advocacy strategy that confirms its priorities after extensive community engagement and investigations. And of course, many of our key priorities cannot be delivered on

our own, without the support of state and federal governments.

I am proud to present this special advocacy lift out, which clearly shows how we are moving full steam ahead to make Frankston a better place for all. I am, as always, incredibly proud of the passion both our staff and Councillors have shown during this advocacy cycle. More information on how you can get involved is outlined in these pages.



**Phil Cantillon  
Chief Executive  
Officer**



# Easy to access resources for our city's most vulnerable

To make it easier for community members to find and access available support services, Frankston City Council has developed and launched a brand-new webpage titled 'Local support for vulnerable residents.'

The primary aim of the webpage is to aid those who are experiencing, or are at risk of experiencing homelessness, hardship, and family violence.

"We know that these issues are complex and often interrelated. Instead of having information about the different support service scattered across our website, we wanted to create a single point that our community can go to when they need help," said Mayor Kris Bolam JP.

Council promises to continue building on the types and variety of support services they provide. "Our goal is to ensure we can continue

meeting our community's diverse and ever evolving needs, now and into the future," said Mayor Bolam.

Scan the QR code to access supports near you.



## Have your say: Play space and pump track at Banyan Reserve

**We're proposing an upgrade to Banyan Reserve, featuring a new play space and BMX pump track to better serve the growing recreational needs of young families in Carrum Downs and Skye and we need your feedback to help us shape the concept designs.**

We want to ensure they meet the needs of our community, both now and in the future. **Join us at Banyan Reserve on Tuesday 18 March from 3–6pm** to share your thoughts with us. And while

you're there, enjoy an ice cream — on us! We'll also be able to chat with you about some other Council projects in the pipeline.

Can't make it? No worries! You can still provide feedback online before 5pm, **Sunday 13 April** at [engage.frankston.vic.gov.au/banyan-reserve](https://engage.frankston.vic.gov.au/banyan-reserve) Your input is crucial to our application for \$1.5 million in funding from the Victorian Government to make this upgrade a reality.

## News in brief

### Rate instalment reminder

A reminder the fourth rates instalment is due by **Sunday 31 May**.

### If you need assistance:

If you are experiencing financial hardship, there are payment plan and other options available to support you.

Please contact Council as early as possible to discuss what options may suit you best. For further information, or to make a payment, please visit [frankston.vic.gov.au/Rates](https://frankston.vic.gov.au/Rates) or phone **1300 322 322**

### Save money on energy bills this summer

As warmer weather continues, many residents are thinking about the cost of staying cool without breaking the bank. If you're having trouble keeping up with energy bills — or want to get ahead of your winter warming costs, you can get help through the Victorian Government's free Energy Assistance Program.

The program can help you to save energy at home, switch to a better energy deal, access eligible energy concessions, manage energy debt and contact your retailer.

Phone **1800 161 215** today to get free one-on-one assistance. Find out more at [energy.vic.gov.au](https://energy.vic.gov.au)

### Government support for oval upgrade

Council has received \$250,000 from the Victorian Government to support delivery of a \$1.35 million upgrade to the Ballam Park East Oval.

The upgrade will improve the oval drainage and surface — particularly during wet weather — making it safer and more stable for users. This is fantastic news for the Karingal Football and Netball Club, and the Long Island Cricket Club, who call the oval home.

The upgrade will complement the onsite \$2.8 million pavilion and netball court upgrade, which was completed in 2018 with a \$300,000 grant from the Australian Government.

## Pet registration renewals

**Frankston cat and dog owners should keep a look out for pet registration renewal notices which will be arriving in mailboxes in March.**

Your pet registration must be renewed each year by 10 April. Your pet registration fee supports making our community pet-friendly for all residents and the 21,000 cats and dogs that call Frankston City home.

Registering your pet is the best way to be quickly reunited with your furry friend if they escape or are found wandering outside of your property. Your pet registration also helps to fund 35 dog free roam areas, dog water fountains and litter bins in parks, programs to support responsible pet ownership and helps us to respond to animal related issues such as dog attacks.

A portion of the fee also helps the state government to provide responsible pet ownership programs to schools and the community.

All cats and dogs over the age of three months that reside within the Frankston City municipality, must be desexed, microchipped and registered with Frankston City Council. Remember your pet must wear their green registration tag when outside of your property. If you have misplaced your pet's registration tag, you can contact Council for a free replacement.





# Kinder and family services under one roof in Frankston South

**Scouts founder Baden Powell would be proud to see the new kindergarten and family services building that bears his name!**

The Frankston South facility, which is part of the Victorian Government's \$14 billion Best Start, Best Life reforms has just welcomed its first three- and four-year-old kindergartners — all keen to check out the amazing new facilities that were informed by community feedback.

Frankston Mayor Cr Kris Bolam and State Member for Frankston Paul Edbrooke MP, joined local families, centre staff and Council staff to celebrate the opening of another new kindergarten for the Frankston City community.

