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## Celebrating over \$75 million in Federal funding to transform our City

**The re-election of Federal Member for Dunkley, Jodie Belyea MP and Prime Minister Anthony Albanese means more than \$75 million dollars of Federal Government funding is now committed towards a wide range of projects across Frankston City.**

This includes \$50 million towards Council's flagship Nepean Boulevard Revitalisation Project, \$5 million towards the much-needed redevelopment of Bruce Park Pavilion, and a further \$20 million towards a range of other local priority projects and initiatives.

Frankston City Mayor Kris Bolam JP said, "this is the result of tireless advocacy from Council and the people of Frankston City."

"On behalf of Council, I want to thank community members, partner organisations and

stakeholders who supported the Frankston City First campaign, our most successful advocacy campaign ever.

"As the level of government closest to the community, Council-led advocacy to state and federal governments is essential in securing the necessary funding to deliver the infrastructure and services our community need. This is particularly important in the current financial environment."

The Federal Government has committed \$50 million of budgeted funding to the transformation of Nepean Highway, delivering important upgrades to the Overton Road and Nepean Highway intersection and the potential for a city-shaping transformation that will change how we move through and enjoy our city.

This funding—secured through the Road Blitz program—is a historic win for Frankston. It's more than what Frankston City Council and key stakeholders, like Frankston Business Collective and the Committee for Frankston and Mornington Peninsula, originally advocated for and will create a vibrant, people-focused boulevard for generations to come.

A community-driven petition calling for the transformation of Nepean Highway into a vibrant boulevard attracted over 1,000 signatures during the election campaign. Council is now working with local representatives Jodie Belyea MP and Paul Edbrooke MP to develop a unified vision for delivery of the \$50 million Nepean Highway investment.

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Langwarrin  
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Message from the Mayor

Successful Federal Election advocacy

Congratulations to our Federal Member for Dunkley Jodie Belyea MP on her re-election. The federal election outcome marks a major step forward in realising key priorities for Frankston City, with over \$75 million in federal funding secured for transformational local infrastructure and community projects. This includes our Nepean Boulevard Precinct Revitalisation, Bruce Park Pavilion Redevelopment and many other important initiatives. Thank you to the Frankston community for helping Council achieve these important advocacy outcomes! I look forward to continuing our strong partnership with Jodie and the Federal Government to deliver projects that will shape Frankston City’s future.

Council set out to secure \$26.68 million in election commitments through our advocacy for a range of key local initiatives, and we walked away with commitments totalling over \$59 million from the Albanese Government. This is a remarkable 202% increase on the funding commitments Frankston City received from the Federal Government during the 2022 federal election. An additional \$15.68 million was pledged by the Federal Government towards a range of other local initiatives within Frankston City, taking the total investment in our community to a whopping \$75.15 million, including additional CCTV infrastructure. Council will continue conversations with the Federal Government to gain clarity on these commitments and to ensure their timely delivery.

Approval for Frankston Stadium an exciting investment in local sport for our city

I am not alone in looking forward to construction commencing on Council’s largest ever infrastructure investment — the \$60 million Frankston Stadium development in Seaford — after we awarded the contract to commence construction in April. The project will upgrade the existing Bardia Avenue stadium and has been a long time coming, with the project first conceived in 2013. The Frankston District Basketball Association (FDBA) and the Bayside Gymnastics Club (BGC) will call the upgraded stadium home, with the project enabling BGC to now accommodate up to 1,000 members. The facility will also better cater for the growing interest in basketball, with FDBA now the second largest association in Australia at over 10,000 participants. In addition to supporting local basketball and gymnastics, the stadium will also include multi-purpose courts suitable for volleyball, futsal, and badminton and help to open our city up to hosting major televised sporting events. The project is set for completion in 2027 with construction to formally begin in July. When you account for this fantastic redevelopment, and the neighbouring Kananook Commuter Car Park Facility that recently opened for public use, between the three levels of government, there has been over \$85 million dollars in funding channelled into this precinct. This kind of investment is fantastic! I thank Council and

the Victorian and Australian governments for making Frankston Stadium a reality.

Approved structure plan to set Frankston up for success

We are now in a stronger position to support business and residential growth in our city centre, with the recent implementation of the Frankston Metropolitan Activity Centre (FMAC) Structure Plan into the Frankston Planning Scheme. This authorisation means Council planning controls can now support the ongoing growth and transformation of our CBD and surrounding area. The FMAC Structure Plan will provide greater confidence for investors, clarity for the community and ensure we protect local character and environment alongside any new growth. This means decisions about land use, the location of businesses and housing, how people move around, and our city’s look and feel, including building height restrictions, can now be made with the confidence and certainty that our city has been without since 2015. Since the Structure Plan approval, this has triggered new permit applications in the planning pipeline, including a \$90 million housing proposal on Nepean Highway. I anticipate more exciting proposals in the very near future!



Kris Bolam JP  
Mayor

Message from the CEO

I would like to acknowledge the hard work of Council officers, our Councillors and Mayor in securing funding commitments from the Albanese government and local Federal Member Jodie Belyea MP on several major projects. This is a significant investment in our city and would not have been possible without the **advocacy** of Council and our community organisations, who were crucial in securing federal support for our key projects. A warm thank you to everyone who got involved in the lead up to the election.

As we head towards the end of another busy financial year, we are putting the final touches

on key documents, including our **Council and Wellbeing Plan 2025–2029, Revenue and Rating Plan 2025–2029** and **Annual Budget 2025–2026**.

There has been plenty to consider when developing these documents and it has been rewarding to see these plans take shape over the past 12 months — informed by significant community engagement. The result has been a vibrant and exciting Council and Wellbeing Plan that sets out our visions and priorities for our city, which are underpinned by two key financial plans. Both plans and budget will be presented in June to Council for final approval.

Lastly, I was excited to see the implementation of the **Frankston Metropolitan Activity Centre (FMAC) Structure Plan 2024** into Council’s planning scheme. The plan makes it easier for us to nurture new investment in our CBD, with new businesses and investors attracted by more straightforward planning processes, which in turn makes our city a more liveable place for visitors and residents alike.



Phil Cantillon  
Chief Executive Officer



# A thank you to our incredible volunteers



Frankston City Council again held a special thank you event for volunteers, as part of National Volunteer Week in May. The now annual event was launched last year to acknowledge the hard work and dedication of the hundreds of locals who donate their time for the benefit of our community.

This event recognises all those who volunteer through various Council-run programs, committees and events, acknowledging their valuable contributions to our community. Council supports approximately 400 volunteers, over a large range of services and programs,

including youth services, Meals on Wheels, the L2P Program, our Visitors Information Centre, seniors support groups, library services, Council-run events and local environmental groups among others.

We were delighted to welcome 90 volunteers on the day, representing more than 20 council volunteering programs and services. The event offered a fantastic opportunity for volunteers to connect with a diverse range of groups, learn about different programs, and meet like-minded individuals who are passionate about giving back to the community. If you are interested in volunteering with Council, visit [frankston.vic.gov.au/VolunteerWithCouncil](http://frankston.vic.gov.au/VolunteerWithCouncil)

## News in brief

### Skye Road upgrades

Following community feedback, we're making important upgrades to the intersection of Skye Road, Onkara Street, and Carramar Drive to improve safety for pedestrians and road users (including everyone travelling to the nearby Karingal Heights Primary School). Works will include new splitter islands to better define lanes, a new slip lane from Skye Road to Carramar Drive and a raised pedestrian crossing for safer crossings. Council is also relocating the school crossing to the new pedestrian refuge island and improving landscaping and lighting in the area. The \$670,00 upgrade is fully funded by Council. A note to families to please follow all signage on site during the works and allow extra time to travel, especially during school pick up and drop off times.

### Frankston's Great Pet-Together debuts in October at Ballam Park

Frankston City Council's newest pet-friendly event, The Great Pet-Together, is making its debut in October this year. Celebrating the beloved animals in our lives, from the furry and purry, to the feathery and nibbly, The Great Pet-Together is designed to be a fun-filled day for the whole family — especially pets!

While the program for The Great Pet-Together is still being finalised, visitors can expect pet-related displays and exhibitions, engaging activities for pets and people, free entertainment and interactive experiences and plenty of paws-itively fun for all ages.

The Great Pet-Together will take place on **Sunday 12 October, from 10am to 2pm** at Ballam Park. Entry is free. Keep an eye on the Council website and Imagine Frankston social media pages.

### Plastic Free July

Communities around the globe are concerned about plastic ending up in landfill and polluting the oceans, that's why hundreds of millions of people worldwide are choosing to be part of Plastic Free July. To join in visit [plasticfreejuly.org](http://plasticfreejuly.org) then select how you will get involved and for how long.





