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Cranbourne-Frankston Road,  
Langwarrin  
Monday to Wednesday, 9am–4pm  
Thursday & Friday, 9am–5pm

### Carrum Downs Library and Customer Service Centre

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## Message from the Mayor

### Ensuring our council plan continues delivering for our community

As we approach the new financial year, I'm proud of the momentum we've built delivering Year One of the 2025–2029 Council and Wellbeing Plan. Over the past 12 months we've delivered practical outcomes including improvements to play spaces and sporting reserves, progress on foreshore planning, expanded community connection and inclusion supports and upgraded service offerings — while also establishing the performance and reporting systems that hold us accountable.

From 1 July, we'll move into Year Two implementation. This will see a range of Council Plan initiatives put into action, including expanded service delivery, infrastructure renewals, programs to support local business and community groups, improved waste and environmental resilience measures, and projects that boost our city centre and provide safer streets. We remain passionate about creating a more inclusive Frankston City, through equitable access to recreation and events. We are also working to provide continued opportunities for community engagement and feedback and to streamline our customer service

operations, among other key Council performance priorities. We will simultaneously review Year One delivery to confirm outcomes, identify any adjustments and refine priorities for Year Three.

Closing the books on 30 June also starts our Annual Report process. Council must adopt that independently audited report by 30 October and collating the report is a crucial process for measuring outcomes against the Plan and analysing service trends. It is this cycle that took place last financial year that informed and shaped the Year Two initiatives, which were included in the Budget 2026–27 adopted by Council on 11 May 2026.

This annual rhythm — review, report, adopt, renew — gives us the continuity needed to deliver the Plan through to 2029. I'm grateful for the community's input so far and I look forward to working with councillors, residents, local businesses and staff as we turn these commitments into better everyday outcomes for our city.



**Cr Sue Baker**  
Mayor

## CEO message

### Shaping Frankston City's future together

Over the coming months, you'll start to see more discussion across our community about the upcoming Victorian State Election in November. It's an important time for Frankston City — not just politically, but in terms of the opportunities it presents for our future.

Advocacy is a key part of the role we play as a Council. At its heart, it's about representing our community. Making sure the voices, priorities and aspirations of Frankston City are clearly heard by decision-makers at all levels of government.

Whether it's securing funding for local infrastructure, influencing policy, or helping shape legislation that impacts our region, strong advocacy helps ensure our community gets the outcomes it deserves.

As a Council, we take a proudly bipartisan approach to this work. That means we engage respectfully and consistently with all Members of Parliament and candidates, regardless of political affiliation. Our focus is always the same — achieving the best outcomes for Frankston City.

In the lead-up to the election, we are working to clearly communicate our community's priorities to all candidates, while also ensuring transparency and fairness through our Election Signs and Events Policy and our Working with Members of Parliament and Political Candidates Protocol.

Our advocacy priorities have been shaped through extensive community engagement and reflect what matters most to our residents — safer, better connected neighbourhoods, strong community infrastructure, and services that support people at every stage of life.

In the current financial climate, collaboration between all levels of government is more important than ever. By working together, we can unlock investment that supports jobs, strengthens our community and enhances the liveability of our city.

Through our advocacy, we are seeking to partner with the State Government on a suite of projects that represent more than \$15 million in potential investment, contributing to over \$37 million in community infrastructure and services across Frankston City. These are practical, ready-to-deliver initiatives that would make a real difference to our community.

Put simply, this is about putting Frankston City first.

I look forward to continuing these conversations with our community and with candidates in the months ahead, as we work together to shape a strong and positive future for Frankston City.



**Tennille Bradley**  
CEO

## Australia's Most Accessible Beach program returning to Frankston

Frankston City Council is proud to announce that Australia's Most Accessible Beach program will return for the 2026–2027 summer season, following unanimous endorsement at the April Council Meeting. The extension reflects strong community demand and the impacts of last summer's pilot program.

Across the 2025–2026 pilot, people who had spent years — sometimes decades — watching the ocean from afar were finally able to return to the sand. Some even touched the ocean water for the first time in their lives. Others wept as the tide washed over their legs after believing that moment would never come again.

We worked with Accessible Beaches Australia to bring the pilot to Frankston, with support from the Social Inclusion Action Group (SIAG) and Surf Life Saving Victoria. Across three months (30.5 operational days), over 247 groups (more than 456 participants) took part in Australia's Most Accessible Beach pilot. A further 241 community members made use of the accessible beach matting.

Shane visited Frankston's Accessible Beach almost every weekend of the pilot's operation, rolling across the matting and into the water for the first time in two decades.

"Being back in the sea... it's a beautiful thing," he said. "I used to love scuba diving. I never thought I'd feel the water around me again. But I can. And it's made me feel better within myself."