The upgraded Baden Powell Kindergarten now includes:

- Three kindergarten rooms (previously one)
- Increased approved places (previously 28 now 99)
- Beautifully designed and updated outdoor play space
- Allied health consultation room/family support space under the same roof
- Additional room with outdoor space for community use
- Improved parking



From left, Frankston City Mayor Kris Bolam, State Member for Frankston Paul Edbrooke MP and Community Kinders Plus CEO Susan Reade

This is the second facility completed in the past 12 months as part of Council's Building Blocks Partnership Agreement, providing funding from the Victorian Government of up to \$15.45 million to support three projects that provide up to 371 kindergarten places in Frankston City.

Two other expansions are currently underway — Seaford Child, Youth and Family Centre, and Langwarrin Community Centre and Early Years Project — and are due to open in February 2026.

To find out more about our kindergarten expansion program visit [frankston.vic.gov.au](http://frankston.vic.gov.au)

## Celebrating Neighbourhood House Week: 12-18 May

**Neighbourhood House Week takes place across Australia each year in May, celebrating the role of neighbourhood and community houses and centres.**

We believe we have some of the best neighbourhood houses and community centres around! Each of these hubs plays a vital role in building vibrant, strong and resilient communities.

This year's theme, 'Ripples of Change,' highlights the way even small actions can create a ripple effect — spreading kindness, inspiring ideas, driving change, making connections and strengthening communities. We encourage you to join our houses and centres in celebrating the power of small actions that lead to big impacts.

Our houses and centres welcome people of all ages, abilities, genders, cultures and backgrounds and are committed to fostering an inclusive environment where everyone feels respected and empowered to participate fully.

So, come on in for a chat, lend a hand, try a new class and be part of the ripple effect in 2025. Find your local Neighbourhood House or Community Centre [frankston.vic.gov.au/communitycentres](http://frankston.vic.gov.au/communitycentres)



## Have your say on living well and ageing strong in Frankston City

**The Australian Government's Aged Care Reforms are set to come into effect this year and they will change how Council delivers its Community Care services.**

Reforms will begin on 1 July 2025 and aim to create more funding opportunities for private providers and ensure clients have more choice and control over the services they receive.

Ongoing delivery of in-home aged care will be done through the new Support at Home Program (SHP), which will replace all existing federal government funded programs, including the Commonwealth Home Support Programme (CHSP). To prepare, Council is undertaking a comprehensive review of its current Community Care services — including those provided under the CHSP and Home and Community Care Program for Younger People (HACC-PYP) — and we want to hear from you!

For more information visit [engage.frankston.vic.gov.au](http://engage.frankston.vic.gov.au), email [CommunityCareConnect@frankston.vic.gov.au](mailto:CommunityCareConnect@frankston.vic.gov.au) or call 1300 322 322.

A hard copy of the survey can be provided upon request and for additional support to complete the survey, please email our Community Engagement team at [engagement@frankston.vic.gov.au](mailto:engagement@frankston.vic.gov.au)

The engagement process will conclude **Sunday 6 April**. Council will then review the findings and develop a plan based on community feedback and its ability to meet the reform requirements. A decision is expected to be made in mid-2025.



**Cr Kris Bolam JP**

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**Community Connectors a vital support and safety initiative**

I am proud of Council's new partnership with Metro Trains and local community support organisation, South East Community Links, which has delivered mental health and social support practitioners to Frankston's city centre. You may have seen the Community Connectors, who have qualifications in social work, mental health and nursing, around Young Street and station precinct in their purple vests. They are there to not only boost safety in the area, but to ensure that we are providing a new approach to what has been an ongoing issue for residents and visitors alike. While traditional law enforcement approaches have strong visibility and often act as a deterrent to some of the concerns experienced within the precinct, there are many comprehensive underlying factors such as mental health and social disadvantage that require a specialist and empathetic approach.

Compliance and enforcement still have an important role to play, and that's why we have also increased Rapid Response and community laws officer patrols in the broader precinct, to discourage antisocial behaviours. However, the Community Connectors pilot in Dandenong revealed that trained specialist outreach support can have a very positive impact and complements traditional enforcement approaches. To ensure the project's success, Council will be advocating with candidates in the upcoming election for federal funding of \$350,000 per annum over three years (2026–2028) to provide two mental health and social support practitioners.

**Supporting our local shopping hubs**

It has been wonderful to watch some of our local shopping strips get the revitalisation they deserve these past few years, through Council investment in these important local commercial centres. Works are guided by our Local Shopping Strip Action Plan, which shapes the development of the public streetscapes around Frankston City's local shopping strips. The recent completion of our \$242,565 Kareela Shopping Strip upgrade closely follows the \$449,163 Fairway Street Shopping Strip upgrade completion in November and the \$399,652 Excelsior Drive upgrade in previous years. All works are completed in consultation with local businesses and deliver improved footpaths, pedestrian connections, seats and benches, improved parking, greenery and facade improvements, dependent on need. I look forward to the upcoming \$400,000 Mahogany Avenue Shopping Strip upgrade in Frankston North, which will commence in June this year and a \$500,000 investment in improvements at the Railway Parade Shopping Strip in Seaford, expected to be delivered in financial year 2025–2026.