Mayor Kris Bolam JP and Federal Member for Dunkley, Jodie Belyea MP

## Your re-elected Dunkley representative

Frankston City Mayor Kris Bolam JP congratulated Jodie Belyea on her successful re-election as the Federal Member for Dunkley in May. Mayor Bolam said he was pleased to continue working with Ms Belyea over the next three years to achieve long-term benefits for Frankston City.

"I congratulate Jodie on her re-election and look forward to continuing our strong partnership with her and the Federal Government to deliver projects that will shape Frankston City's future," Mayor Bolam said.

## Frankston Business Collective leads the way

The important contributions of our stakeholders in supporting Council's advocacy campaigns cannot be understated. During the recent federal election campaign, the Frankston Business Collective, the leading voice for businesses and economic growth in Frankston City, rallied the community together to show Victorian and Australian Governments just how important the transformation of Nepean Highway is to our community.

They have managed to secure over 1,050 signatures from people who truly believe it's time for Nepean Highway to become a vibrant place for housing, dining, retail, entertainment and recreation. Add your voice to the project.



## Committing to exciting new projects for Frankston City

Council adopted its advocacy priorities at a Special Council Meeting in January and commenced an advocacy campaign in the lead up to the Federal Election that bolstered community and stakeholder support, including the likes of AFL legend Dermott Brereton, Committee for Frankston and Mornington Peninsula and Frankston Business Collective.

In addition to the significant Nepean Boulevard Precinct Revitalisation project, Council has committed to many key infrastructure and community support projects that are putting Frankston City First, including:

### Bruce Park Pavilion Redevelopment

The Australian Government committed \$5 million of budgeted funding towards the redevelopment of Bruce Park Pavilion.

This funding aligns with Council's contribution of \$3.33 million, bringing the total funding for the project to \$8.33 million — surpassing Council's initial advocacy ask of an equal \$3.33 million.

This vital investment will provide a state-of-the-art, purpose-built facility for over 1,000 participants across AFL, cricket, and tennis, providing more opportunities for participation — particularly for young girls and women.

Council will continue to advocate for additional funding from the Victorian Government to bring this project to fruition.



Mayor Kris Bolam JP and Prime Minister Anthony Albanese



### Len Phelps Pavilion upgrade

The Australian Government has pledged a \$2.5 million funding contribution towards the expansion of the Len Phelps Pavilion.

An upgrade to the existing Len Phelps Pavilion at Carrum Downs Recreation Reserve has been a priority of Council's for a number of years and will bring together tennis, netball, cricket and football (AFL) into a single facility for all sports.

This is the final piece of the puzzle within the Carrum Downs Master Plan and Council will continue to advocate to the Victorian Government for a funding contribution to get works started.

### But wait, there's more!

The incoming Federal Government also pledged to fund other Council-led and community advocacy projects if re-elected, including:

- Frankston Bowling Club canopy dome — \$1.75 million
- Karingal Bulls new sports lighting at Ballam Park — \$225,000

Plus commitments to several other initiatives that will benefit the community of Frankston City:

- Additional CCTV infrastructure — \$1.5 million
- Thrive Hub in Frankston — \$1 million

- Smacktalk online safety education — \$400,000
- Safety upgrades to Sikh Volunteers Australia Langwarrin facility — \$500,000
- Westernport Highway upgrades early works — \$10 million
- McClelland Sculpture Park — Greenwave Program — \$200,000
- Cranbourne Rd and Beach St intersection upgrade — \$2 million

More information on Council's advocacy can be found online at [frankston.vic.gov.au/advocacy](http://frankston.vic.gov.au/advocacy)



## More car parking for Frankston City



**Commuters across Frankston City and the Mornington Peninsula now have access to a safer, more convenient way to park, with the opening of the new Kananook Car Park.**

Delivered by Frankston City Council and the Federal Government, the multi-level facility is located on Council-owned land directly opposite the Kananook Railway Station and next to the Frankston Stadium — which is about to be redeveloped into a state-of-the-art basketball and gymnastics facility.

The project was made possible through a \$22 million investment from the Federal Government, providing 325 car spaces, including dedicated bicycle parking and improved access for vehicles, pedestrians, and cyclists.

The car park not only supports the growing demand for accessible rail transport, but during construction, the project is estimated to have generated 102 local jobs, delivered \$8.9 million in wages, and contributed to a total economic output of \$53.46 million.

Key features of the car park include:

- Dedicated bicycle parking in a lobby area
- New traffic signals to enhance pedestrian safety and traffic flow
- Close proximity to major roads, residential areas, and recreational facilities (Kananook Reserve and Frankston Stadium)
- CCTV at key locations throughout the car park including entry and exit points.



## Exciting play space upgrades for Skye and Frankston

**Locals can now enjoy play space upgrades at Heysen Reserve, Skye, and Lucerne Reserve, Frankston.**

At Heysen Reserve (officially opening from 10 June), upgrades include a trampoline, an accessible carousel, a double swing unit, a basket swing, two new play units (combination and junior) and two spring rockers. Shade sails provide extra comfort on sunny days, and new seating and picnic tables offer great spots to relax. Beautiful landscaping complete the park's refreshed look.

Over at Lucerne Reserve, a new basket swing, toddler and junior swings, and a nature play area to encourage outdoor fun for the whole family. A new climbing rope feature and upgraded basketball

space has also been added. New seating and additional trees make the park even more inviting. These improvements are part of ongoing efforts to make our parks more inclusive, fun, and relaxing spaces for the community.

Works have also just kicked off at Brunel Reserve in Seaford, and the play space and other upgrades (including public toilets) are nearing completion at Sandfield Reserve, Carrum Downs.

The upgrades form part of our Play Strategy 2021 that outlines service levels for our play spaces to guide the features and facilities included in each one. Keep up to date on play space upgrades at [frankston.vic.gov.au/morecurrentprojects](http://frankston.vic.gov.au/morecurrentprojects)



## Lighting up Frankston City!

**Some of Frankston City's most popular and iconic locations have beautiful new lighting — supporting community feedback to improve safety and amenity — making them more functional and appealing for locals and visitors.**

The tree lighting at Peninsula Aquatic and Recreation Centre (PARC), Ballam Park (along Cranbourne/Frankston Road park boundary), as well as Frankston Pier, complement other recent public lighting projects, including the foreshore boardwalk, Frankston Yacht Club, Grimwade Clock and Wells Street Bridge.

The specialised lighting is designed to meet requirements for public safety in open spaces, while minimising impacts on the environment and dark sky. They also support community sentiment during the development of the Lighting Frankston Plan.

Some of the newly lit locations incorporate coloured lighting that can be programmed to reflect special events and dates. As part of Council's new events lighting calendar, events like RUOK Day and Christmas will be commemorated with appropriate colours. The colour programming will also extend to existing lit assets around the City including Beauty Park fountain, White Street Mall, the Arts Centre fly tower. Colour use and operation times will vary due to programming specifications at each site, as well as safety requirements near traffic and marine/wildlife.

Upcoming lighting projects include Nepean Boulevard trees and Mile Bridge, part of the Nepean Boulevard early works, which also included landscaping and gateway signage. More information about the Lighting Frankston Plan is available at [frankston.vic.gov.au/urbandesign](http://frankston.vic.gov.au/urbandesign)



## City centre structure plan enters planning scheme

Following the Gazettal of Planning Scheme Amendment C160 by the Minister for Planning in April, the Frankston Metropolitan Activity Centre (FMAC) Structure Plan has now been implemented into the Frankston Planning Scheme.

This represents a landmark moment in the revitalisation of our city centre and four years of strategic work that included two stages of community engagement, public exhibition, as well as a review by an independent Planning Panel appointed by the Victorian Government.

The amendment means that our planning controls can now support the ongoing growth and transformation of our CBD and surrounding area, while protecting the area's natural beauty and character. Decisions about land use, the location of businesses and housing, how people move around, and our city's look and feel can now be made with the confidence and certainty that our City has needed for more than a decade.

The result is more locally-based planning decisions, greater clarity for investors, and a robust roadmap for our City's growth and transformation in the years to come.



## New suburb signs welcome locals and visitors across our City

Have you noticed the fresh new gateway and suburb signs popping up around Frankston City? As part of the implementation of our Wayfinding Strategy, these new signs are designed to enhance the local character, sense of place, identity and navigational experience in our community.