*From left Nairm Marr Djambana Chairperson Alan Johnson, Hon. Paul Edbrooke, State Member for Frankston, Mayor Sue Baker, Federal Member for Dunkley Jodie Belyea MP, Nairm Marr Djambana CEO Deb Mellett, Cr Emily Green, Cr Steffie Conroy and Cr Nathan Butler*

## New community hub marks milestone for Nairm Marr Djambana

Frankston's First Nations community is celebrating the completion of a new multi-use community hub at Nairm Marr Djambana, marking a significant milestone in a long-term vision for a culturally strong and connected gathering place.

The project is being funded by \$850,000 from the Australian Government's Investing in Our Communities Program. Delivered by Frankston City Council, the project provides a fit-for-purpose space to support programs that strengthen health, wellbeing, education and cultural connection for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people across Frankston and surrounding areas.

Frankston City Mayor Cr Sue Baker joined Federal Member for Dunkley Jodie Belyea, Hon. Paul Edbrooke, State Member for Frankston and Nairm Marr Djambana Chairperson Alan Johnson and CEO Deb Mellett to officially open the new facility — which forms part of the first stage of a three-part master plan designed to support the organisation's long-term growth, self-determination and sustainability.

Ms Mellett said the project reflects years of community advocacy and planning.

"This space has been shaped by our community — by what people have told us they need to feel safe, supported and connected."

"For many years we've delivered programs from temporary facilities, but this hub gives us the beginning of what Nairm Marr Djambana can become — to grow, to strengthen culture, and to support our people in new ways.

Located within Jubilee Park, Nairm Marr Djambana (meaning 'gathering by the bay') is a community-led meeting place that provides culturally safe programs and services for First Nations people. The organisation plays a vital role in fostering inclusion, strengthening identity, and supporting community wellbeing.

The new hub will enable the expansion of existing programs and create new opportunities for community connection. The facility includes community workshop space consisting of a multipurpose room, kitchenette, and storerooms.

The workshop space will primarily accommodate Nairm Marr Djambana's existing men's group and the outdoor decking will be used as a community workshop breakout space alongside the fire pit and Cultural Ceremonial Space.

## News in brief

### Community care navigation service launches

Introducing Frankston City Council's FREE Community Care Navigation and Advocacy Service. If you or someone you know needs help navigating aged care or community services, our new program is here to help. The service is available to older adults, carers, people living with disability or health conditions, and anyone who needs a helping hand accessing community services.

If you're an individual or carer, get in touch to book an appointment or find out more. If you're a like-minded service or organisation working with our community, we'd love to connect and explore how we can support you best. Email [communitycareconnect@frankston.vic.gov.au](mailto:communitycareconnect@frankston.vic.gov.au) or phone 9784 1818



POSTCARD

Hi friend,  
 Just heard about Frankston City's 60th anniversary weekend – and it's shaping up to be something really special.

The city centre is set to come alive with live entertainment, exhibitions, storytelling, markets and nostalgic throwbacks celebrating six decades of city life.

Make sure you save the date: 22-23 August.

See you there  
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On The Beach film screening