**Cr Michael O'Reilly**

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**Preserving our sporting grounds**

Frankston City boasts over 50 sporting grounds across the municipality, including football and cricket ovals, soccer pitches and baseball grounds, all managed by Council curators and maintenance staff. These teams put a tremendous amount of work into maintaining these important community spaces for locals to make good use of. Our sporting clubs for one could not function without these spaces well maintained and made available to them. Council, together with state and federal governments, also invest millions of dollars each year in the revitalisation of these spaces, and accompanying pavilions, to ensure we are providing the very best facilities for our community. Unfortunately, while most residents do the right thing, we have had a spate of incidents with dogs digging up playing surfaces and causing significant damage. This issue is causing extra work for our maintenance team and affecting regular users. It is important that all exercise responsible pet ownership and always watch our dogs while in public spaces. If you spot a dog causing damage, please report it by calling **1300 322 322** Let's all do our part to keep our ovals in top shape.

To book an oval for your sporting club, community group, school, or for commercial purposes head to **frankston.vic.gov.au/BookASportsReserve**

**Register for free plants before Schools Tree Day**

Each year Frankston City supports kindergartens, pre-schools, primary and secondary schools in our municipality to improve their natural environment by providing free indigenous plants for Schools Tree Day on Friday 25 July. This is a great initiative to enhance the natural environment for increased biodiversity and better outdoor learning opportunities, including more nature play. Kindergartens and pre-schools are eligible for a total of 25 free plants and primary and secondary schools are eligible for a total of 50 free plants. Last year we had an impressive 50 participating schools, with students planting a total of 2,590 indigenous plants!

When you register for your free plants, there is an additional option to apply to become one of two Environmental Ambassador Schools. The two Environmental Ambassador Schools for 2025 will receive 300 plants each, onsite education and assistance with planting on the day. Registrations are now open and close 5pm, Friday 1 May. Head to **frankston.vic.gov.au/SchoolsTreeDay**

**Cr Brad Hill JP**

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**A new shared user path for Towerhill Road**

Locals in Derinya Ward will be safer, with funding we requested for a new shared user path for Towerhill Road given the green light from the federal government — who will contribute \$923,000 towards the project. The project, put forward by Frankston City Council under our Bike Riding Strategy 2024-2039, will upgrade approximately one kilometre of existing footpath between Overport Road and Frankston Flinders Road, a stretch that includes Frankston High School, Overport Primary School, Frankston South Community and Recreation Centre, the Towerhill shopping centre, several sports clubs and community facilities as well as aged care and a childcare centre.

I was pleased to welcome Federal Infrastructure Minister Catherine King, Federal Member for Dunkley Jodie Belyea and Mayor Kris Bolam to make the announcement in February. We will match the federal government contribution with funding from the Victorian Government's Safe Local Roads and Streets Program. No direct cost to ratepayers — as the council contribution will be in kind, being the council staff time and effort to coordinate the works.

Towerhill Road has a high volume of vehicles, cyclist and pedestrian traffic, with more than 2,000 students attending the schools each day and average annual daily traffic of more than 6,000 vehicles.

The project will see the existing footpath upgraded to a wider shared use pathway, enabling vulnerable road users to travel along Towerhill Road separated from vehicle traffic, and reducing conflict for drivers, cyclists and pedestrians.

The project will deliver broad community benefits, not just to students but everyone in the surrounding streets. This is a project that ticks so many boxes. It means safer travel, not just for cyclists, but for families, for mums with prams, and people with walkers and mobility scooters.

Detailed design works on the shared user path will commence in the coming months. Construction is expected to begin in 2026 and take up to nine months to complete.

**Culcairn Shops to Frankston Reservoir Path**

I am also working hard to reverse the 2024 council decision to shelve the Culcairn-Frankston Reservoir path, which unfortunately the council decided to shelve without consulting locals. This path would use the reserve starting near the Culcairn shops, currently dirt and mud, connecting with the reservoir path network, which then provides further connections to the communities in the Rosedale/Humphries Road precincts.





## Cr Cherie Wanat

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### Local community groups creating crucial connections

I'd like to take some time to acknowledge all the organisations, groups and clubs that contribute to our community in such a positive way. Such groups foster an important connection for youth, seniors, singles and families alike. Many of you are volunteers, members, sponsors or participants in some way, contributing to bigger team goals, with outstanding impact that extends far beyond your immediate involvement and location.

