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## Young Street renewal

### Council adopts major Action Plan

In a major milestone for the ongoing revitalisation of Frankston’s city centre, Councillors at the 12 August Council Meeting voted to implement a long-term, transformational action plan for one of our key CBD entry points, Young Street.

Councillors voted to adopt the Young Street Action Plan at the 12 August Council Meeting, noting it followed extensive community feedback.

Mayor Nathan Conroy said over recent years, there has been

growing demand from community, businesses and stakeholders to improve Young Street for locals and visitors.

“It is the central location in our city, and it’s clear the community wants a more vibrant, thriving Young Street – a better presented, safer place with improved shopping and dining options – a place where people want to spend time,” he said.

“The Young Street Action Plan recognises the changes that are underway and identifies a number of actions that tackle immediate

and long-term challenges within the key city centre precinct.”

The Action Plan outlines initiatives across six key pillars including working with businesses, safety in the community, street presentation, development and activation, city connectivity and space and community health and wellbeing.

Central to the plan is working with businesses and community service providers to understand their needs.

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Young Street will be revitalised thanks to Council’s adoption of the Young Street Action Plan.



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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.

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Shop 6, The Gateway,  
Cranbourne-Frankston Road,  
Langwarrin  
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9am–4pm

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

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## Mayor's message

### ***Young Street Action Plan is a major step forward***

If there's one thing I love about being Mayor of our wonderful Frankston City, it's getting out and connecting with residents and ratepayers, listening and importantly, acting on concerns and issues.

For some time, you've been telling us that one of our key entry points – Young Street – can be improved. Through surveys, consultation and numerous face to face chats, you couldn't be clearer about the need for action.

In developing our Young Street Action Plan, Council has reviewed community feedback on Young Street, including 793 comments received through the recent 2024 Community Vision Refresh. Key areas of concern include activation, greening and vegetation, presentation, traffic and parking, economic development and importantly, community safety.

We're already making progress with recent Council initiatives including increased Rapid Response Team patrols targeting antisocial behaviours such as drugs, alcohol and smoking, our Economic Development Team's Vacant Shop Program and our proactive clean-up and presentation improvements. But the Action Plan is another huge step forward.

At Council's August 12 Meeting, Councillors enthusiastically endorsed the Action Plan, which features initiatives based on six key pillars: working with businesses, safety in the community, street presentation, development and activation, city connectivity and space and community health and wellbeing.

As I stressed at the Council Meeting, this is an Action Plan based on a long-term solution and not a quick fix. That's why we're meeting regularly with key people including the State Government regarding joint initiatives for

the precinct. We're also in discussions with Metro Trains about the provision of a community outreach service at Frankston Station, and an enhanced Protective Service Officer presence across the day when their presence can be most effective. Council will be updated regularly as concepts are further explored. Stay tuned for more details.

Make no mistake, the adoption of the Young Street Action Plan is a significant milestone for the ongoing renewal of Frankston's city centre – a transformational action plan for one of our key CBD entry points, Young Street. Bring it on!

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**Nathan Conroy**  
Mayor

## Message from the CEO

### ***Delivering on a big agenda***

This is our final edition of Frankston City News for the Council term.

It presents the opportunity to reflect on how successful our Council has been working to deliver on its big agenda of key strategies, initiatives, priorities and major projects.

Firstly, Frankston is undergoing a stunning transformation marked by exceptional growth and change – you can see it, feel it and experience it. Crucially, we're working tirelessly to position Frankston for a vibrant and prosperous future, boasting a home for everyone, with connectivity, employment, healthcare, education and an authentic sense of community.

We've consolidated our visitor attraction and economic development campaigns under a single, banner Imagine Frankston to reflect, capture and promote this exhilarating spirit. We're

incredibly excited that our planned new basketball and gymnastics stadium for Bardia Ave, Seaford, is moving closer with the Federal and State Governments signing off on funding agreements, committing support for the project alongside Council. Construction is anticipated to start in mid-2025 so watch this space.

Work is also well advanced on the Kananook Commuter Car Park, which will see over 300 commuter car spaces delivered on Council-owned land in 2024. Among the positives to commuters in the Frankston City and Mornington Peninsula regions, this vital project creates 111 jobs providing over \$8.9 million in wages and salaries, delivering \$53.4 million in economic output while boosting the local economy by \$17.2 million.

The Frankston Metropolitan Activity Centre (FMAC) Structure Plan is providing increasing certainty to developers, investors and the community. After years of talk, we're getting on with it and during July, an independent Planning

Panel heard from Council, the community, submitters and developers about their views on the future of our City Centre. This critical plan outlines a framework to guide development within the FMAC over the next 20 years and provides a clear direction on land use, housing, built form, employment, streetscapes, open spaces, movement, and transport. FMAC is an important project and will provide major economic, social and environmental benefits for the community.

While as a Council we have an impressive big agenda, working as an organisation collaboratively with the community and all levels of government, we're constantly striving to achieve the best outcomes for our ratepayers and residents.



**Phil Cantillon**  
Chief Executive Officer

## Frankston version of iconic board game launched



Mayor Nathan Conroy and Mr Monopoly launch the Frankston Monopoly Board.

**Frankston has always been firmly on the map, now we're well and truly on the Board!**

Mayor Nathan Conroy joined Mr Monopoly, excited residents, Cr David Asker and representatives from Winning Moves – the company behind the Monopoly: Frankston Edition, under license from Hasbro, a leading toy and game company – to launch the Frankston Monopoly Board.

Noting Frankston is only the fourth location in Victoria to have the privilege of being immortalised and celebrated with its own Monopoly Board, Mayor Conroy said: "This is an awesome vote of confidence in Frankston City!

"We are the capital of the South-East, a growing, flourishing City, a designated Metropolitan Activity Centre, experiencing unprecedented change and growth, more and more visitors, businesses, new residents, experiencing fantastic popularity," he said.

## News Briefs

### Rates payments due dates

- 1st Instalment: due by 30 September 2024.
- 2nd instalment: due by 30 November 2024.
- 3rd instalment: due by 28 February 2025.
- 4th instalment: due by 31 May 2025.

If you are experiencing difficulty in meeting your payment commitments, please contact Council as early as possible to discuss the support options available. For more information, visit Council's website or phone 1300 322 322.

### Diverting landfill to energy source

Frankston City Council has joined eight other councils in Melbourne's south-east to divert household waste away from landfill and use it to create a valuable energy source. At least 95 per cent less waste that would have gone to landfill will be transferred to an advanced waste processing facility in Maryvale in Victoria's Latrobe Valley, where it will be used to power local industry. The 25-year contract will take pressure off Melbourne's dwindling land-fill capacity, while providing cost certainty and waste processing security for councils.

### Honouring our finest citizens

The Frankston Citizen of the Year Awards is an opportunity to recognise individuals and groups that have made an outstanding contribution to the Frankston City community over the past year, and/or have given exceptional service over a number of years. Categories include Citizen of the Year (26 years and over), Young Citizen of the Year (under 26 years) and Community Group of the Year. Nominations close 24 November 2024. For more information, visit Council's website.

### Biodiversity at Kananook Creek

Book into our School Holiday Ranger Program for Spring to learn more about our native flora and fauna and the value of biodiversity conservation at Kananook Creek. Discover the diversity of wildlife in this beautiful habitat on Wednesday, 2 October. There are three sessions run in a day for up to 7-year-olds (with an adult) at 10am, 8–12-year-olds at 11.30am (with an adult) and a mixed group (0-17 years with an adult) at 1pm. All sessions are 1 hour. Spaces are limited to 15 participants per session and must be booked in advance. Book online at: [frankston.vic.gov.au](http://frankston.vic.gov.au)

## Frankston City community satisfaction outperforms metro average

**Community satisfaction with Frankston City Council remains at historical highs, with residents rating Council's performance over the last 12 months at 7.1 out of 10 in its independently managed annual community satisfaction survey.**

The measure, based on face-to-face interviews with 800 residents across the municipality, shows that overall satisfaction with Frankston City's performance increased from 7.0 in 2023, and outscored the average both for Councils in Melbourne's south-east (6.9 out of 10) and metropolitan Melbourne overall (7.0 out of 10).

Mayor Nathan Conroy said: "Despite the difficult economic environment and increased community needs, we've maintained the high levels of service delivery our resident expects and rely upon.

"These results, together with those of the previous three years, demonstrate our commitment to listen to our community, and respond with the high quality services in the areas that matter to them most."