Inspired by Frankston's breathtaking natural landscape, the signage designs reflect the beauty of our local bushland, foreshore, and urban areas. A calming colour system — blue to represent the bay and charcoal for a timeless, contemporary feel — complements the organic form, ensuring they blend with our environment.

The signage also acknowledges the traditional owners with the inclusion of first nation's language. The word Wominjeka, which means "welcome" is featured prominently, symbolising a warm invitation to all who visit Frankston City. Additionally, Vanna Worther, meaning "Farewell from" reflects the spirit of hospitality and connection that defines our city.

Whether you're navigating Frankston, Frankston North, Frankston South, Karingal, Langwarrin or Seaford, these primary and secondary gateway signs are part of a larger effort to improve wayfinding and make our suburbs more connected, with more signage to be unveiled across suburbs throughout the year.



## Business as usual at Langwarrin Community Centre



While we're busy building something bigger and better at Langwarrin Community Centre, it's still full steam ahead with all regular services and activities! The centre is being upgraded and expanding to bring a kindergarten, maternal and child health and even more family services under one roof by early 2026, but don't worry — everything you love is still here and running smoothly.

Since opening its doors in 1993, the centre has been a buzzing hub for the community. Whether you're looking for a bit of relaxation with Reiki, want to get the kids moving in Kung Fu, or need to brush up on your computer skills, they've got something for everyone. And if you're feeling creative, they've got fun craft sessions ready to spark your imagination!

The centre is also dedicated to supporting Langwarrin's busy families. Its childcare service is in full swing, offering care for children from six weeks to school age, every weekday from 9am to 3pm. Whether you need care for just one day a week or several, the centre's flexible program has you covered for up to 50 weeks a year. With qualified educators and a government-regulated setup, your little ones are in safe, caring hands.

Ready to book a spot? Phone **9789 7653**.

For more information about the centre's programs and services visit [langwarrincc.org.au](http://langwarrincc.org.au)



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**Ferndale Reserve**

Community consultation has just finished on potential improvements to the existing playground, which currently includes a combination unit, spring rider, carousel, double swing and a basketball ring. Council is now finalising designs and will go to market for a construction firm in August. Suggested improvements include a new play structure, basketball hoop, triple bay swing including basket swing, rope play, flying saucer, a sheltered area, street furniture, new plantings and landscaping. Works are expected to be completed in early 2026.

**Ballam Park**

Our ongoing schedule of improvements at Ballam Park continues, with a recent \$3 million upgrade to **Ballam Park playground**, which included a new swing, slides, rope play, carousel, water play and sunken sand play, shelters, BBQs, landscaping and furniture. At the Ballam Park netball court we upgraded the court at a total cost of \$23,000 and lastly, the delivery of the incredible \$2.3 million **Ballam Park bioretention and ornamental lake**.

The project, in the northeast corner of Ballam Park, reduces storm water contamination in Port Phillip Bay and is enhanced with community amenities such as lighting, art, park furniture, BBQ, landscaping, drinking fountain and connecting pathways. This includes a pathway connecting the athletics track and new Ballam Park lake and nighttime lighting at the playground and between the track and lake. This is in addition to the recently completed \$3.9 million **Ballam Park Athletics Redevelopment**, jointly funded by Council and the Victorian Government, which included the new pavilion and athletics track and the \$4.8 million Ballam Park South Pavilion redevelopment and sports lighting project.

The Victorian Government has also announced its support to help improve the popular **East Oval at Ballam Park**, fantastic news for the Karingal Football and Netball Club and the Long Island Cricket Club — offering a safer and more reliable playing environment, particularly during wet weather. Recently the State Government committed \$250,000 in funding to support Council's \$1.35 million project. Works include removing the installation of a new irrigation system, installation of subsurface drainage, new oval fence and turfing. Works will commence in September, and the oval will reopen in April 2026. Council and the federal government have also committed \$225,000 each towards new sports lighting at the Ballam Park East oval. This will not only allow training and matches to occur at nighttime but will provide a greater security for female athletes.

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**Maintaining our city's roads and pathways**

Council manages more than 1,738 kms of roads and paths, plus other assets that sit under our Road Management Plan, including boardwalks, bridges, and culverts. That's equal to the driving distance from Frankston to Uluru or riding your scooter from the Frankston Waterfront all the way to Brisbane — and then halfway back.

In the past 12 months we've heard a lot from locals as part of the development of several key strategies including Road Safety Strategy and Action Plan, Bike Riding Strategy, Safe Community Strategy, Flood Mapping and Coastal Hazard Management Plan and in 2023, the Integrated Transport Strategy.

Our Road Management Plan (RMP) outlines the process to ensure Council's roads, bridges, kerbs, and roadside footpaths are safe and in good condition. Road maintenance activities are classified as proactive (undertaken as part of regular, scheduled inspections) or reactive (in response to queries or complaints).

We've reviewed Council's existing service standards and drafted a revised RMP that looks at standards for inspections, intervention levels and repair timeframes that are consistent with other councils (and in some cases much shorter!) Main changes to the plan include:

- accessibility: the updated structure is easier to understand and follow and uses the same template as other Victorian Councils.
- focus: inspection and intervention standards are reasonable and no longer include areas that aren't relevant to managing risks to road users. For example, stormwater and vegetation-related issues will now be included in stormwater and tree maintenance plans
- consistency: intervention levels and inspection frequencies in line with surrounding councils and the wider sector as a whole

Community feedback on our revised RMP has recently closed, and will inform our priorities for and scheduling of proactive maintenance over the next four years. Of course, not all roads and paths in the city are owned and maintained by Council — some are managed by the State Government and its agencies, such as Transport Victoria and Parks Victoria. To check if a road is Council or State Government managed on the Council website (use the road responsibility filter) **frankston.vic.gov.au/My-Property** and select 'My address'. You can report an issue with a Council road or path in several ways: the Snap, Send Solve app or website, via the Council website or by phoning Council on **1300 322 322**.

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**Supporting solutions to growing demand for healthcare**

In April I was fortunate to have the opportunity to tour Peninsula Health's \$1.1 billion Frankston Hospital development, alongside my fellow Councillors. This Victorian Government project is now in its final year of major construction, with the last tower crane now dismantled. The project is the largest ever health infrastructure investment in Melbourne's southeast and will be a welcome and much needed addition to our community when it opens its doors to patients.

The new clinical services tower will house a new inpatient services operating theatre suite, women's and children's services, cancer services and new acute mental health facilities, delivering more patient care. With capacity to treat 35,000 more patients each year once fully operational, the new building will help to cut wait times and alleviate pressure off other hospitals in the area.

The redevelopment is bringing new spaces for mental health and oncology services, a dedicated paediatric waiting area in the emergency department, a women's clinic, special care nurse and many other incredible assets for local healthcare.

**Local further education receives a boost**

It was great to see our local Chisholm Institute campus open its \$67.6 million redeveloped multi-level vocational training facility earlier this year, with funding from the Victorian Government.

The new building will support in-demand Free TAFE courses that respond to growing industry needs, including the Diploma of Community Services, Certificate IV in Mental Health, Certificate IV in Youth Work, and Certificate IV in Cyber Security. The facility opened to students in January 2024 and brought together a range of student services into the new Student Hub, which now offers enrolment support, student services and student counselling, along with Learning Commons and a gallery space.

The facility, which is the second stage of a \$151.1 million redevelopment of the campus, replaces two of the oldest buildings at the Frankston campus and integrates with the \$83.5 million Frankston Learning and Innovation Precinct, which was completed in 2019, and has the capacity to train almost 4,000 students at the one time. Investment in local world class training facilities not only helps local students to easily access further education but helps us to fill critical skills shortages in these key high demand industries — to the benefit of the whole community.

Frankston has turned a corner — we can all see it. I am very pleased with these new facilities, and there is plenty more to come!



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### Langwarrin gears up to deliver even more early childhood services

In March, I was fortunate to meet many wonderful people involved in the operation of the Langwarrin Community Centre and Langwarrin Kindergarten. Many have been involved in the delivery of the upgraded community centre, which is expected to open in early 2026. The redeveloped community centre building will also house Langwarrin Kindergarten, currently located on Long Street.

The centre is set to become a hub for local parents at all stages, from birth to preschool and I thank this dedicate group for their cooperation and patience while works are undertaken, they are a true asset to our community. Everyone is working together to ensure the transition into the upgraded centre on Warrandyte Road is an integrated and smooth one. It's not just the physical asset itself that is of huge benefit to our community, but the people that help to make it all happen — delivering critical services and community connections every day.