At the 29 January Council Meeting, I presented a Councillor Appreciation Award to the Langwarrin Men's Shed, which acknowledged the groups incredible contribution to their local community over almost 10 years. The award was in recognition of the support the Shed provides to residents, particularly around social health and wellbeing. Focusing on men's health, the community group encourages men to participate in group activities and build teamwork, create connections, learn new skills and share life experiences. They have also more recently run women's workshops, which have been very well received. The shed fosters a valuable social network while they complete woodworking projects for schools, churches, childcare centres, community centres and sporting organisations. They also run free computer training programs for those in need. Over the years, participants have also made valuable contributions to the community by way of building critical social networks and encouraging each other to maintain a healthy body and mind.

Having recently visited the Shed I was impressed with the camaraderie and environment that is provided; and genuine care, interest, and participation in the community by helping others, as so many other organisations, clubs and groups do.

I would love to learn more about your groups. Feel free to get in contact, even to arrange a visit so I can see and understand in greater detail what you do.

As your ward councillor, and more broadly as the Chair of the Sports and Recreation Advisory Committee, I congratulate all committee members, presidents, secretaries, parents, participants, teachers, coaches, volunteers and leaders who are amazing contributors and role models in our community. You provide safe and welcoming environments for people to participate in constructive pursuits like sport, recreation and creative skills, as well as opportunities for teamwork and connection. Thank you all for your generous offerings to our community.



## Cr Emily Green

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This month has been incredibly busy for the council! With the federal election coming up, there's been a surge in interest and consultation for us councillors, and we absolutely love the energy it's bringing.

### Frankston Youth Services

In January, I had the pleasure of attending the Frankston Youth Service Community Connection Open Day. It was a fantastic event showcasing the amazing services Frankston offers to support young people. There was something for everyone, including arts and crafts for the little ones and even a dunk tank for a bit of fun!

### Waterfront Festival

How does it keep getting better each year? The vibrant atmosphere, live music, mouth-watering food, and fun activities were the perfect fit for our beautiful city. The Rotary Peninsula's Duck Derby was a hit, as always, and it brought loads of joy to both kids and adults alike.

### Woodleigh School

In February, I had the honour of joining Hastings MP Paul Mercurio, Principal David Baker, and Uncle Josh West to officially open the 'Future Studio' at Woodleigh School. This innovative space is all about using sustainable building practices and enhancing their Year 10 Regenerative Futures Program. It's always inspiring to see new learning environments that push boundaries.

### Frankston District Basketball Association

I also had the privilege of meeting with FDBA President Tim Bower and 2025 Citizen of the Year, CEO Wayne Holdworth. We had a great time shooting hoops, touring the courts, and chatting about the incredible power of sport in our community. A big thanks to Wayne and Tim for such a warm welcome!

### Urban Forest Action Plan

In my first two months as a councillor, I've received some fantastic suggestions from residents on where we can plant more trees in Frankston. To make sure we can meet your tree canopy needs, I've advocated for councillors to have a greater say in both council-owned and private planting locations. If you've got a spot in mind where you'd like to see a tree, don't hesitate to let me know, or you can always use our 'Request a Tree' service.



## Cr Steffie Conroy

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### Support for those experiencing domestic violence

Frankston City has one of the highest reported rates of domestic violence in the South East region, with around five family violence cases recorded each day. In response to the growing issue of domestic violence in our region, I put forward a successful Notice of Motion at the 29 January Council Meeting in support of increased advocacy for family and domestic violence intervention across our city.

In the past four years alone, Council has spent over \$320,000 in support of, and in partnership, with other agencies, to prevent domestic violence in alignment with the Victorian Government. However, clearly more needs to be done to ensure we are improving the safety and wellbeing of vulnerable residents. Following the unanimous passing of my Motion, we will be writing to several key state and federal members seeking federal intervention in areas of Dunkley with pronounced cases of family violence.

### Lyrebird hosts fun family event in March

I am excited to be attending the upcoming Lyrebird Community Centre Community Family Safety event on Friday 28 March, 4–6pm. The event will include our local emergency services, Frankston Community Register, SmackTalk, Paul Sadler Swimland, Ishinryu Karate, Frankston City Council's Safer Communities Engagement Officer and will include plenty of family-friendly activities for the kids to enjoy. This will be a great opportunity to hear more about safety initiatives in your neighbourhood and enjoy some time with your neighbours. I look forward to seeing you all there!

### Engagement closing soon for our Community Care service review

Community Care is a cornerstone Council service, which allows us to connect with and support some of our city's most vulnerable residents. Through Community Care, we offer a range of services including domestic assistance, personal care, respite care, social support outings, home maintenance and modifications, delivered meals and community transport. Due to the Federal Government's Aged Care reforms that are set to come into effect on 1 July 2025, the way Council provides aged care services is set to change. We are seeking feedback on Council's aged and community care services from clients, carers, service providers, community organisations, Council staff and the wider community. You can have your say by visiting [engagefrankston.vic.gov.au](https://engagefrankston.vic.gov.au)

We're also hosting a range of community pop-up events. I will be attending the pop-up at Carrum Downs Shopping Centre on **21 March, 12.30–2.30pm** to hear your feedback on this and other community engagement projects.