Services with the highest level of satisfaction include libraries with 8.8 out of 10 (compared with the average for metropolitan councils of 8.2), rubbish collection 8.8 (8.2), recycling collection 8.8 (8.2), sports ovals 8.6 (7.9), children's services 8.3 (7.6) and aquatic and recreation centres 8.3 (7.7).

Frankston City Council CEO Phil Cantillon

said the survey not only provided insights into those services the community is satisfied with, however, also shows areas where Council can make improvements.

"This is another strong set of results for our city and our team can be incredibly proud of what we have achieved, but it also provides direction on where we must focus our efforts in the year ahead," he said.

"Safety, housing and planning and development remain issues of concern for our community, along with roads maintenance, and these are areas of particular focus for teams going forward."

Council has already undertaken a range of new public safety initiatives, including increased Rapid Response team patrols in the Frankston CBD, and a 20 per cent boost to CCTV coverage.

In the 24/25 budget, Council set aside almost \$6m for roads maintenance (compared with \$5.4 million in the previous year) and \$3 million on community safety programs maintenance (compared with \$2.3 million in the previous year).

Council has also delivered a range of enhancements to its planning processes, streamlining application timeframes and removing the need for paper-based forms.

The survey was undertaken by Metropolis Research as part of an annual survey cycle mandated by State Government.

## Council adopts Young Street Action Plan

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Council is already implementing initiatives that aim to transform the visitor experience along Young Street. These include:



- ▶ Increased Rapid Response Team patrols, enforcing a range of Local Laws that aim to deter antisocial behaviours such as smoking, vaping and public consumption of alcohol.
- ▶ A newly established City Presentation Team, focused on enhancing the look and feel of Young Street through daily footpath and street sweeping, graffiti removal and litter collection along the 500 metre Young Street Precinct.
- ▶ Increased planting at roundabouts and in planter boxes across the precinct and more seating options for city centre visitors.
- ▶ Development Activation Plan to assist or support appropriate planning applications.

Perhaps most significantly, Council is collaborating on the introduction of a new community safety outreach initiative within the Frankston Station and Young Street precinct. More information on this proposed initiative will be provided in the coming weeks.

Mayor Conroy said: "Over 2,000 visitors pass through Frankston Station and into Young Street. It is one of the major entries into our city centre, every day.

"As you come out of Frankston train station, we want to see a vibrant, safe and thriving street full of housing and business choice."

To accelerate delivery of the initiatives in the plan identified as priorities by the community, Council is utilising existing budget with minimal impact to other local initiatives. The plan will be updated as initiatives are introduced and completed and Council will receive regular updates on progress.

To download a copy of the Young Street Action Plan visit [www.frankston.vic.gov.au/youngstreet](http://www.frankston.vic.gov.au/youngstreet)

## Griffiths family honoured for Whistlestop Reserve upgrade



Cr Kris Bolam, Belinda and Joan Griffiths, Alison Hoelzer, Sarah Griffiths and Mayor Nathan Conroy.

### Members of the Griffiths family have been honoured for their valuable contribution to the Whistlestop Reserve upgrade.

North-West Ward Cr Kris Bolam presented family members with a Certificate of Appreciation to acknowledge their support and generosity to Council for a new design for the Whistlestop Reserve.

Cr Bolam said: "This has included historic information and artwork developed into the design from the former Whistlestop Amusement Park."

He noted the amusement park was owned and created by the late Jack Griffiths with son Trevor (dec) also working at the venue.

Joan Griffiths (Trevor's wife and Whistlestop employee), along with Alison Hoelzer, Sarah Griffiths and Belinda Griffiths (Jack's granddaughters), were presented with the Certificate at Council's 12 August meeting.

The Whistlestop Amusement Park was located in Frankston in the early 1960s and operated for about 10 years. Jack Griffiths purchased 38ha of bush in Skye Rd in 1950 and in 1966 the amusement park opened for business.

It featured a train, go karts, merry go round, chairlift, picnic grounds and pedal boats on a large lake with an island.

Council's upgrade of the reserve includes panels with artwork outlining the amusement park story along with a replica of the train and other art pieces.

Cr Bolam said: "The Griffiths family have been fantastic in providing historical information to Council so the designs could be developed and also donated a large hammer to be used on the art piece on the corner of Skye Road. The current upgrade design wouldn't have been possible without the assistance and generosity of the family."

Belinda Griffiths said she was delighted to receive the Award on behalf of the family, adding that Jack would have been "stoked" to see Whistlestop being honoured and recognised.

"We are thrilled to know Whistlestop Reserve will provide the opportunity for people to come together and be outside with family and friends," she said.

## Public food and health business register

### Frankston City residents can now make more informed food and health-related purchases, following the launch of a new public database of businesses registered with Council.

Council's new Food and Health Business Register enables the public to check whether businesses near them are registered with Council and subject to appropriate health and safety checks, including routine inspections.

All food and health businesses in Frankston City are required to be registered with Council and are subject to regular monitoring by the Council's Environmental Health Officers.

Not only does this help business owners mitigate risks, such as allergen controls, food poisoning prevention and in the case of health businesses, infection control, but also ensures their continued compliance with legislation, regulations and the Food Standards Code.



To check if a business is registered with council, scan the QR code or visit:

[frankston.vic.gov.au/Business-and-Growth/Starting-or-growing-your-business/Business-permits-and-regulations/Food-businesses/Food-and-Health-Business-Register](http://frankston.vic.gov.au/Business-and-Growth/Starting-or-growing-your-business/Business-permits-and-regulations/Food-businesses/Food-and-Health-Business-Register)

## Next edition of Frankston City News

With Council elections scheduled for 26 October, there will be no Frankston City News distributed until later this year due to the pre-election Caretaker period.

# Be part of the transformation at Frankston City Council

## There's never been a better time to become a Councillor at Frankston City Council.

Council CEO Phil Cantillon said Frankston is emerging as a major business and lifestyle hub within Melbourne, adding: "Our city is growing rapidly and with that growth comes a unique and historic opportunity for those who serve on the council."

Mr Cantillon said potential councillors have the chance to shape Frankston into a city that future generations will be proud of.

"Councillors at Frankston City are driving some of the most ambitious city-scale planning projects in the state.

"Our Frankston Metropolitan Activity Centre Structure Plan, currently with the Victorian Government, is just one example of the transformative programs going on across our city.

"Councillors are also working on innovative strategies and projects in such areas as housing, early years education, youth services and economic development, helping to create opportunities for our community now and into the future."

He noted that Frankston City Council also enjoys strong relationships with all levels of government, adding: "Our advocacy program has been highly successful, securing millions of dollars to help create new services and facilities for our community. This funding has enabled us to deliver large-scale capital works across our municipality, while piloting innovative new community programs."

Mr Cantillon said Frankston City Councillors are supported by a highly skilled office enabling them to work closely with both the community and officers, providing the resources and assistance necessary to make a positive impact.

"Serving on the Frankston City Council is about being part of a transformative journey and building a future for a city that ready to reach its full potential," he said.

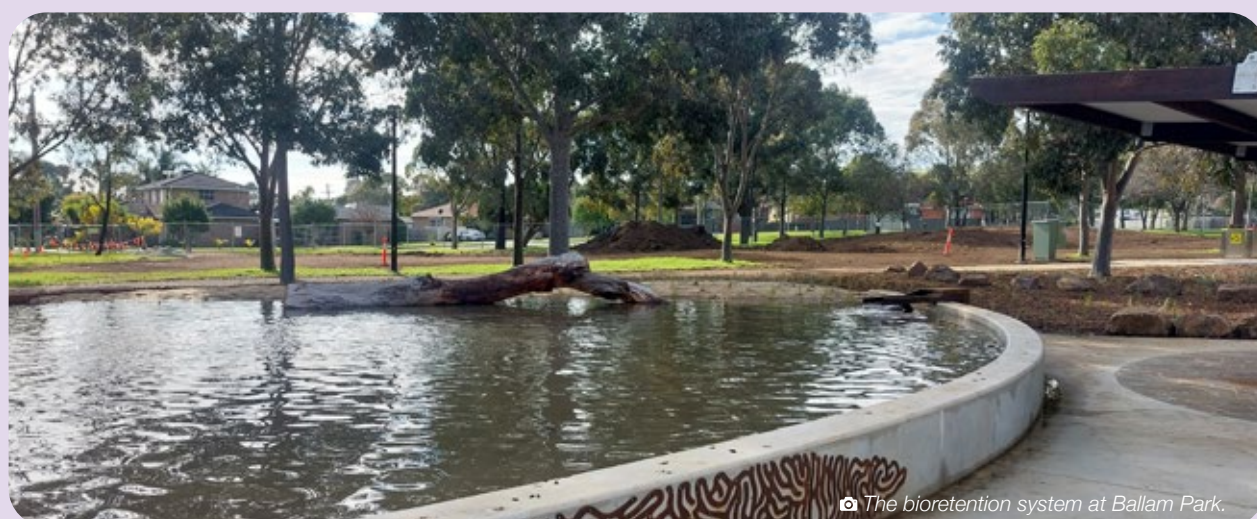
The next council election will be held on October 26. The elections will be managed by the Victorian Electoral Commission, with all voting done by post.