The integration of the community centre and kindergarten comes at the perfect time — after a 12-year search by Council for a suitable space in Langwarrin for a new kindergarten, to meet growing demand in the area. For the same reason, the new centre will also include an expanded Maternal and Child Health Service. Our MCH service is an incredibly important one for our young families. The service delivers thousands of hours of support to thousands of local infants and new parents every year, encompassing practical supports, including in-home visits, and education such as sleep and settling classes, developmental milestone information and more to families in this vulnerable stage of life. They are also an important conduit for new parents, particularly mothers, to connect with other new parents in their community. They also provide many referrals to external support services to those who are really struggling, and I cannot emphasis enough the important role our maternal child health nurses play in our community.

### Upgrading our local roads and footpaths

Locals may have noticed that footpath construction is currently underway on North Road (Brilliant Court) to Centre Road (Aqueduct Road), Langwarrin, delivering 520m of new footpath, expected to be complete in mid-July. Construction of a new Shared User Path is also underway on North Road at Boggy Creek, Langwarrin — also expected to be completed in July. These are just a few of upgrades we are completing across the city in the coming months, to support local liveability and connection.



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### Time flies so quickly!

As I read back over my previous column to reflect on what has happened since, I'm reminded of just how many incredible experiences have taken place.

### International Women's Day

I had the pleasure of attending the Frankston Social Enterprise Hub's International Women's Day event, held at Frankston Chisholm. We heard from Jackie Galloway OAM from Peninsula Community Legal Centre, Nikki Jenkins from Bayview Care and Gathering Tree Collective, and Cyanna McLaren from Women and Mentoring (WAM Limited). Each of them shared powerful insights into the challenges and opportunities surrounding women's empowerment. Let's continue to support and uplift one another, and keep women across the world in our thoughts and actions, not just on IWD, but every day.

### Inclusivity and disability alternative

One in six people in Australia (around 18 per cent of the population) live with a disability. That equates to approximately 25,801 residents within Frankston City. I recently proposed an alternate for Council to identify areas within our municipality where accessibility gaps exist, so these can be addressed in future budget considerations. This will not only provide Frankston City Council with valuable data, but also assist other levels of government in making informed decisions that improve inclusion.

### Frankston High School civics talk

Together with Paul Edbrooke MP, I had the honour of speaking with the Year 9 excursion group from Frankston High School at Monash University. We discussed civics, the different roles of government, and how young people can make their voices heard when they encounter issues in their community. I'd like to thank the students for their thoughtful and engaging questions, it's conversations like these that help us represent you better.

### Community Support Frankston

Cr O'Reilly, Cr Butler, Cr Hill, and I had the opportunity to visit Community Support Frankston (CSF), where we toured their facilities and gained deeper insight into the vital work they do for our community. I want to express my heartfelt thanks to the entire team at CSF for their tireless commitment, especially during these financially challenging times. A special thank you to Steve for the detailed tour and for welcoming us so warmly into your space.



## Cr Steffie Conroy

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I recently attended a **community consultation session in Carrum Downs at Banyan Reserve** to hear directly from locals about some of the proposed improvements there. We're proposing to include a new play space and BMX pump track to support the growing recreational needs of young families in Carrum Downs and Skye. This project will be delivered in partnership with the Victorian Government. Consultation is now closed, but to have your on future projects, visit [engage.frankston.vic.gov.au](https://engage.frankston.vic.gov.au)

I also had the pleasure of visiting the **Brahma Kumaris meditation retreat in Frankston South** recently. This beautiful and peaceful retreat is a hidden gem, tucked away from the hustle and bustle. As a non-profit organisation, they run weekend meditation retreats based entirely on goodwill contributions, making it accessible to everyone. Practising Raja Yoga Meditation, the Brahma Kumaris welcome people of all backgrounds. Whether you're navigating mental health challenges or seeking greater inner peace and self-worth, this is a truly special space to recharge and reflect.

I recently attended the first of what I hope will be many roundtable discussions at **Lyrebird Community Centre** with local stakeholders, including Vic Police in Carrum Downs to explore youth initiatives. The goal is to identify what more can be done in the youth space, uncover existing service gaps, and find ways to help re-engage young people. With the loss of long-term state government funding for youth services, Council now has the opportunity to reassess its approach and explore new, innovative ways to support our youth.

Alongside Cr Emily Green, I was fortunate to attend the official opening of the **Frankston Adventist Church ADRA Op Shop**, at 102 Cranbourne Rd, Frankston, a project two years in the making for owners Josie and Mario. Their dedication to this shop and their community is incredibly inspiring. Operated by the Adventist Development and Relief Agency Australia this global humanitarian organisation provides disaster relief and community support in over 100 countries, helping those in need, regardless of religion, race, or background. The op shop is a great spot to find bargains while supporting a worthy cause!

There's nothing quite like a good cleanout and the **annual hard waste collection** has been making its way across the city since May. The collection runs until mid-July.

To check your collection details, visit [frankston.vic.gov.au/My-Property](https://frankston.vic.gov.au/My-Property)

As always, I welcome your feedback, questions, or just a chat, please don't hesitate to reach out to me on socials [@deputymayorsteffieconroy](https://www.instagram.com/deputymayorsteffieconroy)



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**Business is booming in Pines Ward**

It has been exciting to see transformation occurring at the old Nylex site on Frankston-Dandenong Road, soon to be a new industrial park, that will include commercial and industrial uses. This new development has an estimated value of \$54 million and is creating 250 construction jobs during initial works and 1,010 during building construction phase. An estimated 570 ongoing jobs will be created. Council was successful in achieving increased setbacks to residential properties, additional vegetation, trees, public art and other urban design features, and a signalised intersection included in the permit.

Pines Ward alone has almost 1,300 registered businesses across 18 different sectors, ranging from transport, arts and leisure, hospitality and retail, among others. While, when we think 'local business' our minds naturally tend towards our city centre, it is important to remember that many of the small to medium sized businesses that keep our city running and contribute so much to our local economy — including local employment — are based in our surrounding suburbs. This is why Council is so passionate about supporting these businesses with our grant programs, regular upskilling events and workshops, our business concierge service and more — designed to encourage new businesses to call Frankston City home and also ensure our entrepreneurial locals are supported to launch and grow their business close to home.

It is also why Council has invested in upgrading important local shopping strips as part of our Local Shopping Strip Action Plan, including Mahogany Avenue and Excelsior Drive, to improve the aesthetics and functionality of these important commercial spaces. If you would like support with your business, visit [frankston.vic.gov.au/Business-and-Growth](http://frankston.vic.gov.au/Business-and-Growth)

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**CCTV upgrades for a safer city**

In response to recent community feedback regarding the need for improved safety in some of our city's public spaces, Council has installed solar-powered CCTV cameras in the Pines Flora and Fauna Reserve and in key locations along Ashleigh Avenue in Frankston. These cameras are now in operation and provide a direct feed to Frankston Police Station, helping ensure everyone feels safe while enjoying the outdoors. The initiative is also supported by Parks Victoria, which owns and manages the reserve. Your safety is always our priority, and we want to make sure everyone can safely enjoy all the amazing natural features and activity hubs our City has to offer.

**Honouring those who have served our country**

Over the past 18 months, our governance and capital works teams have been working together with Kevin Hillier, President of the Frankston RSL, to improve the presentation and functioning of the Frankston War Memorial — to maximise the experience for services such as Anzac Day, Remembrance Day, Centenary of Legacy Relay and other special milestone services.

The works were completed in time for this year's Anzac Day services and the Frankston RSL were very pleased with the results, which are looking magnificent! Key improvements include:

- two walls constructed to lift and reposition the four bronze plaques off the ground, to better display these and minimise damage
- restoration and refurbishment of these plaques to improve their condition and presentation
- turf replaced in front of the plaque walls
- information sign fabricated and affixed to the plaque wall (on the left) to explain the significance of rust stains on the war memorial floor, which represent blood stains of the fallen
- additional paving installed, to widen the area in front of the war memorial, allowing for more seating
- two additional bench seats, one at each end. These seats were supplied by Frankston RSL and inscribed with special wording
- three lights constructed in Beauty Park, on the path leading from Baxter Street past the toilet and over to the wooden bridge to assist with visibility for patrons attending the dawn service

Council will work with the RSL to refurbish existing names on the memorial wall, as well as adding additional names. It is envisaged that this will occur in the coming months.

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**Neighbours coming together for community safety**

Did you know that Neighbourhood Watch Victoria began right here in Frankston in 1982? They held their first meeting with an impressive 160 attendees and Neighbourhood Watch was born! In April, Council supported the newly-formed Frankston Neighbourhood Watch group to hold their first public meeting at the Frankston Mechanics Institute. Alongside Victoria Police and Neighbourhood Watch Victoria, Council's Safer Communities team presented on Council's community safety initiatives and local crime statistics.