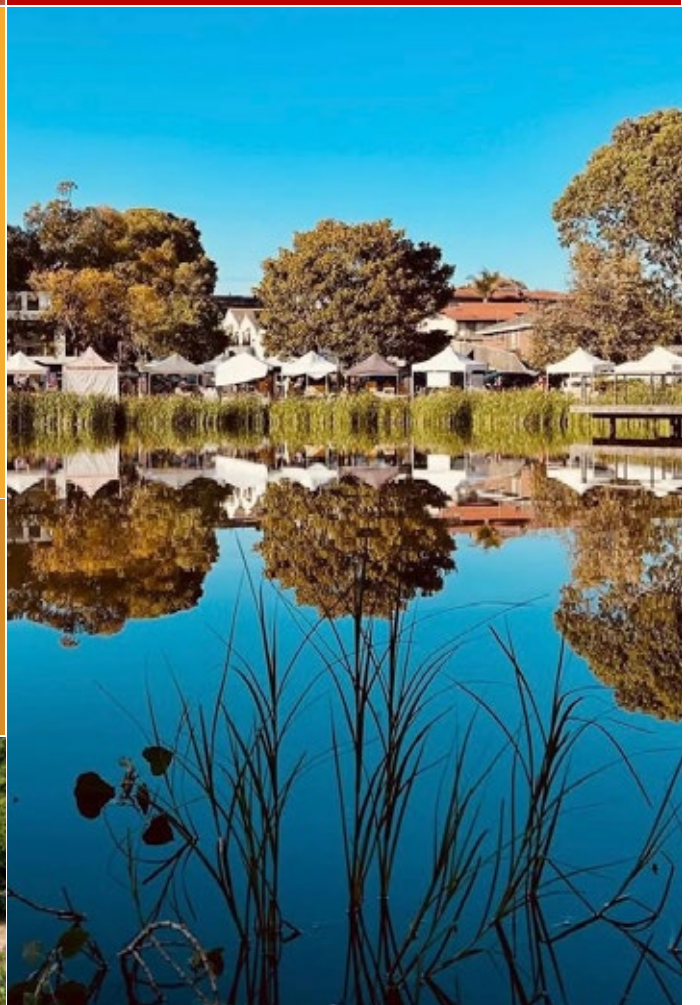
Art exhibitions

A special Little Beauty Market



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Full program still to come.  
 For updates and event details visit:  
[frankston.vic.gov.au/60-years](http://frankston.vic.gov.au/60-years)



A community concert



Local history tours and displays

Talks and panels

# Community first Budget delivers relief while investing responsibly

Frankston City Council has adopted another community focused Budget that delivers real cost of living support, keeps total rates capped at the State Government limit of 2.75 per cent increase and continues investment in community infrastructure and local projects across the city.

Informed by early community engagement and building on extensive engagement with residents, community groups, and other organisations, the 2026–2027 Budget reflects a clear message from the community: people are still feeling the pressure of rising costs, they value strong local services, and they want Council to invest carefully and responsibly in Frankston City's future.

Mayor Sue Baker said the Budget is about responding to those voices with practical action.

"We heard clearly from our community that cost of living pressures are still very real for many households," Mayor Baker said.

"This Budget responds by delivering real relief — keeping rates capped, reducing waste charges for most households, and continuing investment in the facilities, neighbourhoods and services people rely on every day."

## Reducing waste charges

As part of Council's cost of living response, most residential waste charges will reduce by an average of around three to four per cent in 2026–2027 compared with 2025–2026, with the FOGO charge now integrated into the standard waste service charge.

The reduction coincides with the final stage of the four bin kerbside system rollout, delivering better environmental outcomes while helping ease weekly household costs.

"For ratepayers who already have a FOGO service, their waste charge will drop by around \$23 with the move from a three bin to a four bin service," Mayor Baker said.

"These savings are possible because of careful planning and procurement, improved recycling systems, and a community that understands how to sort waste correctly."



## Delivering continued community support

Community feedback also directly influenced the continuation of Council's Local Support Package, delivered for the second year in a row to provide targeted assistance where it is most needed. The \$900,000 package supports inclusive access to the foreshore through Australia's Most Accessible Beach following a successful pilot, helps children and families gain vital water safety skills through the Can Swim program, and strengthens frontline services through one off support for neighbourhood and community houses.

Investment also continues in initiatives that support safety, connection, and wellbeing. Funding has been allocated to:

- ▶ expand the Rapid Response program which provides proactive patrols across Frankston City (\$124,740)
- ▶ continue the nationally recognised, award winning Community Connectors program, which supports early intervention, outreach and engagement around Frankston Station, Young Street and the city centre (\$200,000)
- ▶ increase support for community grants will help local organisations deliver grassroots programs that respond directly to local need (\$163,256)
- ▶ ongoing investment in local business and economic development partnerships, recognising their role in supporting the local economy (\$90,000).

## Planning for big project delivery and smaller ongoing upgrades

Alongside community support, the Budget delivers an \$83.6 million Capital Works Program that balances major city shaping projects with smaller, neighbourhood level improvements that make a real difference day to day.

This includes significant progress on the Frankston Stadium in Seaford (\$30M), continued delivery of the Frankston Regional Arts Trail, (\$2.16M) new inclusive play and pump track facilities at Banyan Reserve in Carrum Downs (\$2M), and renewal works at Peninsula Aquatic and Recreation Centre (\$2M) to maintain one of the city's most used facilities.

Investment will also improve how people move around the city, with upgrades to Towerhill Road and shared paths (\$2.45M), improvements at Monterey Reserve in Frankston North (\$1.77M) and continued works along Nepean Boulevard (\$1M).

Beyond these major projects, Council will continue to deliver smaller, high impact works across neighbourhoods — including local path upgrades, open space improvements and play space renewals — many of which are consistently raised through community feedback and valued for their everyday benefits.

Mayor Baker said partnerships will remain critical to delivering infrastructure and services without placing additional pressure on ratepayers.

"We know councils can't do everything alone," she said.

"We'll continue to advocate strongly to state and federal governments for funding partnerships — particularly in the lead up to this year's State Election, we are seeking support for shared user paths around schools and neighbourhoods, community outreach and homelessness support services and upgrades to key community sport and recreation infrastructure and more."