Nominations to stand for election will open on Monday 9 September and close Tuesday 17 September.



For more information, scan the QR code or visit:

[frankston.vic.gov.au/Council/Governance-and-transparency/Governance/Council-Elections-2024](https://frankston.vic.gov.au/Council/Governance-and-transparency/Governance/Council-Elections-2024)



The bioretention system at Ballam Park.

## Ballam Park's newest attractions!

**There's always something to do and see at Ballam Park and in the coming weeks we're adding to the attractions for locals and visitors.**

Work is almost complete on the new bioretention system, lake and public amenities including jetty, public art, landscaping, seating, picnic shelter and BBQ area at the northern end of the park.

This means not only are we naturally filtering stormwater (using plants and aeration) before it gets to Port Phillip Bay, we're also providing new passive recreational opportunities. The lake is expected to be open to the public by mid-October.

North-West Ward Cr Kris Bolam said he was excited to see the project come to fruition.

"The idea for this started in 2021 through a feasibility study with Melbourne Water as part of our Integrated Water Management Plan, and it grew from there," he said.

"The fact that we'll be removing thousands of kilograms of contaminants from stormwater each year before it reaches the ocean is

something we're proud of at Council and is a wonderful legacy for future generations."

At the other end of the park, families and children are also enjoying the new additions to the play space. The new features include sway bridge with overhead ropes, large basket swing, balance beams, cubby house, leaf-design bridge with stones inside as a tactile experience, climbing rocks and junior slide.

To make play time even more engaging, the play area features a range of materials, including recycled bridge timber, steel, and river rocks. These complement the play space upgrade completed in December 2022 and the adjoining 'Ballam Bumps' play area for older children.

The lake and bioretention system are funded by Council through the Victorian Government's Community Infrastructure Loan Scheme and Melbourne Water. The play space upgrade is funded by Council through the Victorian Government's Community Infrastructure Loan Scheme.

## Biodiversity Blitz

**Frankston City Council is once again partnering with our neighbouring councils to celebrate Biodiversity Month by holding the Biodiversity Blitz 2024!**

In September we will be running a competition between local councils on who can record the most species using the iNaturalist platform.

Participating is easy. Join this project from 1 - 30 September 2024 and head outdoors to snap photos of flora and fauna in the Frankston area and upload them to iNaturalist.

You'll be contributing to community science and showing the world the amazing biodiversity Frankston City has to offer, as well as learning more about your local wildlife and flora. Frankston City placed third overall in 2023, let's see if we can better that in 2024!

As part of the event, Frankston is also running the following free environmental workshops. For more information and to register, visit: [frankston.vic.gov.au/Things-To-Do/Whats-On/Backyard-Biodiversity-2024-A-Series-of-Free-Workshops-Webinars](https://frankston.vic.gov.au/Things-To-Do/Whats-On/Backyard-Biodiversity-2024-A-Series-of-Free-Workshops-Webinars)

To learn more about how to use iNaturalist, see this video made by Yarra Ranges Shire: [youtube.com/watch?v=Tx8CYJc0ODs](https://youtube.com/watch?v=Tx8CYJc0ODs)

Or look at the Video Tutorials available on the iNaturalist website: [inaturalist.org/pages/video+tutorials](https://inaturalist.org/pages/video+tutorials)



## It's a win for Frankston North!

It was smiles all-round at the official opening of the new \$8.82 Million Eric Bell Pavilion in Frankston North with State Member for Frankston Paul Edbrooke MP, Cr Sue Harvey, Cr Kris Bolam, Pines Cricket Club President Brad Saunders and Past President Jeff Svigos, Pines Football Netball Club President Kim Jackson, Frankston City Council CEO Phil Cantillon, and Frankston City Mayor Cr Nathan Conroy.

Club representatives and players are over the moon with their new home, which represents their resilience and tenacity on and off the field and includes accessible facilities, a multi-purpose community room, change rooms, public toilets, upgraded car parking, landscaping, lighting, commercial kitchen, kiosk, storage, umpire, timekeeper and first aid rooms, and much more.



## New Kevin Collopy Pavilion

The State Member for Frankston, Paul Edbrooke MP, Cr Brad Hill, Mayor Nathan Conroy and Council CEO Phil Cantillon joined club officials and youngsters for the Kevin Collopy Pavilion opening.

The new \$5.46 million pavilion highlights council's commitment to inclusion, particularly increased female participation, where everyone can participate and enjoy the benefits of sport and social connections.

Mayor Conroy noted the spirit of cooperation and collaboration between Council and Frankston YCW Football Netball Club and Frankston Peninsula Cricket Club, as well as funding partner State Government to make this project happen.

## Imagine a city of colour and creativity

*Frankston is blooming into a city of creativity, colour, new events, and new discoveries. Here are just a few ways you can brighten your world this spring.*

### Magical wonderland!

For the first time ever, Magic by Moonlight is coming to Frankston this spring.

Prepare to be mesmerised as George Pentland Botanical Gardens transforms into a magical light festival for all ages from 12 September - 6 October, 2024.

There will be four magical realms to experience:

- Fairy Land, see twinkling trees, enormous flowers, fairies and elves
- Dinosaur Land, venture back in time to towering volcanos and giant dinosaurs
- Underwater World, dive into underwater sea life in a mesmerising aquatic wonderland
- Animal Kingdom, explore jungles teeming with animals from around the globe

A portion of all ticket sales will be dedicated to supporting Peninsula Health, so visitors not only enjoy a magical evening, but also contribute to the well-being of our local community.

For more details, visit [magicbymoonlight.com.au](http://magicbymoonlight.com.au)

### City of Colours

Internationally known on the street art scene, Frankston's laneways, buildings and city walls have over 80 colourful artworks created by artists from around the world. Take the nationally awarded, best street art tour in Australia to discover them all. The 90-minute tours run on weekends, are \$15 person, including a coffee stop on the way.

For bookings, head to [imaginefrankston.com.au/things-to-do/street-art-walking-tours](http://imaginefrankston.com.au/things-to-do/street-art-walking-tours)



📸 Magic by Moonlight is coming to Frankston this spring.

### Enjoy colourful delights

Love a little bliss on your plate?

As you walk into Nature Cafe Bar, the first thing you notice is the avalanche of colour. It's in the flowers on the tables, the vines that climb to the roof and the murals bringing life to the walls. With a focus on vegan and vegetarian dishes, the best part is, the food tastes as good as it looks.

Walking distance from Seaford pier, you'll find Tres Mexican. Not only do they deliver top-notch tacos and Mexican inspired margaritas, there's a twist – it's all delivered by robots. True! But don't worry, they have an awesome crew to take care of you as well. The walls are splashed with colourful Mexican murals and their cocktails just add to the masterpiece.

For more inspo, jump onto socials [@imaginefrankston](https://www.instagram.com/imaginefrankston) or head to [imaginefrankston.com.au](http://imaginefrankston.com.au)



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## Ballam Park set to shine

It was no surprise to me to see that Ballam Park made the cut as one of the iconic places in Frankston City on the new Frankston edition Monopoly board game. The park has so many wonderful attractions and these now include a new lake and bioretention system at the northern end.

The system is a huge environmental win as it will significantly reduce stormwater contamination flowing into Port Phillip Bay by creating a natural filtration system using plants, water circulation and aeration.

Council has enhanced the system with an ornamental lake and community amenities such as lighting, a jetty, park furniture, barbecue, landscaping, drinking fountain, and connecting pathways to create a new experience for visitors to Ballam Park. It will also feature some beautiful public art to complement the natural environment, including the Ellipses sculpture which consists of three Corten steel orbs that are lit from within. You can see them on the corner of Naranga Crescent and Karingal Drive in the coming weeks.

## Kareela Precinct is a local favourite

Council is proud to have played a role in the popularity of this area through several initiatives, including the recently completed \$325,000 Kareela Reserve upgrade. This beautiful leafy park now includes play equipment for all ages, new picnic facilities, seating, improved landscaping and more trees.

Next for the area will be the shopping strip upgrade which is expected to kick off in late 2024. This will include new paving, car park upgrade, landscaping and street furniture. Not too far away at Lindrum Reserve, we are also planning to upgrade the paving, landscaping, and park furniture later this year/early in 2025.