As part of our Safer Communities Strategy 2023, Council will provide ongoing support for Frankston Neighbourhood Watch, this includes:

- covering venue hire costs for the remainder of the 2024–25 financial year
- attending the group's monthly meetings
- delivering presentations on local crime/safety trends and safety initiatives
- raising community awareness of the group and providing opportunities for the group to engage with the community.

I encourage everyone to get involved. You can find [@NHWFrankston](https://www.facebook.com/NHWFrankston) on Facebook

**Our biggest infrastructure project an investment in local sport**

We are excited to break ground on our \$60 million Frankston Stadium project this year, our single largest infrastructure investment to date, which will ultimately pay off for our young basketballers, gymnasts and other local sporting enthusiasts once we deliver this incredible new facility.

**Encouraging support for a Nepean Hwy revitalisation**

I would like to thank Council officers, my fellow Councillors, our Mayor and CEO for their tireless advocacy in the lead up to this year's Federal Election. Where efforts were particularly successful was in the Albanese Government's pledge to contribute \$50 million towards revitalisation works along Nepean Highway. Council has worked tirelessly over recent years to develop the Nepean Boulevard Master Plan, and this funding will deliver not only the signature projects that formed our advocacy campaign but other important components that will improve traffic flow and deliver new active transport throughout Frankston's city centre. Thanks to Jodie Belyea MP and Paul Edbrooke MP for supporting the Nepean Boulevard Master Plan for our community and putting Frankston City First. Council has already delivered \$2.05 million towards improvements works along Nepean Highway and has a further \$5.2 million allocated in the coming years.





## Another slam dunk for Frankston City!

**Frankston City Council has approved the construction of the largest infrastructure project in its history, awarding the \$60 million tender for the Frankston Stadium redevelopment in Seaford, located opposite the Kananook Railway Station.**

This significant project will transform the existing Bardia Avenue basketball stadium into a state-of-the-art, 10-court facility,

which will also feature Frankston City's first dedicated gymnastics hall, paving the way for the venue to host national and international televised events — showcasing our City to an even broader audience and enabling future generations of sporting stars.

The new Frankston Stadium will serve as the home for the Frankston and District Basketball Association (FDBA) and the Bayside Gymnastics Club (BGC), which have both outgrown their current facilities.

Frankston Mayor Cr Kris Bolam JP said the development is the result of years of advocacy from the Council and these local sporting clubs, who have long championed the need for a larger, more modern, purpose-built facility.

"The stadium will create more opportunities for participation and skill development, especially for young girls, women, and people with disabilities, in two of Frankston's fastest-growing sports," he said.







**The FDBA and BGC say the project is a dream come true and are excited for what it will mean for their sporting communities.**

FDBA CEO Wayne Holdsworthy: “Basketball in this region has grown dramatically in the past few years. We are now the second largest association in Australia with over 10,000 participants from four-five-year-olds to veterans.

“This project is a spectacular example of what can happen when all levels of government and sports groups come together with a community focus.”

Bayside Gymnastics Club Secretary Priscilla Martorella: “It’s been a long journey for us to find a place to call home, and we couldn’t be more excited. This stadium will provide stability in our club and more opportunities for growth through membership, staffing and gymnastics as a sport in our community.”

The stadium is part of a broader precinct planning approach for Kananook, which included comprehensive engagement with stadium user groups to inform the precinct design including careful integration with surrounding facilities, such as the new Kananook Car Park. The project has also been developed in alignment with the Community Vision and Council and Wellbeing Plan, which were shaped by community feedback showing overwhelming support for the project.

Construction is set to begin in mid-2025 and is expected to take approximately two years to complete. During this period, the Frankston and District Basketball Association will relocate to Jubilee Park Stadium and Bayside Gymnastics Club will continue to operate at its existing home at the Monterey Secondary College campus. More details available are available at [frankston.vic.gov.au/Frankston-Stadium](https://frankston.vic.gov.au/Frankston-Stadium)

### Project benefits snapshot

- jobs expected to be created during construction: 135
- new operational jobs expected to be created: 20+
- supporting 451,000 annual visits to over 9.02 million across the next 20 years
- projected increase in health benefits for stadium users: from \$1.6 million in 2025 to \$32.9 million in 2045
- projected increase in economic benefits to Frankston City: from \$2.98 million in 2025 totaling to \$59.5 million by 2045.

### Key features of the new Frankston Stadium

- a two-storey building with 10 courts (six new and four refurbished)
- two multi-purpose courts suitable for volleyball, futsal, and badminton
- show court with upstairs viewing area and retractable seating for up to 1,000 people
- upgraded forecourt and car parking
- purpose-built gymnastics training and competition area with a training pit and upstairs viewing area
- accessible changing rooms and a cafe
- media room, offices for FDBA and Bayside Gymnastics Club, meeting/events room overlooking the show court
- sustainable design features targeting a 5-Star GreenStar Building Certification through the Green Building Council of Australia
- upgraded pathways, lighting, and landscaping from Kananook Reserve and Kananook Car Park
- capacity to host national and international events, with TV-quality lighting.

### Project history and timeline

- **2020:** Council approves funding to complete a feasibility study for a new stadium at Bardia Avenue, Seaford
- **2021:** Council endorses the feasibility study
- **2022:** Australian and Victorian Governments commit funding support to the project following Council and club advocacy
- **2023:** Council approves the revised concept design for the stadium (in consultation with stadium user groups) and awards design to William Ross Architects
- **2024:** Building name Frankston Stadium is gazetted by Geographic Names Victoria
- **2025:** Council awards the construction tender for the stadium to Ireland Brown Construction
- **2025-27:** Stadium construction
- **2027:** Stadium opens and FDBA and BGC move into their new home





# Frankston City Libraries

Scan the QR code to book  
or phone 9784 1020



## Street Law Coffee Van Pop-Up

Thursday 12 and Thursday 19 June, 10.30am–1pm  
Carrum Downs Library (12 June) and Frankston Library (19 June)  
**FREE, no booking required**

The team from Peninsula Community Legal Centre will be visiting the Carrum Downs and Frankston Libraries with the Street Law Coffee Van. They will be offering **FREE** coffee and legal advice on a range of legal matters including fines and debts, tenancy (private rental, rooming houses and caravan parks), family law, family violence, criminal law, and other general law issues.



## Plastic Free July sustainability sessions

Various dates and locations, throughout July  
**FREE, Bookings essential**

Join us across multiple branches in July to create your own beeswax food wraps. We are celebrating Plastic-Free July with a series of free workshops where you can find out just how easy it is to make your own plastic-free food savers! We will also be hosting Roving Refills at various locations, so you can pick up some books and refill your household products in one place!



## Celebrate NAIDOC during the Winter School Holidays

Each month presentations are held Monday 7 – Friday 11 July, various times and locations

Help us celebrate NAIDOC Week this winter school holidays. We will have dreamtime storytimes, bush tucker talks, animal totem dance classes, author talk with Boori Pryor and more! There will be something for kids of all ages these holidays. Sign up for our children's e-newsletter on our website to be first to access the full school holiday event plan when it goes live.



## The Warm Winter Read is back for 2025

Sunday 1 June – Sunday 31 August

Cosy up with a good book this winter and celebrate reading! Public Library Victoria's Warm Winter Read encourages adults (16+) across Victoria to build a healthy reading habit. We'll help you get started with recommendations from authors you love, and joining in online will put you in the running to win some great bookish prizes! Find out more at [readbooks.com.au/wwr](http://readbooks.com.au/wwr)

# FRANKSTON ARTS CENTRE

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## Sammy J: The Kangaroo Effect

Friday 6 June  
7pm

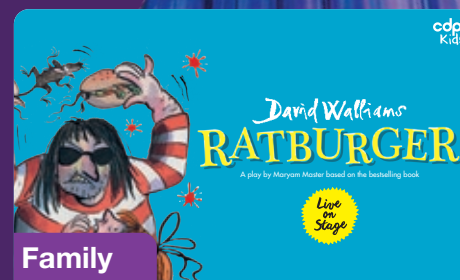
Sammy J returns in a time-bending memoir that bounces through the life of a recovering attention seeker via song, stories and VHS tapes.

Comedy



Comedy/Drama

Hall Stories  
Saturday 7 June  
7.30pm



Family

Ratburger  
Friday 13 June  
12pm and 6pm



## Victorian State Ballet: Beauty and The Beast

Sunday 15 June  
2.30pm

A full-length classical ballet production of the traditional tale, Beauty and the Beast is one of the world's most loved classics.