**Cr Sue Baker JP**

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### A safe, secure and affordable home for everyone

I hope many of you have had a chance to review and have your say on Council's **Draft Affordable Housing Policy** before community consultation closes. Frankston City, like most of the country, is experiencing an affordable housing shortage as we work to meet the challenges created by population growth and cost-of-living pressures. It is estimated that our area alone will need more than 8,000 additional affordable homes by 2036, to ensure that everyone has access to safe and secure lodgings and the opportunity to build community connections.

A key contributor to the development of this policy was **Frankston City Council's Housing Advisory Committee**, which was formed in 2022 to help monitor, advocate and provide advice to Council on local housing needs.

The committee serves as an important forum for fostering deep discussions about the future of housing across Frankston City and advises Council on the development of housing-related strategies and policies – such as the Draft Affordable Housing Policy.

In the case of the Draft Affordable Housing Policy, the committee was able to contribute to its development by supplying insights and learnings they had cultivated through:

- regular data monitoring and trend analysis
- presentations delivered to them by experts
- site visits to high-quality community housing developments
- their experience engaging with the community, partners and other organisations.

As Housing Advisory Committee Chair, I am proud of what this committee has achieved to date and the contributions they have made to the draft policy. This contribution is a step toward Council's wider objective of being a well-planned and liveable city, and in ensuring Frankston City is a welcoming and affordable place to live for all.

If you missed your chance to have a say on this project, you can sign-up up to be an Engage Frankston member and be notified whenever similar projects pop-up, plus we have a wide range of other projects that are currently open and waiting for your feedback.

Visit [engage.frankston.vic.gov.au](https://engage.frankston.vic.gov.au)

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### Endless possibilities for an exciting new event calendar

Applications have just closed for Council's 2025–2026 Destination Event Attraction Program (DEAP). This flagship event funding program is designed to attract new and exciting events to enliven our city across the year.

Frankston's close proximity to Melbourne, along with its rich cultural and natural assets, make it a prime location for hosting destination events; and by offering financial and in-kind support to event organisers Frankston is able to attract not only high-profile and top quality events, but also ensure the events deliver remarkable visitor experiences, local community and engagement and build upon the City's positioning as a creative destination.

The Destination Event Attraction Program isn't just about supporting incredible events, it's also about economic growth, creating jobs, and making sure the benefits of audience attraction and visitation are felt right here in Frankston.

In this current season, DEAP supported four standout events: End of the Line Frankston (part of the Victorian Government's Always Live program), The Carlsberg Beach Club, the Australian Sand Sculpting Championships, and the Frankston Swim Classic at the Waterfront Festival. Together, these events are expected to inject \$3.1 million into the local economy.

Strategic event support like the DEAP allows us to continue driving economic prosperity through visitation and local partnerships, with Frankston fast establishing itself as a bold and forward-thinking event destination. The program supports events across three tiers, from major commercial attractions to key community celebrations. It's all about backing organisers who can deliver events that showcase our city's lifestyle, embrace our creative arts scene, and bring economic and branding benefits to the area. I can't wait to see how this latest funding round will revitalise our already dynamic event calendar in the coming 12 months.

### Upgrade underway for Heysen Reserve play space

Work has now begun on an exciting new play space upgrade for the kids of Wilton Ward (and anyone else who would like to join in the fun of course!) at Heysen Reserve, Skye. Improvements include an accessible carousel, round trampoline, shade sail, combination play units, birds nest swing and double swing, landscaping, picnic table and bench seats. We expect the new play space will be ready for local families to enjoy by July — in the meantime you can head to nearby play areas at Lady Emily Reserve and John Monash Reserve. Thank you to everyone who helped to shape this new play space with your feedback in February and March.

**Cr Nathan Butler**

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### An 'eventful' summer for Frankston City

One of my and my family's favourite ways to enjoy our city is to attend a local event — big or small. Luckily for us we have no shortage to choose from, with a vibrant almost year-round event calendar made readily available to us in Frankston City. The way our events calendar grows and evolves each year is a testament to the hard work and innovation of Council officers, as they deliver a consistent calendar of the events we have all come to know and love but with a new twist, as well as brand new attractions.

This year's Waterfront Festival was a great example of this, instantly recognisable as the marquee event enjoyed by thousands annually, but instead of our usual Saturday and Sunday schedule, we kicked things off with a Friday night celebration of talented musicians, followed by the usual day time fun on the Saturday finishing the event with headline act Pierce Brothers and our city's most popular fireworks display. The new format, the elevated music line-up and range of free activities was certainly popular, with over 40,000 people flocking to the event, 10,000 more than the previous year.

Likewise, Frankston-firsts like the Carlsberg Beach Club proved to be an overwhelming success. This unique beach dining experience is drawing people from across greater Melbourne to our city every Friday to Sunday to enjoy a few drinks with friends right on our beautiful Frankston Foreshore. It's free to enter; however the bookable sunbed experience have been so popular they are generally booked out two to three weeks in advance.