View the full budget.



## Better parks and paths for a growing Frankston City

Frankston City parks and reserves are places where people move, meet, recover and reconnect — and as the city grows, making sure these spaces are accessible and welcoming has never been more important.

To support this, Frankston City Council is delivering upgrades to six local parks across the city, improving paths, accessibility, safety, amenity and urban greening.

The projects form part of a \$1.83 million co funded program, with Council contributing \$915,000 and matching funding secured through the Victorian Government's Pick My Park program. This partnership enables Council to deliver more improvements sooner, while remaining transparent and responsible with community funds.

The first project to commence will be at George Pentland Botanic Gardens. The Accessible Path Connections Project will complete an accessible path network throughout the gardens, making it easier for people of all ages and abilities to move through the space and connect with the adjacent Peninsula Hospital precinct.

Other funded projects and expected completion dates include:

- Montague Reserve, Frankston: December 2026
- Kashmir Reserve, Frankston: February 2027
- Lipton Reserve, Frankston: August 2027



- Roberts Reserve, Frankston: February 2028
- Franciscan Reserve, Frankston: April 2028

These timeframes align with priorities in Council's Play Strategy (which was informed by community feedback) and allow for other already planned reserve upgrades to be completed in the coming year, including Banyan Reserve Play space and pump track (November 2026) and Rotary Reserve in Carrum Downs and Heritage Reserve, Skye (July 2026).



## Exciting Frankston Regional Arts Trail updates



Frankston City Council is excited to share new progress on Frankston's Regional Arts Trail, with major milestones set to be unveiled over the coming months along the 9km trail linking the Frankston Waterfront to McClelland Sculpture Park and Gallery.

Designed as an immersive arts and cultural experience, the trail will encourage healthier, more sustainable travel while attracting more visitors to Frankston City

### What's included?

- Installation of more than 10 new public artworks
- Upgrades to 3 key intersections
- Installation or upgrade of amenities and wayfinding signage across the trail

The trail will strengthen connections between key destinations and open spaces, including Beauty Park, Peninsula University Hospital, Ballam Park, Jubilee Park and Monash University Peninsula Campus with additional wayfinding signage and directional markers to Cruden Farm, Mulberry Hill, Langwarrin Flora and Fauna Reserve and Nairn Marr Djambana.

### Progress so far

- Improved shared user crossing between Baxter Trail and Willow Road — complete
- Shared user crossing on Hillcrest Road — complete

- Frankston Nature Conservation Reserve mural by Jack Rowland, located on the Peninsula Link Trail at Karingal Hub — complete
- Those That Run with Dingoes sculpture by Clancy Warner, Beauty Park, Frankston — complete
- Love Me Tender sculpture by Gleb Dusavitskiy, Ballam Park — complete

### Over coming months, you can expect

- Installation of artwork at the Frankston Pier
- Installation of artwork at the Frankston Waterfront
- Installation of artwork at Jubilee Park
- Sneak previews of the Hastings Road gateway sculpture
- New Skye Road Shared User Path works

The Frankston Arts Trail is a joint project proudly funded by Frankston City Council and the Australian Government.

Sign up to receive regular updates, email [ArtsTrail@frankston.vic.gov.au](mailto:ArtsTrail@frankston.vic.gov.au)

## Want to know what's happening in your city?

Sign up to receive the latest Frankston City eNews and updates!

The monthly Frankston City News email newsletter has all the latest events, activities, services, supports, upgrades and improvements going on across your city!





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**See our city with a fresh perspective, thanks to Cycling Without Age**

Based at the Healthy Futures Hub, Cycling Without Age is a new program pairing trained volunteer cyclist pilots with passengers for relaxed rides in a specially designed, electric-assisted trishaw. This program builds on the success of Cycling Without Age initiatives across Australia and around the world with support from the Frankston Social Inclusion Action Group (SIAG), Healthy Futures Hub and local partners.

Rides began in April and cover options including (weather permitting) Seaford Wetlands, the Pines Flora and Fauna park or a shorter loop around the Healthy Futures Hub. I had a fantastic time with Hon. Paul Edbrooke, State Member for Frankston recently, as we took one of the trishaws for a test spin — an activity that, at its heart, is about participation, connection and creating opportunities for people to feel part of something positive and welcoming. I want to acknowledge Cycling Without Age Mornington Peninsula who will be delivering this activity and to acknowledge SIAG’s leadership.

For more information, or if you are interested in becoming a volunteer cycling pilot, please get in touch with the Cycling Without Age team on 0423 412 144.