## Our commitment to health and wellbeing

In the past three to four years, Peninsula Reserve has been significantly improved and works are continuing based on feedback I have received from the community.

Park users are now enjoying new public toilets, a fully enclosed cricket practice wicket facility, public lighting, path connections, park furniture, thousands of new plants and trees, car park upgrade and fencing. The new landscaping, barbecue and picnic shelter will be completed shortly. The total Council investment for the upgrades is \$550,000.

## Treasuring our stunning foreshore

At the 22 July Council Meeting, I successfully proposed Council seek to have Seaford Foreshore re-classified from its current 'regional significance' to become a place of 'state significance'. Council accepted this unanimously. The foreshore is approximately 50ha and 5km in length and is one of the most important remnants of coastal vegetation in metropolitan Melbourne and as such, unique. If 'state significance' is applied this will further secure its importance as an irreplaceable and treasured natural asset for Victoria.

Also at the 22 July meeting, Council approved an application for a 14-storey building on Nepean Highway, Frankston that (as at the time of the meeting) is before Victorian Civil and Administrative Appeals Tribunal. Two Councillors voted against the proposal – Cr Claire Harvey and myself. I made it exceptionally clear the design is a failure and will be judged harshly by future generations.

On a much more hopeful and pleasant note, the new pavilion at Eric Bell Reserve, Frankston North, is finally completed and greatly appreciated. I knew Mr Bell and he was a dedicated Frankston Councillor in the 1960s. The new \$9.1 million pavilion was made possible thanks to \$6.25 million via the Victorian State Government Community Sports Infrastructure Loan Scheme, \$500,000 from the State Government and a \$2.07 million contribution from Council.

Home to the Pines Football Netball Club and the Pines Cricket Club, the previous building was more than 40 years old and did not include female friendly change rooms for the netball players or female football participants. The absence of female friendly facilities inhibited the club's capacity to attract and support female players to the club, deterring participation and growth of both clubs. Importantly, the project has delivered a new two storey pavilion at Eric Bell Reserve to accommodate female friendly facilities and amenities, servicing both clubs and providing participation opportunities for local schools and community groups. The new ground floor features four female friendly change rooms – two football/cricket and two netball; kitchen/canteen/bar; accessible toilet; office; meeting room; two umpire's rooms; two First Aid rooms, and three storage rooms – cricket, netball and football. There's a new community/social room; storeroom; toilets; office and timekeepers' room on the second floor. It's a huge win for the Frankston North community and I look forward to seeing our local champions make the most of this awesome new facility!

## Celebrating positive growth and change

The Greek philosopher Heraclitus wisely noted: "Change is the only constant in life." Looking back at all that has been happening in the North-West Ward over the last four years I can heartily concur! After moving to our beautiful Frankston City in 2019 and being elected to Council in 2020, I've had the privilege of an extraordinary vantage point getting to know my Ward.

There's so much to celebrate! It's often said that sport is the glue that holds society together, not only providing massive benefits for health and wellbeing, but also boosting community connections. During the past Council term, we've got on with the job and completed multiple redevelopments of sports pavilions, including Eric Bell, Pat Rollo, Monterey Park and R. F. Miles – critically enhancing women's facilities and hence participation, as well as great spectator options and venues for hosting community events.

There's nothing like a good walk outdoors and getting out among nature – that's why we've also worked on shared user paths to get from the City to Seaford wetlands, with more on the way.

Greening our City is also a major emphasis, particularly as we combat climate change and that's why I've also supported the planting of thousands of trees in reserves and on nature strips. Maple Street Reserve is a favourite as it has established corridors of trees, which will ensure much needed shade and biodiversity support.

Community initiatives like the Chatty Cafes at Karingal and North Frankston have also been close to my heart – providing opportunities for locals to socialise, catch up and have a chat.

The refurbishment at the Orwil Street Community House is also a testament to our commitment to making a difference at a local level. The children's park next to it is one of many examples of redesigned, modernised and fit for purpose playgrounds across my Ward – providing a great outdoor environment for children and families. Our stunning new Healthy Futures Hub at 151 East Rd, Seaford, is a great example of thinking differently, collaboratively and partnering with stakeholders to deliver a community focused place with complimentary and much needed services.

There's also been ongoing support for business – not only with the establishment of Frankston Business Collective, but also our Business Grants Program. Together, we're all making a difference and it's wonderful to see our City bloom.

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### Amazing achievement thanks to teamwork

With the current Council term coming to an end, I'd like to take this opportunity to reflect on the past four years – during which I've had the privilege of being Councillor for the North-East Ward, Deputy Mayor and Mayor of our wonderful City.

When I was elected, I stressed that it was only through being part of a team and working together that we could create better outcomes for our diverse communities. By talking this approach within Council, and also working with all levels of government, we've been able to deliver some fantastic results.

The stunning \$35 million Jubilee Park Stadium is just one example. Importantly, it enables Frankston City to host major regional netball and basketball events and welcome more players, as well as boosting a major increase in female participation in sport.

From the recently completed Eric Bell, Kevin Colopy and Lloyd Park pavilions to the Frankston Basketball and Gymnastics Stadium, for which Victorian and Federal Government funding agreements have now been signed, we've continued to build towards a healthier community, supporting wider participation in sports and creating lifelong community connections for locals and visitors. These new facilities will transform lives and I'm rapt to see the diverse range of people gaining so much benefit.

Revitalisation has been another key achievement. Whether it's attracting new businesses, transforming our CBD, or staging top tier events, Frankston is well and truly on the map – and the Monopoly Board!

Closer to home, I'm especially proud of the improvements delivered across the north-east ward. The current Council term has seen a more than 50 per cent increase in capital works expenditure in the north-east ward compared with the previous term. Highlights have included new playspace, parking and multi-use courts at Carrum Downs Recreation Reserve, a transformed Sandfield Reserve with youth space, multi-sports court, parkour equipment and climbing walls, new netball facilities at Lloyd Park, and place space upgrades at Regency, Carrum Bella, Yarralumla and Lady Emily Reserves.

Some great outcomes for our City that show what teamwork and collaboration can achieve.

### Together we are making a difference

It was Albert Einstein who famously said: "Only a life lived for others is a life worthwhile."

It's inspiring to be both part of a community and a Frankston City Councillor where we work together to make an impact at the grassroots, not only in North-East Ward, but also across Frankston City. I'm continually encouraged by our everyday heroes, who roll their sleeves up to contribute in so many ways to our City, volunteering, advocating and providing input and feedback.

As we approach the end of this Council term, it's a great opportunity to celebrate what we've achieved and can look forward to. It was heartwarming to see so many people attending the Sandfield Youth Space opening at Carrum Downs. Young people are our future and this \$800,000 youth space is a great example of what can be achieved when we work collaboratively. It's co-funded by Council and the Victorian Government's Creating Safer Places Program. Importantly, the design was informed by engagement activities conducted both in person and online and the public art on the courts and rebound walls was selected by local youth and reserve users.

This term also saw Council complete a \$300,000 playground upgrade at the John Monash Reserve, Skye – providing fun and healthy outdoor activity for the young and the young at heart. Green open spaces and outdoor recreation hubs are critical to our community for wellbeing and the upgrade highlights our commitment to developing our outdoor leisure spaces for locals to enjoy for years to come.

Looking forward, we're continuing to advocate for the Len Phelps Pavilion upgrade. We want to bring together tennis, netball, cricket and football into a single facility for all sports at Carrum Downs Recreation Reserve through an upgrade to the existing pavilion. Home to the mighty Skye Football Netball Club, Carrum Downs Tennis Club, Skye Cricket Club and Carrum Downs Junior Football Club, our plans include an expansion to the existing pavilion to accommodate netball and tennis alongside football (AFL) and cricket teams, as well as a new and expansive function room for social events and much more. Watch this space as we get on with this important project! In conclusion, it's been a pleasure to be your Ward Councillor over the past four years and I look forward to continuing our journey.

### Honour to serve our community

As we approach the end of the current Council term and head into Caretaker mode, I'd like to reflect on the past four years, particularly what an honour it has been to serve the community.

I've loved working collaboratively with fellow Councillors to deliver for our community and particularly being there for my North-East Ward community to listen and importantly respond to their needs. For me, being a councillor is a privilege and the most vital point I can make is a Councillor needs to listen to the whole community, not just a few.