Dance



Music

Clare Bowditch  
Sunday 22 June  
4pm



Music

An Evening with the MSO  
Friday 4 July  
7.30pm





## Builders & Trades Conference

More than 55 business owners in the construction industry attended Frankston City Council's 2025 Builders & Trades Conference on 4 April at the stunning McClelland Sculpture Park & Gallery, Langwarrin.

The successful all-day event featured an interview with Keith Schleiger, best known as The Blockinator from Nine Network's hit show The Block, two Q&As and three informative sessions from Building Profit by Strategiq's Terence Toh. The event was designed to help businesses from Frankston City's largest industry continue to grow and thrive. Thank you to all the presenters from the day; Master Builder's Victoria, PassivHaus Associations, Frankston Home Innovations, ASPIRE, Built Grid, Senda Tradie and Wunderbuild.



## Better Business with FCC

Our Better Business with FCC event was held on 15 May, at Biersal Brewery, Seaford to introduce businesses to the business support services Frankston City Council offers.

More than 60 attendees enjoyed food by local business Made to Graze, drinks and local entertainment as they learnt about Council's services. Local business owners, Laura from Madame Tiger, Andrew from Peninsula Plumbing and Liz from Netfocus IT were speakers at the event, sharing their stories about their business journey to success with Council's support. On the night, attendees also provided their feedback on current supports and suggestions for future services and mingled with other local business owners.

If you would like to share your feedback or suggestions about our business support services email [business@frankston.vic.gov.au](mailto:business@frankston.vic.gov.au)

## Free business workshops

Frankston City Council's Economic Development Team host several **FREE** business workshops designed to help your business grow and thrive.

We also provide a business event page for you to list your local Frankston City business event. Whether it's Essentials to Strengthen your Small Business with the ATO, training to help you launch or grow your small business, finance help or industry specific sessions relative to your business, our workshops are presented by industry experts who understand what your business needs to thrive. To see what's on offer or to list your own business event, visit [frankston.vic.gov.au/businessesevents](https://frankston.vic.gov.au/businessesevents)



## Have you listed your business on our FREE Frankston City Business Directory yet?

**This platform is frequently used by residents, businesses and especially Council officers who prioritise booking, using and buying local first!**

If you're already on the list, don't forget to use it yourself and help strengthen our Frankston City economy. Furthermore, the directory is hosted on Council's website, which means it has top Search Engine Optimization and always ranks high on Google searches! Plus we promote the page for you, all you need to do is pop your business on there and reap the benefits.



## Looking for a location for your business?

**Did you know we can support you in finding a location for your business in Frankston City?**

Whether it be in Seaford, Carrum Downs, Frankston City Centre, or any of our six industrial estates or 21 neighbourhood shopping precincts, our Investment Lead Officer is here to help. If you are a home business ready to move into a commercial property, a business relocating from another area or you are expanding your business,

we can help you. We are connected to local real estate agents, can take you for a tour of the city, and know which commercial properties are up for grabs. We can also provide you with local economic statistics and demographics from the area to help you make an informed decision about your next chapter. Once you find your spot we can then assist with advice on any permits or licenses you might need. Email [invest@frankston.vic.gov.au](mailto:invest@frankston.vic.gov.au).



## Launch into the world of comics and superheroes these school holidays!

Monday 14 July–Saturday 19 July



**Bookings open from Friday 20 June.**

For more information and to register, please phone 9784 1020 or visit [library.frankston.vic.gov.au/Whats-On](http://library.frankston.vic.gov.au/Whats-On).

Frankston City Libraries is ready to unleash an action-packed lineup of winter school holiday events, featuring the legendary world of superheroes! Join us for a variety of activities designed to inspire creativity, ignite imaginations, and celebrate the wonderful world of comic books.

### Superhero Cape Craft

Monday 14 July  
10.30am and 12pm  
Age: 4–10 years  
Carrum Downs Library

### Comic Book Workshops with Dean Rankine

Wednesday 16 July  
9.30am, 11am and 12.30pm  
Age: 7–15 years  
Seaford Library

### Manga Drawing Workshops with Kenny Chan

Friday 19 July  
10.30am, 12pm and 1.30pm  
Age: 8–15 years  
Carrum Downs Library

### Superhero Storytime and Craft

Tuesday 15 July  
10am–11am  
Age: 2–6 years  
Frankston Library

### Silly Superheroes Show with Carp Productions

Thursday 17 July  
10.30am  
Age 3–12 years  
Frankston South Community Centre

Plus, throughout the week there will be a superhero scavenger hunt happening at each branch. Kids can find the different characters around the library and spell a secret superhero word!



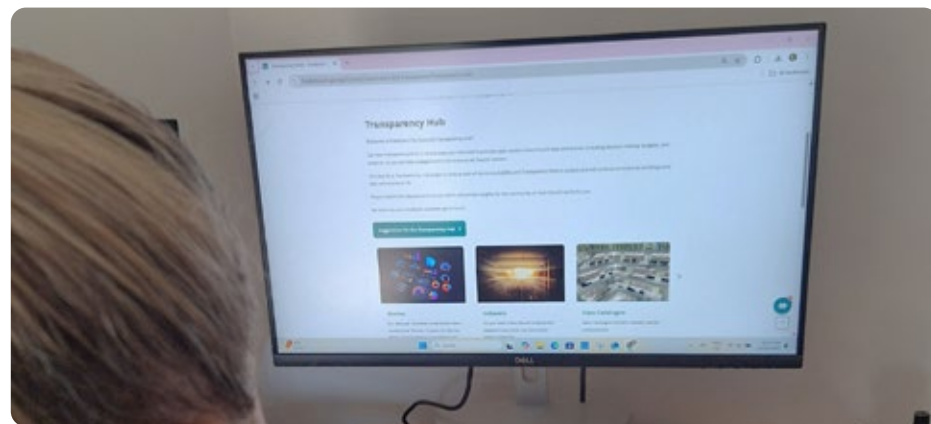
## Enjoy your winter break with Frankston Youth Services

**Frankston Youth Services is once again delivering a diverse and exciting line-up of programs for young people aged 12–24 throughout the winter school holidays.**

Running Monday to Friday, the programs range from creative and social to active and educational, with specific sessions tailored for different age groups including 12–17, 18–24, and all ages in between.

These programs are designed and facilitated by experienced youth workers, ensuring that every session is inclusive, and valuable for participants. Activities include: ghost tours, ice skating, supporting NAIDOC Week, hangouts, cooking and more! The success of previous programs is reflected in strong feedback from young people who attended in April with 4.6 out of 5 feeling more connected to their community, 4.7 satisfied with the activities, and 4.8 would recommend our programs to others.

Programs often book out quickly, with bookings opening two weeks prior to the beginning of holidays. To stay informed about upcoming activities and release dates, we encouraged you to follow Frankston Youth Service on Instagram and Facebook or contact the team directly on **9768 1366**.



## A new era of open, accessible data for Council's Transparency Hub

**Frankston City Council has enhanced our Transparency Hub, with a refreshed, user-friendly platform designed to keep our community informed, engaged, and connected to the work we do every day, now accessible via the Council website.**

As a Council, we believe that transparency builds trust. That's why we've taken bold steps to ensure the information that matters most to our community is not only available, but easy to access and understand. From budgets and project updates to decision-making processes, to the most common pet names in our municipality and the voting history of a specific Councillor, the transparency hub shines a light into the inner workings of Council, with easy to access data sets, charts and stories, all right at your fingertips.

Launched in 2018 as part of the Council's Accountability and Transparency Reform project, the Hub has come a long way.

This latest upgrade represents a major step forward in our ongoing journey towards even greater openness. It features:

- ▶ a searchable data catalogue to improve accessibility and navigation
- ▶ interactive maps, engaging visuals, and vibrant data dashboards that bring Council activity to life
- ▶ clear, digestible information to help you better understand how Council operates
- ▶ consolidated platform – all available on the Council website.

The changes are part of a continuous process of improvement, and we want to hear from you. What data or stories would you like to see on the Transparency Hub? Your feedback will help shape the next phase of development.