**A win for sustainable recreation**

With the newly completed Monterey Recycled Water Scheme, we have created a climate resilient recycled water supply supporting golf, community sport and wellbeing — while safeguarding precious drinking water for the future. This is exactly the kind of sustainable thinking at the heart of Council’s Climate Change Strategy and Integrated Water Action Plan.

Sport and recreation play a huge role in life in Frankston City but maintaining green, healthy playing surfaces has become increasingly challenging. Recycled water helps us meet these challenges, ensuring some of our most-loved community spaces remain resilient, vibrant and welcoming all year round, even in the face of climate change.

Over the past few years, Frankston North has seen major upgrades to its sporting facilities at Monterey, Pat Rollo and Eric Bell Reserves and now, with the support of recycled water, these facilities will be easier to maintain and more cost-effective to operate, meaning more funding to allocate to other essential services across the community. Thank you once again to the Victorian Government, South East Water, The National Golf Club, and everyone who helped make this vision a reality.



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Lots of exciting things have been happening over the past few months, with several personal highlights along the way.

I had the honour of speaking at the Langwarrin Community Centre’s Anzac Day Service. It was a beautiful and moving event, with reflections, speeches, poems and music shared to remember those who have sacrificed so much for our country. It was particularly heartwarming to see local school students and children from the Early Learning Centre so engaged, honouring our history and those who came before us.

I was also privileged to lay a wreath on behalf of Council at the Seaford RSL service and witness the commemorative march. The sunshine across both days seemed to mirror the warmth, gratitude and respect felt throughout the community as we paused to remember our heroes and their contributions.

In March, I joined the Mayor and Deputy Mayor from the City of Casey and several MPs to celebrate the inauguration of Akaal Shaouni Langwarrin with the Sikh community. This site is home to Sikh Volunteers Australia, an incredible organisation dedicated to supporting those in need. Through their Free Food Van service, they prepare and distribute thousands of nutritious meals each day, supporting not only our local community but also providing critical assistance across Victoria during emergencies such as floods and bushfires. We are incredibly fortunate to have such a generous and dedicated group making a real difference.

Mayor Baker and I attended Peninsula Waves’ first home game of the season at Jubilee Park. As one of only 12 elite netball clubs in Victoria and representing the Mornington Peninsula region in the Victorian Netball league (VNL) Competition, it was a pleasure meeting players, coaches and club representatives, and witnessing the energy and skill on display. I was extremely impressed and watched matches and performances that can be described as nothing other than electric. We were on the edge of our seats as we watched the nail-biting championship division match which included magical goals from MJ. I was in awe and admiration of all involved with the Waves, who represent our region with pride and professionalism.



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**Frankston gains recognition as an events destination**

I was thrilled to hear recently that Frankston Arts Centre (FAC) has been named Best Regional Event Venue in Victoria in Spice Magazine and News’ Hot 100 Awards for 2026. This reader-voted honour reflects how widely the venue is appreciated by audiences and industry peers across the state. It’s easy to see why: with an 800-seat theatre, a 200-seat black box, five gallery spaces, a function centre and a creative hub, FAC hosts everything from visual arts to live music, comedy, dance and major civic events.

Of course, most of us already know what a great local venue this is, with our amazing arts centre at the forefront for much of our recent South Side Festival, showcasing exhibitions, clothing exchanges, community craft events, film screenings and more. I’m also proud that recent precinct improvements to the FAC forecourt that delivered a new drop-off zone, gentler gradients and better lighting have made this venue even more welcoming and accessible for everyone.

**Celebrating our cheerful givers**

Council recently presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Nina Jayillian for her work at Theodora House, also known as Theodora’s Cheerful Givers. Many Frankston locals may already be familiar with Theodora’s, which serves around 400 food hampers and more than 1,000 pre-cooked frozen meals each week to locals experiencing financial hardship. Nina works alongside founder Gina Poulos to prepare food and guide Theodora volunteers, generously helping to support our community in such an important way. I remain deeply moved by what she and her team have achieved. Her dedication has been a lifeline for many facing financial and personal hardship, and she has inspired others to step up and contribute.

That steadfast commitment, shown day after day, has created a ripple effect: more volunteers, stronger community connections and emergency support systems that work when they’re needed. If you can, I encourage you to support Theodora House by heading down to their Op Shop in Ashleigh Lane Frankston to grab a bargain. All profits go towards supporting Theodora’s to continue their important work. There are also always opportunities to volunteer, to find out more, including how to access food assistance should you need it, head to theodorahouse.org.au



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**Continuing vital community supports**

Following the success of the Local Support Package in 2025 to reduce the cost of living, a second smaller version was also committed to last year, to carry over into 2026 and 2027, including:

- **Additional Neighbourhood House funding:** each of our community centres and neighbourhood houses will receive financial assistance with a one-off grant of \$15,000 in the 2026–2027 financial year, to help boost community engagement and participation. Funding is used differently across each community centre, depending on the programs and services they provide, including mental health support programs, social groups, exercise groups, adult education, children’s programs, cultural programs and more.
- **A one-off top up to Community Grants increase:** an additional one-off \$30,000 to uplift the available grant support for local organisations funded under the ‘Safe, Respectful and Equal Communities’ category i.e. ‘living free from violence, discrimination and preventing harm from tobacco, alcohol, drugs and gambling’.