North-East Ward is in many ways emblematic of Frankston City – diverse, growing and thriving! That's why I've worked diligently with my Councillor colleagues on a range of projects, both city shaping and community-focused, that not only provide critical infrastructure, but also enable lifelong social connections, as well as enhancing health and wellbeing. It was the American author and disability rights activist Helen Keller who said: 'Alone, we can do so little; together we can do so much.' For me, this speaks volumes about our approach not only to building community, but working with the community to deliver on vital projects.

I've been particularly proud to be part of a team that made the new Jubilee Park Stadium a reality – bringing people together and supporting the development of opportunities for women in sport. Other highlights have included the new Healthy Futures Hub at Seaford and other major redevelopments of the R. F. Miles, Eric Bell, Pat Rollo and Monterey Soccer Pavilions.

Thanks to Council's guidance and support, the Frankston Business Collective is making its mark – supporting a thriving local economy and advancing our City's burgeoning identity as an innovation hub and business friendly city.

Other significant initiatives I've advanced include the important Heritage overlay, Nepean Highway revitalisation, Sandfield Reserve development, our Housing Strategy, more kindergartens particularly Warrandyte Rd, Tourism and Events to enhance our visitor economy and experience, and above all, the Frankston Metropolitan Activity Centre Structure Plan, which will see Frankston transform into the capital of the South East and a thriving hub of employment, investment and entertainment.

Together, we're making a difference – let's continue working together and help Frankston to achieve its amazing potential.





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## Providing a voice for young people

How time flies!

When I was elected as a South Ward Councillor in 2020, it was as both Victoria's and Frankston City's youngest ever elected councillor at 18-years-old. At the time, I didn't see that as remarkable – rather, I was keen to provide a voice for young people and represent Frankston City as a place where people love to live. As both a Councillor and Deputy Mayor, it's been great to connect with residents, hear their views and receive valuable input, as well as engage with residents at events like the popular Waterfront Festival and celebrate the creativity of our community at the Frankston Arts Centre Open Exhibition Competition.

Our Youth Services Team continues to make a positive impact in the lives of young people – delivering 115 programs in schools throughout 2023-24. Many of these were the "WHAT Program", which engages vulnerable young people through tailored activities, creating a positive and supportive environment to prevent disengagement from school. Some activities include cooking, sports, beach walks and positive, safe exploration of Frankston. In the same period, the team delivered four street art programs in Frankston with each featuring multiple sessions led by a skilled artist, aiming to foster a sense of community, responsibility, and belonging among local youth through creative expression.

Importantly, Frankston Youth Services is a strong advocate for hearing the voice of young people; in fact, throughout the 2023-24 financial year, Youth Services gained formal feedback from young people 1,715 times in relation to various programs and issues (with much more feedback received informally). Our Youth Services Team also delivers the FReeZA grant, with our Fresh Committee of young people delivering eleven events throughout the financial year, attended by 669 people. The Fresh Committee also showcased their event management skills by having responsibility for organising several bands to perform on the main stage at the 2024 Waterfront Festival.

We're dedicated to seeing young people thrive and flourish – I'm proud that Frankston City has such a strong commitment to those who represent our future. In conclusion, it's wonderful to see all those who give back to our beautiful city. Though my column focuses on youth, everyone plays a part in making Frankston the gem it is. All this effort makes Frankston not just a place where we live, but a place we love.



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## Renewed sense of transformation

Frankston City and particularly central Frankston is undergoing a renaissance with a renewed sense of transformation, vibrancy and optimism.

You can feel the energy and buzz, not only with the new businesses choosing to make Frankston City home, but also the creatives and residents seizing the boundless opportunities that Frankston offers. There's a distinct sense that Frankston is turning the corner and forging ahead, which is incredibly pleasing to see and makes me immensely proud. Underscoring this is Council's commitment to community safety and wellbeing, as evidenced by Council's Safer Communities Rapid Response Team increasing patrols in central Frankston to tackle Community Local Law issues relating to smoking and drinking in public spaces. The Team is a major part of our dedication to a reinvigorated CBD and our Local Law enforcement officers help create an increased sense of safety. We know there are still issues to be addressed and that's happening. There is no quick fix, but we have all seen change for better and that we have turned a corner.

From a business perspective, we're here to help our traders grow and thrive with a diverse range of supports including business grants opening in September, free business training workshops and free Business Mentor Program (see Page 10 for more information).

Council's commitment to protecting our precious environment is unwavering as we've been planting 20,000 trees per year as part of the ambitious Urban Forest Action Plan. Trees boost the visual amenity of urban environments and make a huge contribution to the character of our neighbourhoods, not to mention enhancing and protecting our environment.

A focus on services is what we do first and foremost – from Meals on Wheels to aged and disability services, drainage and local roads, arts, culture, community centres and libraries, child, youth and family care and much more, we're there for you.

I'd like to stress that Frankston City is welcoming, inclusive and progressive. No residents should be excluded or left behind.

Council is the level of government that is closest to the people and is laser focused on delivering the best for our municipality. Critically, we're all locals and are committed to engaging with the community and listening.



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## Frankston City's colourful patchwork

As I reflect on this council term, the most striking feature of my experience over four years is the remarkably diverse range of people and groups that I've been privileged to both connect with and serve alongside.

This short column would not provide sufficient space to list a comprehensive list of the groups I've had opportunity to engage with, as there would easily be well over a hundred. From Ahmadiyya Victoria and 3199 Beach Patrol all the way through to the Winter Shelter and Zonta International: it's literally an A to Z, with everything in between!

Spanning sporting groups; arts and culture; charities and volunteers; nature and conservation; education, training and employment; business and social enterprise; history and heritage; faith, farming and food – Frankston really is a city that has all kinds of wonderful champions.

And I recall, with heartwarming awe, celebrating with some of our newest Australian citizens earlier this year! Their expressions of deep gratitude at the opportunity to call themselves Australians was moving, as was the remarkable list of birthplaces represented at the Frankston Arts Centre at our Australia Day Citizenship Ceremony. There were lots of Kiwis (from New Zealand), along with families and individuals from India, Thailand and the Philippines. The UK and USA were also close to the top of the list of popular birthplaces, as well as Australia (that is, Aussies finally formally coming back home, having been elsewhere)! Someone was born in Pretoria – just like me – as well as people from the Ukraine, Russia, Georgia, Iran, Iraq, Jordan, Israel, Mauritius and Taiwan.

As I conclude this council term, I'm incredibly grateful to have myself been welcomed into this rich and colourful community, full of passionate people. It's my eighteenth year calling Frankston home and I'm excited to see what the future holds for us all as we embrace the commitment to become a Welcoming City and together seize the many wonderful opportunities that this unique part of the world offers us.

In this next season, I'll be stepping aside to focus on my family and work. I extend particular thanks to those who took the time to cheer me on, along the way.

P.S. Anyone keen to continue connecting can find me on LinkedIn.



## Business Grants 2024



# Business Grants open September!

### The popular Frankston City Business Grants are back!

Opening this September, your business could be eligible for a grant between \$5,000 and \$20,000. There is up to \$150,000 in business grants available. Read the 2024–2025 Guidelines so you can find out if you meet the criteria to apply. The grants are designed to help you take the next step to expand your business, grow from a home-based business to a bricks-and-mortar

commercial property or relocate your business to Frankston City from another location. Since its inception the program has helped 88 small businesses and invested \$1.26 million helping to create economic growth and employment for Frankston City.

Stage 1 applications open 2 September and close 13 September.

Visit [frankston.vic.gov.au/businessgrants](http://frankston.vic.gov.au/businessgrants) to apply.

## Young Street welcomes new businesses

A focal point for Council right now is Young Street and we are excited to welcome two new businesses to the street which will help activate the area.

After launching the Young Street Vacant Shop Activation Program, Council, together with Plan1 Project Management and Ginane & Associates are pleased to announce two vacancies will be successfully filled with quality tenants: Blaze & Foam—138 Young Street, a craft and hobby store, and Curated Archives—6 Young Street, a fashion store selling vintage and second-hand clothing.

Both businesses are expected to enhance the

vibrancy of Young Street, contributing to the area's economic growth and community appeal.

The program is designed to help introduce some new businesses to the commercial properties to test their concept via a short term and entry-level leasing arrangement. This initiative also aims to help revitalise Young Street for the future.

Join us in welcoming Blaze & Foam and Curated Archives by heading down to Young Street and checking out their offering.

For more details, visit [plan1projects.com.au/young-street-activation-program](http://plan1projects.com.au/young-street-activation-program)



## Workshops

Frankston City Council offers a range of free business training workshops to help you upskill and assist your business with growth and sustainability.

All of our workshops are delivered by local industry experts who are eager to back your business and share their knowledge and expertise with you.