Events like South Side Festival have also been hugely successful in recent years, with community participation growing an incredible 87 per cent in just two years. Keep an eye out for this event returning in May.

While we have just wrapped up our Street Art Festival and Block Party, now is the time to book into the city's national award-winning Street Art Walking Tours, the perfect way to take in all the vibrant and amazing artworks, as well as many of those from previous festivals. There is still plenty more to come of course, including the popular Party in the Park at Cruden Farm and the Australian Sand Sculpting Championships. Sand sculpting is making a triumphant return to Frankston after a six-year hiatus — tickets are on-sale now and it's a great school holiday activity for families. Events are not only good for local pride but help to attract millions for our economy and give us the opportunity to showcase the very best our city has to offer. Find more event information at [imaginefrankston.com.au](https://imaginefrankston.com.au)





Sandstorm Events presents  
**Australian Sand Sculpting Championship 2025**

*the*  
**villains**  
*of Storytime*

5th - 27th April 2025

**Frankston Waterfront - Open Daily from 10am - 5pm**

The sand is returning to its home on the Frankston Waterfront this April – when Australia’s best sand sculptors compete for the titles of Australian Champion and Doubles Champions. McCombs Reserve will transform into a battleground of sand where iconic literary villains will be carved into life sized sculptures – you can watch on the opening weekend as the sand artists bring these baddies to life and cast your vote for your favourite!

A full range of family fun activities including sand art, sand bottles, workshops, mini golf, speed carving, a Food Truck Park and more – accompany the viewing of these sandsational sculptures.

For further information or to pre purchase tickets – visit [sandstormevents.com](https://sandstormevents.com)





**Free Entry**

**PARTY  
 IN THE  
 PARK**

Sunday 13 April  
 10am–2pm  
 Cruden Farm  
 Langwarrin



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 @imaginefrankston



# SOUTH SIDE FESTIVAL

## FRANKSTON

8 - 18 MAY 2025  
[southsidefestival.com.au](https://southsidefestival.com.au)



INSTALLATIONS | LIVE MUSIC | VISUAL ARTS | IMMERSIVE EXPERIENCES | DANCE | COMEDY | THEATRE

Photo by Pedro Greig featuring dancers from Sydney Dance Company in momenta, Ngaere Jenkins (left) and Tayla Gartner (right)







# Frankston City Libraries

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## FrankTALK: Dave Warner

**Tuesday 1 April, 6pm**  
**Frankston Library**

We will be joined in February and March by some wonderful authors!

Award-winning author, musician and screenwriter Dave Warner is bringing his latest novel, *When it Rains*, to Frankston Library. This event will feature live music by guitarist Tony Durant, whose performance is inspired by Warner's writing. The collaboration of literature and live music promises to create a unique experience for attendees – a night not to be missed!



## FrankTALK: Jane Caro

**Monday 7 April, 1pm**  
**Frankston Library**

Jane Caro AM is a Walkley award-winning Australian columnist, author, novelist, feminist, public education activist and social commentator.

She has published 13 books, including the bestselling novel *The Mother*.

*Lyrebird* is her second novel for adults and she will be joining us in conversations to chat about her latest release.



## FrankTALK: Julie Kay

**Thursday 10 April, 6.30pm**  
**Frankston Library**

We are happy to welcome local author Julie Kay as we celebrate the release of her third novel *River Bend*. For lovers of rural romance and quirky characters with a bit of mystery for good measure.



## South Side Festival: Jaclyn Crupi; Grow Food, Improve Soil, Save Seeds

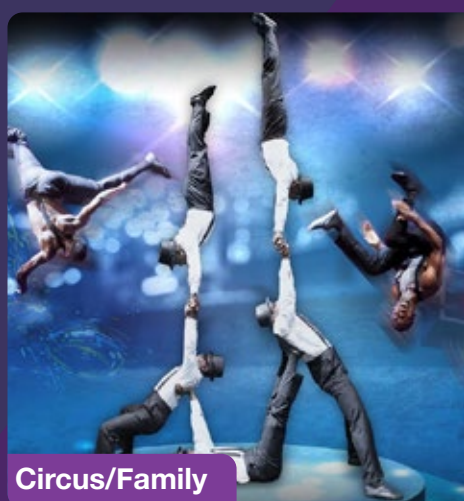
**Sunday 18 May, 11am**  
**Frankston Library**

Learn all about productive gardening from local gardener and author Jaclyn Crupi.

Find out about soil improvement, making liquid fertilisers, creating a hot compost system, making seed tape, overwintering summer vegetables, setting up a simple greenhouse, caring for garden tools and preserving some winter fruit and vegetables. Learn important seed knowledge so you too can have a large seed bank to use.

# FRANKSTON ARTS CENTRE

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## The Black Blues Brothers

**Monday 14 April, 7.30pm**

A blend of contemporary circus and musical comedy, this is a must-see international show, with numerous sold-out performances.