**Ensuring a safe and secure Frankston City**

Since 2018–2019, Council has installed a significant number of CCTV security cameras at key locations across the municipality, 151 to be exact — representing a 155 per cent increase over the eight-year period. The additional cameras raise our total CCTV coverage to 237, which is the second biggest local government CCTV cluster in the state, all utilising a combination of federal and local government funding. Council is also working collaboratively with Victoria Police in informing both new priority locations and substantial upgrades to existing locations to enhance access and visibility for Victoria Police.

**Acknowledging more than 30 years of dedicated service**

We recently sent a Letter Under Seal to Reverend Angel Roldan and his late wife, Pastor Ulli Rothstein de Roldan, acknowledging their exceptional service to the Frankston community. In 2017, Reverend Roldan and Pastor Ulli were jointly honoured as Frankston Citizens of the Year. Reverend Roldan has led the Life-Gate Ministry in Frankston since the early 1990s, dedicating 34 years to supporting residents.

Through Life-Gate Ministry, they have made a profound difference by providing family counselling, guidance to those who are incarcerated, a food van for people experiencing hardship and the Colour of Hope program in local secondary schools. Council respectfully acknowledged the passing of Pastor Ulli Rothstein de Roldan in early 2025. Following Reverend Roldan’s retirement in late 2025 we acknowledge both for their leadership and dedication over many years.



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**A big win for access, inclusion and community**

Council has unanimously backed a second year of the Australia’s Most Accessible Beach Program, and I could not be happier. This program was a genuine whole of community effort and during its delivery generated more than 1.2 million social media engagements and more than 3.7 million TikTok views. It also received a live cross on ABC News Breakfast, a mention on ABC Radio, an article in The Age, and a mention in the Herald Sun.

That kind of support does not happen by accident. It happens when a community gets behind something meaningful. One very important gap we are now looking to close is the installation of a fixed Changing Places facility at the Frankston waterfront. That would be a major next step, helping turn the success of this pilot into lasting accessibility infrastructure for our city. This is what can happen when Council, community advocates, businesses, sponsors, volunteers and partner organisations all come together to deliver something genuinely special. Frankston, and our whole community, should be very proud.

**A milestone anniversary for Frankston City**

As you would have seen earlier in this edition, 2026 marks 60 years since Frankston was elevated from a Shire to a City. The declaration of Frankston as a City was in response to a petition at the time to recognise the significant population growth and subsequent demand for services that had gradually built up over previous decades, showing that, far from simply being a spot for holiday makers, ours was an area more and more people were choosing to call home. To mark this special occasion, I have suggested we bury a time capsule, containing items that reflect who we are as a City today. We will share more information shortly on the items to be included and where the capsule will be buried. In the meantime, make sure to pencil our 60th anniversary events into your calendar.



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Gosh, how are we already at the halfway point of the year!

We have an exciting winter event for the community to enjoy in June, the Fire Festival on Saturday 13 June down at the Frankston Waterfront. There will be fire performers, elevated food and beverage offerings and live music from 4–8.30pm.

For more information, visit [imaginefrankston.com.au/frankston-fire-festival](https://www.imaginefrankston.com.au/frankston-fire-festival)

A new coffee van may be headed to the Carrum Downs Recreation Reserve shortly, helping you to get your caffeine fix while enjoying local sports games, a great play space and some well-deserved leisure time. Keep an eye on Council socials for more updates.

Back in May, temporary fencing went up for the Gamble Reserve play space upgrade. The play space was carefully decommissioned through the Rotary Overseas Recycled Playgrounds (RORP) initiative and will be packaged up and sent over to Bougainville in Papua New Guinea to give it a second lease on life and bring joy to kids who have never had a playground to play on.

Gamble Reserve is expected to reopen in July.

In June, temporary fencing will also go up at Banyan Reserve for upgrades to the play space and pump track. The old play space will also become part of the RORP initiative, how awesome is that!

When daylight savings finished, it came to our attention that the lights at Sandfield Reserve were tripping due to electrical faults. Thanks to the early morning walking group for raising the issue, it should now be fully resolved.

Did you know you can get food waste kitchen caddy compostable liners from Frankston Library? Well, now you do!