From business branding, marketing and videoing, to learning how to do business with purpose, there's a workshop for every business owner to discover more.

Visit [frankston.vic.gov.au/businessesevents](http://frankston.vic.gov.au/businessesevents) to check out the list of upcoming workshops and to book your spots.



## Business Directory

### Frankston City's new business directory has arrived!

Get your business listed for free.

Designed to help support, connect and promote local businesses within the Frankston City municipality, the directory will be a trusted source for residents and other businesses to find local trades, retailers, services and home-based businesses. It will also help strengthen our economy and promote local businesses for free. To be included, businesses need to have a Frankston City registered ABN or be physically located within Frankston City.

All you need to do is create a MyCity account and add your business listing!

Visit [frankston.vic.gov.au/businessdirectory](http://frankston.vic.gov.au/businessdirectory)

## Business Mentors

### Frankston City Council's 2024–2025 Business Mentor Program has a new panel!

Offering a plethora of skills and experience in a range of industries, the panel is made up of multiple members who are keen to give back to the business community and help your business grow and thrive right here in Frankston City. Thanks to all who applied to be part of the program. If you have a business in Frankston City, you are eligible for two free one-hour sessions with one of our mentors. Sessions can be in-person, on the phone or online.

Contact us now to access this free program by emailing [business@frankston.vic.gov.au](mailto:business@frankston.vic.gov.au)

# Frankston Charitable Gifting Fund grants

Recipients of Frankston Charitable Gifting Fund grants for 2024 have been announced at an event hosted by Council.

Mayor Nathan Conroy announced the seven charities receiving grants this year from the Frankston Charitable Fund:

- **Frankston Churches Community Breakfast, \$9,000** to continue providing nutritious meals and vital social connections for the most vulnerable in our community.
- **Pines Community Men's Shed, \$7,000** towards creating 20 outdoor furniture for local schools in Frankston North. The organisation supports the mental, physical, emotional and economic well-being of men in our community.
- **Share the Dignity, \$5,000** to support David Scott School students with free sanitary products and bridge the gap of support that State schools received from the State Government funding initiative.
- **Operation Larder, \$5,000** to continue providing non-perishable food and personal hygiene items to Community Support Frankston ... this enables critical aid for the

most disadvantaged members of the Frankston community.

- **Theodora's Cheerful Givers, \$5,300** to continue providing free emergency food relief for people experiencing hardship in Frankston and neighbouring areas.
- **Mi-Life Victoria, \$5,235** towards a customised employment program that helps people with high-support needs in their local community build meaningful skills needed to gain and maintain open employment.
- **The Pyjama Foundation, \$4,000** to secure education resources for volunteers who provide vital literacy and numeracy programs for vulnerable children in care.

Theodora's Cheerful Givers founder Gina Poulos described the grant as a blessing, adding: "We are very grateful. It will enable us to make a difference in the lives of many people."

Frankston Charitable Fund was established in 2009 as a charitable



Theodora's Cheerful Givers founder Gina Poulos with Mayor Conroy and volunteer Ron Crosling.

fund account of the Lord Mayor's Charitable Foundation.

In the past 15 years, the Fund has awarded over \$340,000 worth of grants to 70 charities doing amazing and life changing work in the community.

The Fund Committee includes Mayor Conroy, Councillor Suzette Tayler and Director Communities, Angela Hughes, along with community representatives Shane Thomas, Karin Hann and Chair Jackie Galloway.

The Fund's Committee of Management volunteer their time

to manage the Fund, review applications and make their recommendations to the Lord Mayor Charitable Foundation.

Frankston Citizen of the Year 2024, Alastair Leaver, who was recognised for his stellar contribution to the community, particularly through his work with the Mums Supporting Families in Need charity, spoke at the event.

Alastair said: "I thank Council for running grant programs such as the Charitable Fund, which helps charities to continue to grow our impact and reach."

## Cigarette sales to minors program

**In collaboration with the Municipal Association of Victoria and the Department of Health, Frankston City's Environmental Health team conducts an ongoing tobacco test purchase program to ensure tobacco and e-cigarette retailers comply with the laws prohibiting the sale of tobacco and e-cigarettes to minors.**

In April, 34 tobacco and e-cigarette/vape retailers were tested and none were caught selling tobacco and e-cigarette products to children.

This result illustrates the value of Environmental Health's educational and compliance monitoring approach regarding this critical issue.

Retailers found to be breaking the law risk receiving a \$769 infringement notice or prosecution in the Magistrates Court, which could result in fines of up to \$23,077 for individuals and \$115,300 for companies. Additionally, they risk losing their right to sell tobacco products.

To date this year, the Environmental Health team have conducted 115 educational and enforcement visits at tobacco retailers across Frankston City.

Additionally, the team have investigated 24 referrals from Victoria Police and complaints from the public regarding non-compliance with the Tobacco Act 1987.

### Successful illicit tobacco prosecution

Following a significant search warrant execution and seizure of illicit tobacco from a Seaford convenience store in November 2023, Frankston Magistrates Court recently convicted and fined the owner of the convenience store \$7,500 and ordered 100 hours community service for serious breaches of the Tobacco Act 1987.

These breaches included the sale of tobacco products subject to a Ministerial Ban Order and possessing large quantities of illicit tobacco.

Our Environmental Health Officers continue to work collaboratively with Victoria Police to

feed on-the-ground intelligence to Detectives from Taskforce Lunar, which is targeting the increasing presence of illicit tobacco products in the community and a response to serious and organised crime gangs. Our ongoing, collective actions continue to remove illicit tobacco products from the community and further protect and enhance public health across Frankston.

We encourage members of the community to report any instances of illicit tobacco or e-cigarette sales to Crime Stoppers Victoria on **1800 333 000** or [crimestoppers.com.au](http://crimestoppers.com.au). Anyone concerned about tobacco retailers selling cigarettes to children should call the Council's Environmental Health Team on **1300 322 322**.

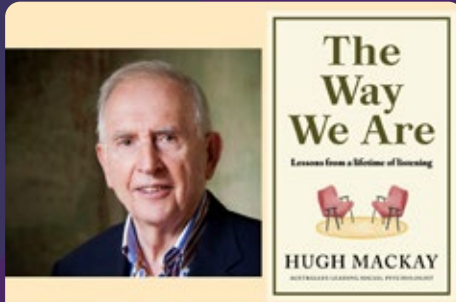


For more information, scan the QR code or visit:

[health.vic.gov.au/public-health/tobacco-reform](http://health.vic.gov.au/public-health/tobacco-reform)



# Frankston City Libraries



## FrankTALK with Hugh Mackay

Wednesday 25 September, 6pm

Frankston Library **FREE**

Well known author Hugh Mackay will be promoting his latest book, *The Way We Are: Lessons from a Lifetime of Living*. Drawing on thousands of interviews, Mackay presents a compelling portrait of Australia today.



## FrankTALK with Christian White

Monday 7 October, 6pm

Frankston Library **FREE**

We are thrilled to welcome local award-winning crime fiction author, Christian White, back to Frankston, as he sits down to chat about his new release 'The Ledge'. When human remains are discovered in a forest, police are baffled, the locals are shocked and one group of old friends starts to panic. Their long-held secret is about to be uncovered. Visit the Libraries website to register.



## FrankTALK with Ken Piesse

Wednesday 9 October, 6pm

Frankston Library **FREE**

Join us to sit down with Australia's most published living author with a rare passion for cricket and football. Ken Piesse is Melbourne sporting royalty, the expert's expert, with a lifetime in Australia's two favourite sports, AFL and cricket. Few have witnessed more Grand Finals and Test matches around the world. No one has written more bestselling sports books. Visit the Libraries website to register.



## Sign up to get all the latest right in your inbox!

Join our fortnightly newsletter and never miss out on the latest events, workshops, book recommendations and more!

With School Holidays and the 2024 Seniors Festival just around the corner, there will be something for everyone at Frankston City Libraries.



# FRANKSTON ARTS CENTRE



Music

## Kate Miller-Heidke: Catching Diamonds Tour

Friday 20 September, 7.30pm

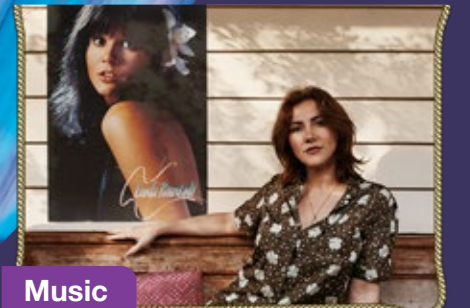
A special opportunity to see Kate in intimate, stripped-back mode, accompanied by her long-term collaborator Keir Nuttall on guitar.