To have your say, visit the new Transparency Hub today [frankston.vic.gov.au/TransparencyHub](http://frankston.vic.gov.au/TransparencyHub)







📷 New public toilets at Carrum Downs Recreation Reserve

# You asked, we listened! More public toilets coming your way

**We know accessible and clean public toilets are important to the community — especially around recreation facilities enjoyed by families.**

Council is pleased to advise that we have new public toilets at Carrum Downs Recreation Reserve and more underway at Sandfield Reserve. Our newly upgraded pavilions, Kevin Collopy, Lloyd Park and Eric Bell, all boast new public toilet facilities, along with the Frankston BMX Track. Designs are also underway for upgraded public toilets at the popular Witternberg Reserve, and on the Nepean Highway Foreshore opposite Seaford and Armstrong Roads over the next three years. New facilities at Ballam Park Athletics Pavilion are

also available during events, and golfers will soon benefit from new toilets at the 12th hole at Centenary Park Golf Course.

We're also ensuring our 60+ existing public toilet facilities are cleaned regularly, with close to 100,000 scheduled cleans happening every year (that's one to seven times each, every day and more over summer!). On top of this, our maintenance and upgrades in the past 12 months have included painting facilities with graffiti-proof paint and installing vandal-proof soap and toilet roll dispensers, which have significantly reduced damage and theft in public toilets. You can find out more in our Public Toilet Action Plan 2023 at [engage.frankston.vic.gov.au/public-toilets](https://engage.frankston.vic.gov.au/public-toilets)

## Engaging with our community

Community engagement means involving community members in decisions that affect them. It's the process of creating opportunities for people to be informed, consulted and actively involved in shaping Council plans, services and initiatives.

By participating in engagement activities, you can play a key role in shaping decisions that impact you, your local community and Frankston City as a whole.

### Help shape how we engage

We are seeking your feedback on our current Community Engagement Framework.

This Framework guides how we ensure your voice is heard and is used to influence Council projects, policies and priorities. It also outlines the ways we engage with the community and promote participation opportunities.

The current Framework, endorsed by Council on 28 June 2021, reflects Frankston City Council's commitment to:

- Developing a consistent and coordinated approach to community engagement
- Increasing participation and involvement in Council decisions and projects
- Improving awareness and understanding of community engagement as being central to Council decision-making
- Providing guidelines and a toolkit for planning and delivering community engagement.

Your feedback on the Framework is important to us and will shape how we engage with our community over the next four years. It will strengthen our approach and ensure our engagement activities continues to meet the needs and expectations of our community.

Provide your feedback:

[engage.frankston.vic.gov.au/engagement-framework](https://engage.frankston.vic.gov.au/engagement-framework)



### Become an Engage Frankston member

Join us and make a difference in your community. As an Engage Frankston member, you'll be the first to receive alerts about upcoming engagement opportunities.

We have some exciting projects launching later this year on topics such as responsible pet ownership, local laws, housing, health and wellbeing, biodiversity and more.

When you sign up, you can also register your interests, so you never miss the chance to have your say on Council projects and decisions that matter most to you.

Register now: [engage.frankston.vic.gov.au/register](https://engage.frankston.vic.gov.au/register)



## Frankston Arts Centre celebrates 30 years of culture and community



Frankston Arts Centre is proudly celebrating its 30th birthday with a year-long program honouring three decades of creativity, connection, and community spirit.

The festivities kicked off with an art competition to design the cover for our 2025 Season brochure, won by local artist Alison Tedesco. Her vibrant work now also graces a striking wall mural that enlivens the centre's foyer.

To mark this milestone, FAC launched a special 2025 Gold Membership, offering members a free show ticket and the chance to win exclusive experiences. As part of South Side Festival, 20 special guests have also been treated to an unforgettable backstage tour — revealing hidden

tunnels, secret bridges, and spaces rarely seen by the public.

The centrepiece of our celebration is the major redevelopment of our forecourt, creating a safer, more accessible and inviting space for all. This transformation — guided by community input — features improved pathways, modern lighting, artistic landscaping, and seating options. See page 19 for more info.

Join us on **Saturday June 7** for a special 30th birthday gala called Hall Stories, hosted by the hilarious Damian Callinan, sharing tales and laughs from the venue's rich history. Come early for a pre-show cocktail party and toast to the next 30 years! To book visit [theFAC.com.au](http://theFAC.com.au)

### She is Not Your Rehab with Matt Brown

Wednesday 11 June, 6.30–9pm  
Frankston Arts Centre, tickets \$20

Join us this Men's Health Week for an inspiring keynote with internationally recognised anti-violence advocate Matt Brown, who will share his personal journey of healing from childhood trauma and his work with men to break cycles of violence.

Founded in Matt's barbershop, She Is Not Your Rehab invites men to take ownership of their healing, acknowledging their trauma and transforming their pain rather than transmitting it to those around them.

The event is presented by the Frankston and Mornington Peninsula Men's Wellbeing Network and supported by both Frankston City Council and Mornington Peninsula Shire. Scan the QR code to book your tickets.



### One person's trash is another's treasure!

The team at the Treasure Chest Shop at the Frankston Regional Recycling and Recovery Centre have the fun job of salvaging quality working items that are too good for landfill and stocking them on the shelves for a second chance at life.

Head in to find vintage records, toys, magazines, power tools, golf clubs, ski gear and so much more! Open 7 days a week, 10am–3pm, Frankston Regional Recycling and Recovery Centre (FRRRC), 20 Harold Road, Skye (off Ballarto Road, opposite the Skye Recreation Reserve).



### Japanese Festival

Presented by the Frankston Susono Friendship Association



**Sunday 3 August, 10am–4pm**  
**Frankston High School senior campus**  
**FREE entry**

*Come and help celebrate the Frankston-Susono Sister City relationship and experience Japanese culture.*

Activities include:

- Japanese performances and entertainment
- hands on activities for the whole family
- cultural and sister city displays
- martial arts
- goods for sale
- Japanese food and cooking
- Japanese handicrafts
- Taiko drumming
- meet delegations from Susono
- loads of prizes and giveaways!

For more information contact Simon Hast on **0448 135 800** or [frankston.susono@gmail.com](mailto:frankston.susono@gmail.com) or visit [frankston-susono.com](http://frankston-susono.com)



# Don't buy new, repair it!

Are you passionate about reducing waste? Do you love to give old items new life? Do you love to tinker, fix and mend things? Then we need YOU!

Frankston City Council, in collaboration with Let Me Be Frank, will soon be trialling a series of repair workshops and we would love for you to join us to create a more sustainable future.

Volunteering for these events will give you an opportunity to help

repair and restore items brought in by community members, learn new skills and connect with your community, share your knowledge and skills with others and help to reduce waste. There are also other volunteer roles we will be looking to fill, including admin, promotion, data capture and greeting visitors. If you would like to volunteer complete the Expression of Interest form by scanning the QR code and we will be in touch with you shortly.



## Let's get planting for National Tree Day



Lloyd Park during the 2014 planting



The planting site at Lloyd Park today

Help your local bushland reserve on Sunday 27 July for National Tree Day



## School ambassadors helping green our city

Congratulations to Karingal Primary School and Mount Erin Secondary College, our two Environmental Ambassador Schools for 2025, who will receive 300 indigenous plants, onsite education and assistance with planting this Schools Tree Day, Friday 25 July.

This year Frankston City is supporting over 50 kindergartens, pre-schools, primary and secondary schools in our municipality to improve their natural environment by providing free indigenous plants for Schools Tree Day. Over 2,000 plants will be planted by children and students in Frankston City to enhance the natural environment for increased biodiversity and better outdoor learning opportunities, including more nature play. A big thank you to all the centres and schools participating in this important event.



## Winter School Holiday Ranger Program

Join us on Wednesday 16 July at Witternberg Reserve for our Winter School Holiday Ranger Program.

Explore the native bushland 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: one for up to 7-year-olds at 10am, another for 8–12-year-olds at 11.30am and a mixed age group up to 17 years at 1pm. All sessions are one hour. Adult attendance is required. Spaces are limited to 15 participants per session and must be booked in advance. Book online via the QR code.



Witternberg Reserve





## Get stuck in this World Environment Day

Join a local environmental group to celebrate World Environment Day on Thursday 5 June and help stop plastic pollution ending up on our beautiful beaches and in our waterways.

'Ending Plastic Pollution' is this year's theme, highlighting the growing issue of plastic pollution,

which extends beyond things like the discarded drink bottles we see cluttering streets. Microplastics are a new kind of pollution, and they have already spread to our food, our drinking water, and even into our own bodies. Find your local environmental group and lend a hand.



## Reporting long grass

We're always working hard to ensure that the maintenance of grass on Council-owned and managed land is carried out in a timely manner, with mowing occurring on a scheduled program.