Have you checked out the Carrum Downs Market at Rotary Park? It’s been amazing to see so many members of the community attending. The next two markets will be held on 7 June and 5 July from 9am–2pm.

As always, please email me at [crsconroy@frankston.vic.gov.au](mailto:crsconroy@frankston.vic.gov.au) if you have any concerns or issues.





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Over the last couple of months, I've spent a lot of time out in the community and it's honestly reminded me why I love being a councillor so much. I've met some incredible people, had really thoughtful conversations and been part of moments that have genuinely stayed with me.

One of those was the Committee of Frankston and Mornington Peninsula School Leaders Presentation. Sitting in a room listening to young people speak so openly about their lives, concerns and hopes for the future was really powerful. Being only about ten years older than a lot of the students, I could relate to so much of what they were saying. At the same time, it also gave me a real insight into how different things are for young people now. I also loved that there were people from across politics in the room. No matter a student's views or experiences, there was someone there they could connect with and feel heard by. I think that matters.

I was also really lucky to be part of celebrating the opening of the new multipurpose community hub at Nairn Marr Djambana. There was so much warmth in the room and such a strong sense of community. Hearing stories about how long people have worked towards this, some since the late 90s, made it feel even more special. Huge love to Aunty Deb, Alan Johnson and to anyone who had a hand in it's funding.

And completely unrelated, but I finally went to roller derby at Sk8 House in Carrum Downs and had the best time. The atmosphere was so fun and welcoming and it reminded me how important local spaces and communities are. Frankston has some really fun people in it. Shout out to the South Sea Roller Derby team and Harmin' Miranda for the invitation.



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**Working towards a safer and more vibrant city centre**

I'm excited by the progress unfolding along Young Street, with small actions adding up to a noticeably fresher, safer and more inviting precinct. One of the most tangible changes is the proposed transformation of 76 Young Street into a new green pedestrian laneway.

The new laneway will create a new public space for the City and open a new direct pedestrian link to Gallery Lane and Stiebel Place behind it. That connection is more than a shortcut, it knits the laneway network together, increases foot traffic through the precinct and improves casual surveillance — a simple design change that supports both safety and local trading. These interventions reflect the practical spirit of the Young Street Action Plan, which is about targeted, visible improvements that change how people experience the street. The project will be undertaken in consultation with nearby business, Victoria Police, our community connectors and other stakeholders and we will have more information to share with you shortly.

Since the action plan began in 2024, we've delivered measurable outcomes across the precinct. The Young Street Uplift Project produced visible impact across the city centre, with improvements to some 50 properties that have helped to generate greater activity, vibrancy and a stronger sense of place. Our Façade Improvement Grant program has rolled out seven commercial property frontage upgrades and Council's \$34,000 investment cleaned 43 shopfronts. All small investments with a big street level return. Those upgrades, combined with our business concierge service, which has supported nine enquiries and helped three new businesses open, show how coordinated placemaking, targeted grants and hands on business support work together to revive a strip.

The new public space and better laneway connections will reinforce that momentum by creating destinations and improving movement through the precinct. There's still work ahead, including continuing to attract complementary businesses, maintaining streetscape upgrades, sustaining activation and growing our current safety measures, but the foundations are now in place. Young Street is becoming the kind of street where community, culture and commerce coexist and I'm proud of what local partners and Council have achieved so far.



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**Volunteers are the cornerstone of our community**

Every year the Volunteering Frankston Awards shine a light on people whose unpaid efforts strengthen our neighbourhoods, support local services and model selfless generosity. The nominations alone tell a story, showing residents and organisations taking time and care to help others, from mentoring and event support to environmental restoration, community care and emergency response. I'm grateful for everyone who took the time to nominate, you have helped to ensure truly deserving recipients are recognised. I also want to emphasise what a difficult decision this awards process is. Each nominee deserves our recognition and praise. Nominations have just closed and the category and organisation nominees will be recognised at the Volunteering Frankston Awards event in late 2026.

**Growing — and protecting — our urban canopy**

Council has recently approved the Tree Protection Local Law 2026. I supported this administrative refresh because trees deliver so many benefits: shade and passive cooling, habitat for native wildlife, improved stormwater outcomes, and the neighbourhood character that makes places feel like home. The updated local law primarily modernises wording, clarifies how tree protections interact with planning permits, tightens replanting requirements and improves review processes. It's important to note the law continues to protect trees even where planning permits aren't required — a safeguard the community told us it strongly supports during consultation. Over the coming weeks we'll publish clear guidance and offer support to residents so they can quickly understand when a permit is required and how to apply.