Circus/Family



Family

## Madagascar the Musical

**Tuesday 15 and  
Thursday 17 April**



Comedy

**Melbourne International  
Comedy Festival Roadshow**  
**Sunday 27 April 7.30pm**



## Sydney Dance Company: *momenta*

**Saturday 10 May, 7.30pm**

Sydney Dance Company explodes onto the Arts Centre stage in Rafael Bonachela's *momenta*.

Dance



Music

## The TEN Tenors: 30th Anniversary World Tour

**Tuesday 20 May,**  
**2pm and 7pm**



Music

## Daytime Music + Theatre: Frankly Sinatra

**Friday 30 May,**  
**10.30am and 1.30pm**





## Builders & Trades Conference — with Keith from *The Block*

Take your construction business to the next level on Friday 4 April for a full day of insightful sessions, networking, and two interactive Q&A panels at the stunning McClelland Sculpture Park and Gallery.

Whether you are a sole trader or you have a team, this is your chance to connect with industry experts, such as Keith from *Nine Network's The Block*, gain valuable knowledge, and tackle the challenges you face in today's competitive market. It's a one-of-a-kind FREE event designed specifically for builders and trades business owners — don't miss it!

Limited spaces available. Register now!



## Grants update

In February, Frankston City Council's Economic Development team ran not one, but two, successful grant programs; the Façade Improvement Grants and the very popular B2B Grants.

The Façade Improvement Grants offered eligible Frankston City businesses grants between \$5,000 to \$15,000 (total funding pool of \$100,000) to refresh the look of the front of their commercial business to help attract customers and improve street appeal. Thank you to all businesses that applied for a grant.

We received 59 Stage 1 submissions and are currently assessing the applications with successful applicants being notified in May. The B2B (Business to Business) grants offered 100 businesses located in Frankston City a \$1,000 reimbursement grant to purchase products or services from another local business such as for marketing, new equipment, photography or facade improvements.

The grants are designed to stimulate the local economy by encouraging increased local B2B engagement and awareness. A pool of \$100,000 was available. You can find out which businesses were successful at [frankston.vic.gov.au/businessgrants](http://frankston.vic.gov.au/businessgrants).



## Business concierge and FREE business mentoring

Our Business Concierge Program is a free service to help guide you as you start or grow your business.

We know that navigating through all the requirements can be difficult and businesses may need one or more permits to start operating. The Business Concierge can help with providing information to help open or expand your business, understanding which permits you will need, completing and submitting these applications, connecting you to a business mentor or offering advice on other aspects of running your business.

Our FREE Business Mentor Program offers all Frankston City businesses (commercial or home-based) two free one-hour consultations with an industry expert who can help you create or refresh your business plan, get your finances in order or provide you with other advice such as marketing, digital or web design.

Get started today [frankston.vic.gov.au/Business](http://frankston.vic.gov.au/Business)

## Update your business details

Council is using a new platform connected to the Australian Business Register (ABR) to send out our Business eNewsletter.

This new method ensures we are reaching as many businesses as possible with important business information. To do this effectively, we need all Frankston City businesses to ensure their details on the ABR

are up to date such as address and ANZIC code. Once you've checked your details are correct, help us spread the word by reminding your fellow business owner friends to do the same, so they don't miss out on important information from local, state and federal governments and opportunities to help their business grow. Visit [abr.gov.au](http://abr.gov.au)



## Celebrate the Frankston City Indigenous Nursery Open Day

**Saturday 5 April,  
9am–1pm**

**Frankston Indigenous  
Nursery: 7 McMannis Way  
(off McCulloch Avenue)  
Seaford**

Join the celebrations at the Frankston City Indigenous Nursery's annual Open Day — just in time for the 2025 planting season! The nursery will be fully stocked with a fantastic range of indigenous and native plants, ready to find new homes. Come and see guest speaker Philip Johnson, a well-known

landscape architect who champions sustainable design, using native plants in the landscape for biodiversity, and water management. Enjoy a fun-filled day with plant sales and giveaways, nursery and propagation tours, and a classic sausage sizzle. Chat with local environmental groups, wildlife carers, and educators who will share insights on Frankston's natural reserves, local wildlife and volunteer opportunities. Learn about plant selection and how to grow strong, healthy trees with guidance from Council's arborist. This is a great chance to pick up well-priced, high-quality indigenous plants and support local biodiversity.

### Insects: essential for biodiversity

**Thursday 3 April, 6.30–7.30pm**

Join us for a fascinating online event exploring the vital role insects play in maintaining biodiversity. Discover how these tiny creatures contribute to our ecosystem in ways you never imagined! From pollination to decomposition, insects are crucial for the balance of nature.

Don't miss this opportunity to learn more about these unsung heroes of the animal kingdom. Scan the QR and register now to be a part of this eye-opening experience.



### Autumn School Holiday Ranger Program Wednesday 16 April

**Join us at Sweetwater Creek  
for our upcoming School  
Holiday Ranger Program!**

Explore native bushland along the creek to learn more about our native flora and fauna, the value of biodiversity conservation, how to help care for our natural reserves and keep them clean. There are three sessions run in a day: up to 7-year-olds at 10am, 8–12-year-olds at 11.30am and a mixed age group up to 17 years at 1pm.