Family

## You Are A Doughnut

Thursday 26 September  
10am and 1pm



Music

## The Linda Ronstadt Show: Featuring Ella Hooper

Saturday 26 October 8pm

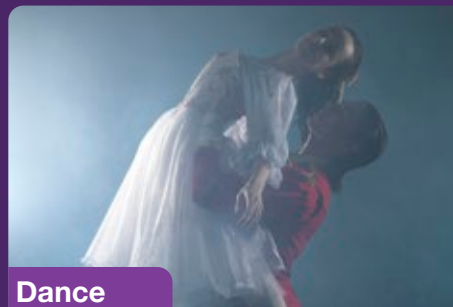


Comedy

## Anh Do: The Happiest Refugee Live!

Wednesday 16 October, 7.30pm

Anh Do's stage show takes his bestselling book 'The Happiest Refugee' a step further, combining stand-up comedy with stories, photos and film.



Dance

## Victorian State Ballet: The Nutcracker

Sunday 13 October 2.30pm



Music

## Marina Prior & Michael Cormick: Centrestage

Monday 4 November  
7pm

## Sandfield Reserve precinct opens with community celebration



The Federal Member for Dunkley, Jodie Belyea MP, Mayor Nathan Conroy, State Member for Carrum, Sonya Kilkenny MP, and Council CEO Phil Cantillon with excited youngsters at the opening of the Sandfield Youth Space.

### The votes are in – the new Sandfield Youth Space is a huge hit with our local young people!

The youth space was officially opened by Frankston Mayor Nathan Conroy, State Member for Carrum Sonya Kilkenny MP and Federal Member for Dunkley, Jodie Belyea MP, recently as part of a community celebration complete with food and fun activities, and of course the chance to test out the bright space's many new features.

Now that the youth space is complete, we're getting ready to roll out even more of the improvements you requested during the 2021 master plan and 2023 youth and play space engagements. We're kicking off in November with upgrades to the play space, along with amenity and safety improvements including new public toilets near the play space!

By August 2025, Carrum Downs residents will be able to enjoy:

- An upgraded play space for senior and junior play with increased accessibility including water play, swings, a basket swing, fencing and landscaping, more shade, nature play and more.

- Public toilets near the play space, pathways, path lighting, multi-use kick-about space, outdoor fitness equipment, circuits for low impact (walking) and high impact (running) exercise, a picnic shelter and BBQ, and more trees and plants. We're also upgrading the drainage around the reserve.

Mayor Nathan Conroy said: "Families are relocating to Carrum Downs for the lifestyle and services and this precinct revitalisation is another way council is supporting the health and wellbeing of this growing community."

The upgrades are part of the \$4 million Sandfield Reserve Precinct Revitalisation Project, which is funded by Frankston City Council in partnership with the Australian and Victorian Governments.



For more information, scan the QR code or visit:

[frankston.vic.gov.au/Planning-and-Building/Major-City-Projects/Sandfield-Reserve-precinct-revitalisation#section-4](https://frankston.vic.gov.au/Planning-and-Building/Major-City-Projects/Sandfield-Reserve-precinct-revitalisation#section-4)

## The results are in – your vision for Frankston City

Earlier this year, we spoke to over 1,300 Frankston City community members about their aspirations for the future of Frankston City.

Results highlight that safety, a clean, green environment, and a healthy, inclusive community are important to you.

When asked which words in the Vision community members connected with the most, the top words were 'safe', 'clean', 'inclusive', and 'green'.

Overall, services the community want Council to focus on include planting and protecting trees, city safety, homelessness support services, and creating vibrant public spaces.

Over the next few months, a representative panel of community members will meet to discuss and analyse results alongside industry experts. This will inform the services Council invests in, and the Council Plan moving forward.



To view the full engagement report, scan the QR code or visit:

[engage.frankston.vic.gov.au/your-vision-frankston-city](https://engage.frankston.vic.gov.au/your-vision-frankston-city)

## Share your road safety hot spots

If you live, work or travel in the area regularly, you probably know some local road safety hot spots – maybe visibility isn't great, people are confused about who has right of way, kids cross the road at a dangerous location, or you've seen too many near misses.

We've already listened to many concerns raised and have marked known hot spots on a map. Let us know if we've missed anything, to help to inform our new Road Safety Strategy and Action Plan.

The strategy is funded by TAC and will align with the National and State Road Safety Strategies so that we're all working towards the same targets. Have your say by midnight Sunday, 8 September. For more details, scan the QR code.



## New lease on life for street furniture

Several community groups and a school have repurposed street furniture donated by Council to provide accessible gardening options for people with disabilities, social seating areas, and to replace existing broken furniture.

The furniture, including tables, canopies, planter boxes and decking timber were removed from Nepean Highway in June this year.

The furniture (also called parklets) was funded by the State Government in 2021 to support businesses through COVID.19 restrictions. With restrictions ceasing some time ago and the Department of Transport and Planning permits for these parklets expired, Council decided to remove them following consultation with nearby businesses.

They were then offered to community groups through an EOI process. The groups who received re-purposed furniture include Pines Men's Shed, Groundswell Community Garden, Langwarrin Community Garden, Nairn Marr, Djambana, Kananook Community Gardens, Frankston North Community Centre, Wildpath Community Hub, Downs Community Farm, Ambassador Community Garden, Healthy Futures Hub, Joy of the Earth Community Garden and Mt Erin College.

## Caring for wildlife after a storm

**Hail, heavy rain and high winds can be catastrophic for our local wildlife.**

Roosting sites and dens used as homes can be destroyed or brought to the ground. Birds and mammals can become waterlogged or be washed away.

Fledglings and juveniles, still learning the best places to shelter, are vulnerable to predators when they can't get air borne.

And ground dwelling species such as turtles and reptiles can also lose homes and be displaced by storm events.

We can all give wildlife a helping hand after a storm. Here are five actions you can do to help care for wildlife after a storm:

- If clearing fallen branches check for hollows, nests and animals that may have sought shelter before getting out the chain saw.
- Displaced young birds can be placed in a box to keep warm overnight and put into a makeshift nest once the storm has passed. Watch to make sure parents return to care for their young or call wildlife rescue for advice.

- Consider putting up a nesting box to replace lost hollows and to increase the habitat values at your property.
- Become aware of the wildlife living at your property and take note how they are doing after a storm. Is there a Ringtail possum nest in one of your trees? Perhaps you have an old tree with hollows being used by Krefft's Gliders, a Brushtail Possum or the chicks of one of our many bird species that nest in hollows.
- If you see orphaned, injured or displaced wildlife please take them to a veterinarian if safe or call wildlife rescue.

By becoming aware of the wildlife living at your property you will be able to act swiftly to help injured or stressed wildlife.

For local support, contact AWARE Wildlife Rescue via [awarewildlife.org.au](http://awarewildlife.org.au) or Wildlife Victoria's Emergency Response Service hotline on **8400 7300**.



## Electric Mobility Scooter Recharge Points

**Council, in collaboration with Monash University Occupational Therapy students, has introduced specific recharge spaces for electric mobility scooters or wheelchairs at our Civic Centre, Frankston, Seaford and Carrum Downs Libraries and Frankston Art Centre.**

The project aims to remove a community access barrier identified by mobility scooter users: a fear of being left stranded due a flat battery!

Users must bring their own charging cord with them, then simply park their scooter on the mat provided and plug in to recharge while enjoying the brochures, books or events on offer.



## Be safe during power outages

**Are you prepared for a power outage?**

There are three important steps to being prepared:

- **Be Safe.** Your health and safety is the priority.
- **Be Smart.** If the power goes out, you'll want to stay connected.
- **Be Ready.** Have a plan in place for back-up power.

Check out these website links for more information on how to prepare, what to do and what not to do in a power outage.

- [frankston.vic.gov.au/Community-and-Health/Emergency-services-and-preparation/During-an-emergency/Power-outages](http://frankston.vic.gov.au/Community-and-Health/Emergency-services-and-preparation/During-an-emergency/Power-outages)
- [unitedenergy.com.au/outages-emergencies/be-prepared-for-an-outage](http://unitedenergy.com.au/outages-emergencies/be-prepared-for-an-outage)
- [emergencyprepare.com.au/power-outage](http://emergencyprepare.com.au/power-outage)
- [energy.vic.gov.au/safety/power-outages](http://energy.vic.gov.au/safety/power-outages)

## Local environmental heroes shortlisted for award

**3198 Seaford BeachPatrol has been shortlisted as a finalist in the prestigious Keep Australia Beautiful Tidy Towns Awards for their Plastic Pellet Project – Nurdle Anymore.**

This initiative has tackled the pervasive issue of nurdle (plastic pellet) pollution on Seaford Beach, raising awareness and gathering crucial data to advocate for policy change. Through community engagement and scientific data collection, Seaford BeachPatrol has not only raised awareness about the dangers of nurdles but also galvanised action to mitigate their impact.