We understand that sometimes grass might grow quicker than we can cut it, so we appreciate when community members flag overgrown areas. When it comes to reporting long grass to Council, you can do so via **Snap Send Solve** or **frankston.vic.gov.au**

It is important to remember that not all grassy areas within the municipality are owned and managed by Council, some of them are the responsibility of VicRoads – who are in charge ensuring their areas remain well-maintained. These areas include:\*

- Cranbourne-Frankston Road — centre median
- Frankston-Dandenong Road — centre median
- Hall Road — centre median
- Hastings Road — centre median
- Moorooduc Highway — centre median
- Nepean Highway from Olivers Hill — centre median
- Westernport Highway — roundabouts



*\*Note: Council is responsible for maintaining the outer separators along Cranbourne-Frankston Road, Frankston-Dandenong Road and Moorooduc Highway.*

You can check whether an area is the responsibility of Council or VicRoads via our My Address webpage, searchable from **frankston.vic.gov.au/My-Property**

If the grassy area is on 'VicRoads Declared Roads', then it is VicRoads responsibility to maintain it. You can find this out by going to 'Layers' clicking on the 'Transport' dropdown menu and clicking on 'VicRoads Declared Roads'.

If you have feedback about long grass on any of VicRoads' declared roads, we ask that you please lodge it with them directly at **vicroads.vic.gov.au**

## Safe battery handling and disposal

Batteries are the cause of many preventable fires every year, making it important to correctly use, store and dispose of batteries in common household devices and tools.

Lithium-ion batteries are a type of rechargeable battery available in different sizes and most laptops, mobile phones, e-bikes, e-scooters, power banks and power tools contain them.

Remember to always:

- store lithium-ion batteries and products in cool, dry places and out of direct sunlight.
- allow the lithium-ion battery to cool after use and before recharging.
- buy replacement batteries from the original supplier or a reputable supplier where possible.
- keep lithium-ion batteries separate from each other when removed from products.
- consider installing a smoke alarm in your garage if batteries are to be stored.



- never use lithium-ion batteries, products or chargers that show signs of damage or recharge on a flammable surface
- monitor device charging times and disconnect products from chargers when fully charged.

Do not throw away lithium-ion batteries or products in household rubbish, recycling bins or hard waste collections. This can cause fires in bins, garbage trucks and waste facilities. Find your local safe disposal options at website such as **recyclemate.com.au** or **bcycle.com.au**



# A new masterpiece in the making: Frankston Arts Centre forecourt upgrade

The iconic Frankston Arts Centre (FAC) is undergoing a bold transformation that will elevate the visitor experience, making it even more inviting, safe, and accessible.

With a nod to both the community and the arts, the redevelopment of the FAC forecourt is a celebration of innovation, culture, and connection.

Key features of the redesign include:

- improved safety, accessibility and functionality
- separate areas for cars and pedestrians, with clearly marked drop-off and pick-up zones
- upgraded pathways, ramps, safer gradients and smoother surfaces ensuring universal access for prams, wheelchairs, grand pianos and hospitality trolleys
- modern lighting to enhance both safety and ambiance, creating a warm, inviting atmosphere for evening visitors
- additional seating providing more opportunities to rest and wait.

- A cultural water feature and landscaping: an artistic and calming installation to create a welcoming and inspiring space for all visitors, blending nature with culture
- dynamic signage: a larger, street-facing screen will keep the public in the know with real-time information about upcoming events at the Arts Centre, while modern signage guides the way.

Visitors seeking a drop off area are encouraged to find a safe roadside location along Davey street or surrounding streets. Visitors can also use the library forecourt or undercover carpark and then access the centre either by the lift or rear staircase.

The forecourt upgrade is fully funded by Council and is expected to be complete in October.

Keep an eye on the website for more updates [artscentre.frankston.vic.gov.au](https://artscentre.frankston.vic.gov.au)



## Acknowledging our community champions

At the April Council Meeting, Cr Brad Hill presented community member Peter Talbot with an Appreciation Award for his incredible dedication to environmental conservation.

Peter's leadership of the 3199 Frankston Beach Patrol has made a real difference. His efforts in organising beach clean-ups, engaging school groups, and advocating for litter reduction have helped protect our beautiful Frankston coastline — while inspiring countless volunteers and building community pride. Thank you to Peter and 3199 Frankston Beach Patrol for your incredible contribution!

## Victorian Budget delivers community facility upgrades for Frankston

Council is pleased to welcome funding for three key projects in the Victorian Government's 2025–2026 State Budget, that will significantly benefit local families and sporting clubs, thanks to successful advocacy and strong partnerships with the Victorian Government and our local Members of Parliament.

The Victorian Government is investing:

- \$240,000 towards a local level play space upgrade at Heritage Reserve in Skye; Frankston City Council will contribute \$210,000 towards the project, which is now fully funded
- \$226,000 for the Peninsula Reserve Sports Lighting Upgrade; the project is now fully funded, with Frankston City Council allocating \$227,000 of its own
- \$250,000 for the Frankston Park Changeroom Upgrade; with co-funding from Council (\$400,000) and the AFL (\$100,000) the project is now fully funded

"These projects have long been priorities for Council and our community," said Mayor Kris Bolam. "We're grateful that the Victorian Government has recognised their importance, and we sincerely thank our local Members of Parliament – Hon Sonya Kilkeny MP (Carrum), Paul Edbrooke MP (Frankston) and Paul Mercurio MP (Hastings) – for championing these initiatives on behalf of Frankston City," he said.







# Our newest upgraded athletics facility officially opens at Ballam Park

The redeveloped athletics pavilion located in the heart of the regional favourite Ballam Park was officially opened by Frankston City Mayor Cr Kris Bolam and Councillors and State Member for Frankston Paul Edbrooke MP.

Hundreds of athletes of all ages — including Olympic hopefuls and world-class coaches — use the Ballam Park Athletics track each week and they, along with visiting athletes, officials and community members can now also enjoy:

- two fit-for-purpose change rooms and amenities
- accessible public toilet
- storage and first aid rooms
- bigger social and gym areas
- more meeting /officials’ rooms
- external undercover viewing area.

Not long ago we also upgraded the track to comply with World Athletics Standards, which made hosting events for senior athletes possible again. The \$3.8 million Ballam Park Athletics Redevelopment was jointly funded by Council and the Victorian Government.



📷 Girls Doubles Finalists, from left, Abbey Nikolic, Marfa Solovei, Gina Inyoung Cha and Valentya Rosa

## International junior tennis comes to Frankston South

**Young up and coming tennis players from around the world competed recently for International Tennis Federation (ITF) Junior World Ranking Points at our own Overport Park.**

The facility hosted 88 competitors in April in the main draw events and 32 additional players in the qualifying tournament. Players came from all around Australia as well as eight international players representing countries such as New Zealand, Kenya, Korea and Iran. The ITF uses a World Junior Ranking system to track the performance of junior tennis players. Points are awarded to players based on their performance in ITF-sanctioned junior tournaments, which are graded from Group A (Grand Slam Junior Events) down to Group 5. The points earned in these tournaments contribute to a player’s overall ranking.



## Time to roll with it, Langwarrin!

Whether you’re a newbie or a pro, the Langwarrin Skate Park upgrade is designed to help you.

What’s coming (thanks to your feedback):

- fresh, modern features for skaters, skateboarders, and scooter riders make the most of this fantastic facility
- wider streets for more skaters, less waiting, and more airtime
- the bowl’s getting a slight shift to protect the trees and nature
- a brand-new beginner street area — perfect for newbies to board in safety
- a new tier around the bowl to keep the flow smooth and stylish
- seamless connections so you can keep the tricks flowing!
- extra seating
- a new quarter pipe
- designs that give a nod to our local Melbourne Sand belt.

The upgrade is expected to be completed in September and builds on the shelter and drinking fountain completed in Stage One. This \$900,000 project is funded by Council (\$730,000) and the Australian Government (\$170,000) and also complements other recent upgrades at Lloyd Park including the new main pavilion and upgraded netball pavilion. Find out more [frankston.vic.gov.au/MoreCurrentProjects](http://frankston.vic.gov.au/MoreCurrentProjects)

## Frankston Park oval upgraded in time for footy season

We officially handed back Frankston Oval to Frankston Football Club in April, just in time for kick-off of the VFL season! The \$1.25 million Council funded project is part of Council’s ongoing sports ground renewal program and included upgrading the 20-year-old irrigation and drainage systems with more suitable systems, adding goal post sleeves for soccer and rugby, and a brand-new playing surface including hybrid turf on the oval’s high traffic areas (centre circle and goal square). A new retaining wall has also been constructed at the ovals’ northern wing.

The upgraded oval will attract a broader diversity of elite sporting and other events to the area, while ensuring the ground remains in top condition for existing users including the Frankston Football Club, AFLW games and community football.