All sessions are 1 hour. Adult attendance is required. Spaces are limited to 15 participants per session and must be booked in advance.

Scan the QR code to book.



### Action Sweetwater Creek a finalist in Volunteering Victoria Awards

**Congratulations to  
Action Sweetwater  
Creek who were a  
finalist in the grassroots  
volunteering category at  
the Volunteering Victoria  
Awards last month, and  
the only environmental  
group represented across  
the State.**

Nominated for their commitment, impact, and importance as a grassroots organisation in Frankston City this community-led organisation has supported the restoration of the creek and natural environment for the past 50 years. This award was open to organisations that are entirely volunteer led and operated, with a turnover of less than \$50,000 a year. Membership to Action Sweetwater Creek is open to anyone interested in the preservation of indigenous nature reserves. To find out more visit their website [sweetwatercreek.org.au](http://sweetwatercreek.org.au)



### FREE native plant

Present this voucher at the Frankston Indigenous Nursery to collect your **FREE indigenous tree\***

**Offer available until nursery closes  
in late 2025**

**Frankston Indigenous Nursery  
7 McMannis Way, Seaford**

For more information, phone **9768 1513**  
or visit [frankston.vic.gov.au/  
FrankstonIndigenousNursery](http://frankston.vic.gov.au/FrankstonIndigenousNursery)

\*One tubestock plant per household, while stocks last





## Club bowled over by exciting upgrades

**Carrum Bowling Club at Seaford is now home to a range of exciting new upgrades, providing even more reasons for locals to enjoy the sport and the beautiful surroundings.**

As one of Frankston City's oldest and most cherished sports clubs, Carrum Bowling Club, which first opened its doors in 1924, has long been a favourite for bowling enthusiasts.

Situated at the stunning Keast Park with breathtaking views of Port Phillip Bay, the club recently celebrated the project with Frankston City Deputy Mayor Cr Steffie Conroy and Member for Carrum, the Hon Sonya Kilkenny MP.

The completed upgrades include:

- **Replacement of the east green playing surface:** The club now boasts two first-class greens, ensuring a high-quality experience for members, visitors, and local schools that rely on the facility for their sports programs.

- **New shade sails:** Strategically placed on the eastern and western sides of the greens, as well as between the two greens, the shade sails help to reduce wear and tear on the surfaces and create a more comfortable setting for social games.

- **Acoustic panels in the function room:** The new acoustic treatment in the function room ensures improved sound quality, allowing the club to better promote this versatile space for event hire and community gatherings.

Thanks to a \$300,000 investment from the Victorian Government's Community Sport and Recreation Grant Program, the upgrades have been successfully completed by Council and are already being enjoyed by members and visitors alike.

For more information about the club, visit [carrumbowlingclub.org.au](http://carrumbowlingclub.org.au)

## Serving up an ace for Belvedere Park Tennis Club!

The Australian Open might be over but there's always time for tennis at Seaford now that Belvedere Park Tennis Club has lights on five of its nine courts.

The LED lighting upgrade was completed thanks to a \$130,000 grant from the Victorian Government's Local Sports Infrastructure Fund – Community Sports Lighting Scheme, which was matched by Council with another \$130,000.

Club members celebrated the upgrade in February with Cr Sue Baker and Member for Carrum, the Hon Sonya Kilkenny MP. The upgrade means the club has been able to extend the use of the courts and offer night tennis opportunities.

This project was identified in Council's Frankston City Tennis Action Plan, which provides recommendations to ensure a sustainable balance of tennis facilities within the municipality.

The Belvedere Park Tennis Club is a member-based community club and has been operating for almost 60 years. Find out more, visit [play.tennis.com.au/belvedereparktennisclub](http://play.tennis.com.au/belvedereparktennisclub)



## April school holiday adventures for the whole family

Looking for ways to get the whole family moving and active these April school holidays? Frankston has plenty of action-packed activities to keep kids, and the big kids at heart, active and entertained.

One must-visit destination is PARC's Splash Island, a giant floating inflatable obstacle course! This exciting water adventure is the ultimate test of agility and balance. Climb and slide your way around Splash Island and make a splash with the family at PARC. Bookings are \$6.50 per person (in addition to pool entry) and open 3 days prior to each session. Check the website for days and times.

For those who prefer wheels over water, head to Frankston Skate Park for free skateboarding clinics, running daily throughout the April School Holidays. Whether you or your children are just starting out or looking to sharpen your skills, these sessions are a great way to



build confidence, learn new tricks, and be outside together. Check the website for days and times.

From swimming to skating, there's no shortage of ways to stay active in Frankston this April, so grab the family and make these school holidays full of fun and movement. Learn more and book in via the Peninsula Leisure website [peninsulaleisure.com.au](http://peninsulaleisure.com.au)