Their innovative campaigns, such as the 'Nurdle Turtle' artwork and 'Nurdling Neighbours' events, have educated the public and fostered a sense of collective responsibility for advocating for the health of Frankston's pristine coastline. In 2023 alone, volunteers collected 20,045 nurdles, one by one, off Seaford beach, during nurdle hunts,

audits and beach cleans.

The group's commitment to investigating the source of plastic pellet pollution is evident in their meticulous beach audits. After conducting audits at the established Keast Park site for the Port Phillip EcoCentre's Clean Bay Blueprint, Seaford BeachPatrol identified an additional hotspot for nurdle pollution at another location on the Nepean Hwy. The group took the initiative to develop this location into a second audit site and submitted their findings to the EcoCentre and now the data collected contributes to the Plastic Free Bay initiative.

Seaford BeachPatrol leader Jaqui O'Leary said: "The nurdle pollution on Seaford Beach is a microcosm of a global crisis. While we acknowledge the widespread nature of this issue, we believe that taking action at the local level is important.

"Mandatory participation in Tangaroa Blue's Operation Clean Sweep by all industries handling



Seaford BeachPatrol leader Jaqui O'Leary is leading the charge to tackle nurdle (plastic pellet) pollution.

plastic pellets is a necessary step towards mitigating nurdle pollution on our beaches and protecting our precious marine ecosystems," she said.

The Tidy Towns Awards celebrate community-led initiatives that champion environmental sustainability and community wellbeing.

## Permit to Burn applications are open

**In Frankston City a burn off requires a valid Permit to Burn for all types and sizes of land.**

Properties less than 1,600 sq m or are not covered by the Bushfire Prone Area (BPA) or Bushfire Management Overlay (BMO) are generally not eligible for a Permit and should instead consider other green waste disposal options.

Options for disposing of green waste include:

- **Frankston Regional Recycling and Recovery Centre, visit [frankston.vic.gov.au/My-Property/Waste-and-recycling/Frankston-Regional-Recycling-and-Recovery-Centre-FRRRC](http://frankston.vic.gov.au/My-Property/Waste-and-recycling/Frankston-Regional-Recycling-and-Recovery-Centre-FRRRC)**
- **Hard waste collection, visit [frankston.vic.gov.au/My-Property/Waste-and-recycling/Hard-waste-collection](http://frankston.vic.gov.au/My-Property/Waste-and-recycling/Hard-waste-collection)**
- **Composting, worm farms or Bokashi buckets, visit: [frankston.vic.gov.au/My-Property/Waste-and-recycling/Reducing-your-waste/Composting-worm-farms-and-Bokashi-buckets](http://frankston.vic.gov.au/My-Property/Waste-and-recycling/Reducing-your-waste/Composting-worm-farms-and-Bokashi-buckets)**

The days allowed for burning with a Permit are Friday and Saturday between 9am and 4pm. Applications for a Permit to Burn open each year at the end of the Fire Danger Period. All permits expire on 30 November each year or at the onset of the Fire Danger Period (whichever is earlier).

To apply for a Permit to Burn please visit [frankston.vic.gov.au/Community-and-Health/Emergency-services-and-preparation/Fire-safety-and-prevention/Burning-and-permits#section-2](http://frankston.vic.gov.au/Community-and-Health/Emergency-services-and-preparation/Fire-safety-and-prevention/Burning-and-permits#section-2)

Barbecues, pizza ovens, chimeneas and braziers are allowed to be used without a Permit provided they are being used for the purpose for which they were designed, and they are not causing a public nuisance. Different restrictions apply during the Fire Danger Period and on a day of Total Fire Ban, visit [cfa.vic.gov.au](http://cfa.vic.gov.au)



For more information, please call **1300 322 322**, scan the QR code or visit:

➤ [frankston.vic.gov.au/Community-and-Health/Emergency-services-and-preparation/Fire-safety-and-prevention/Burning-and-permits](http://frankston.vic.gov.au/Community-and-Health/Emergency-services-and-preparation/Fire-safety-and-prevention/Burning-and-permits)

## Home Compost Rebate Program

**Council is offering a Home Compost Rebate Program to Frankston City residents, encouraging at-home composting to reduce landfill waste and promote sustainability.**

Available to Frankston City homeowners and renters, the program offers up to two rebates per household annually for 250 households on a first-come, first-served basis. Unlimited Bokashi enzyme refills and worm replacements are also available.

Residents can choose from compost bins, worm farms, Bokashi bins, underground composters, and pet poo composters. Council's partnership with Compost Revolution provides up to 70 per cent subsidies on composting products. Visit [frankston.vic.gov.au/My-Property/Waste-and-recycling/Reducing-your-waste/Home-Compost-Rebate-Program](http://frankston.vic.gov.au/My-Property/Waste-and-recycling/Reducing-your-waste/Home-Compost-Rebate-Program) to find out more.

# Peninsula Leisure triumphs at ARV Awards

Peninsula Leisure has underscored its commitment to excellence with two prestigious trophies at the annual Aquatics and Recreation Victoria Awards 2024.

The ARV Industry Awards recognise and reward outstanding achievement and commitment to the industry.

Peninsula Aquatic Recreation Centre Swim's Shannon Gardner was awarded the Swim Teacher of the Year Award – a well-deserved accolade following her Highly Commended recognition last year. Shannon's teaching methods and unwavering commitment to her students have set a new standard in swim education and water safety awareness.

"Winning the Swim Teacher of the Year Award is a dream come true. I love being a swim teacher and helping develop such important life skills that go beyond what is taught in the pool," Shannon said.

"This award is a testament to the hard work and passion we all put into our PARC swimming program and living our vision that Every Child in Frankston Can Swim."

Peninsula Leisure also took home the

Community Impact Initiative of the Year Award for the Activating Vulnerable Communities Project. This initiative highlights Peninsula Leisure's dedication to overcoming barriers to physical activity within the Frankston community. Through partnership with local organisations, Peninsula Leisure delivered:

- Young Mums Program with Frankston North Children's Services Playgroup.
- Support for Parents of Multiple Children in collaboration with Frankston Peninsula Multiple Birth Association, addressing challenges such as childcare access and financial constraints.
- Pines Pool Quiet Hour for community members on the Autism Spectrum Disorder, to provide a calm and sensory friendly environment.

The Activating Vulnerable Communities Project has been instrumental in creating opportunities for community engagement and physical activity, tailored to meet the specific needs of diverse groups.



To learn more, scan the QR code or visit:

[peninsulaleisure.com.au](https://peninsulaleisure.com.au)



Shannon Gardner was awarded the Swim Teacher of the Year Award.



Chloe Stevens

## From Ballam Park to Paris

**Congratulations to Chloe Stevens who has just returned from the Olympic Games in Paris, where she was the official Australian team long and triple jump coach!**

Chloe grew up in Langwarrin and has a long history with the Frankston Little Athletics Centre at Ballam Park and now coaches about 50 children and young adults. If you spend any time near the track in the afternoon, evenings, or weekends – chances are you've seen Chloe working her magic!

Current or former Frankston High School students probably remember her before she moved into her current role as the Director of Sport at Cornish College.

Chloe is a true champion in

every sense of the word – she took up coaching after a back injury ended her athletics career at 15 and hasn't looked back.

Before heading over to the Olympics, she was rapt about her new gig in Paris.

"I feel very privileged that I get to work with Australia's top athletes ... along with the support of their families, coaches, and support staff, they've worked so hard to reach the pinnacle in their sport and it's an honour to share in this experience with them.

"I'm really excited to get over there, learn from other coaches from around the world and soak up the atmosphere."

We're sure her young athletes will continue to progress in leaps and bounds, too!

## Elite AFLW action at Kinetic Stadium

Don't miss elite AFLW action for season 2024 at Frankston's Kinetic Stadium with four Hawthorn home games and a St Kilda home game. The Hawks take



on Carlton (September 1), Gold Coast Suns (October 2), West Coast (October 12) and GWS Giants (October 19), while St Kilda battle it out against GWS Giants (October 8). Tickets on sale now via the link: [ticketmaster.com.au/nab-aflw-tickets/artist/2452340](https://ticketmaster.com.au/nab-aflw-tickets/artist/2452340)