**Rewarding our incredible business innovators**

Lastly, I'm proud of the success of our inaugural Entrepreneur Program 2025–26, which provided a total of \$50,000 in funding to five local start-ups, together with mentorship, training and other tailored supports. Launching and maintaining a successful business can be stressful and overwhelming and programs like this one can provide the leg up a local business may need to succeed. I am proud that Council is so dedicated to rewarding this kind of commitment, hard work and innovation. We can also all do our part to support our local entrepreneurs by continuing to think local when you spend.

# 2026 Frankston City First priorities

Ahead of this year's state government election, Council is advocating for co-funding for these 10 priority projects:

## Healthy and inclusive communities

We're investing in the facilities our local clubs and communities rely on every week.

These projects support growing participation in sport — especially for women, girls and young people. It's about creating modern, inclusive spaces where everyone feels welcome and can take part.

Key projects:

- Bruce Park Pavilion redevelopment: project cost \$10M, state government ask \$1.75M. A modern, two-storey home for AFL, cricket and tennis.
- Len Phelps Pavilion refurbishment: project cost \$6.5M, state government ask \$2M. Bringing multiple sports together under one inclusive roof.
- Baxter Park multi-sports and entry safety project: project cost \$3.6M, state government ask \$1.8M. New courts to support a range of sports and safer access in and out of the park.

Local sport is the backbone of our community — and it needs the right infrastructure to thrive.



## Strong, supported communities

Strong communities are built on connection, support and inclusion.

These initiatives ensure help reaches people where they are, and with dignity and care.

Key projects:

- Langwarrin Men's Shed: project cost \$0.4M, state government ask \$0.2M. Expansion to grow a vibrant hub for connection, skills and wellbeing.
- Community Connectors: overall cost \$1.5M, state government ask \$0.75M. Ongoing services in Young Street and Frankston Station to connect the most vulnerable with the services they need.
- Reducing rough-sleeping: state government ask \$500,000. Expanded outreach and service coordination to help rough sleepers.

We're investing in programs that reduce isolation, support wellbeing, and strengthen homelessness outreach and community ties. A resilient community is one where everyone has access to support when they need it.

## Active and connected neighbourhoods

Safe, connected paths make it easier for people to move around their community every day. These connections support healthier lifestyles — whether it's walking, riding or getting to school safely — and help to reduce transport costs.

New safe, accessible shared user paths:

- Robinsons Road, Langwarrin: project cost \$2.5M, state government ask \$1.25M
- Eel Race Road, Seaford: project cost \$3.63M, state government ask \$1.8M
- Baxter-Tooradin Road, Baxter: project cost \$1.5M, state government ask \$0.75M
- Frankston Dandenong Road, Carrum Downs: project cost \$1.6M, state government ask \$0.8M
- Fletcher Road, Frankston: project cost \$2.5 million, state government ask \$1.25M

Better connections mean stronger, more connected communities. This is practical infrastructure that improves everyday life for residents and visitors of all ages.



## Better entrances, better places

First impressions matter — and so do the spaces people use every day. We're improving how people arrive in Frankston and how they experience life once they're here. Key projects:

- Gateway improvements at the Frankston Freeway and Beach Street underpass and other state-owned assets: state government ask \$2M (and ongoing maintenance). Creating safer, more welcoming entrances to our city.
- Monterey Reserve revitalisation: project cost \$6M, state government ask \$2M. Renewing a valued local space for the community.
- Langwarrin District-Level Play Space: project cost \$4.4M, state government ask \$2.2M. Delivering a destination for families, young people and future generations.

Safer, more welcoming gateways build pride in our city and confidence in our future, while improved local spaces give families and young people places to connect, play and belong.

Together, these priorities are about building a city that supports people at every stage of life — from first impressions to everyday experiences.



## How you can help candidates put Frankston City First

Contact your local candidates to tell them what matters to you. You can find candidate information at [frankston.vic.gov.au/frankstoncityfirst](http://frankston.vic.gov.au/frankstoncityfirst)

In your communication, clearly outline:

- The outcome you would like to see (e.g. increased roadside maintenance, better support for those experiencing homelessness, improved sports club facilities).

- Evidence of the problem (e.g. photos, petitions, online comments).
- Ask for a meeting, potentially onsite at the problem area so that the candidate can better understand the need.
- Share your efforts with others online and tag Council too (@FrankstonCity)!

Don't forget to also follow our socials and share our advocacy posts with your networks.





## Frankston's front door: why our gateways need attention

**When people arrive in Frankston City, the journey matters. Whether it's residents coming home from work, families heading to school or sport, or visitors arriving for the first time, those first impressions help shape how the city feels from the outset.**

That's why improving the presentation, safety and function of major road corridors and city gateways is a key priority under Council's Frankston City First advocacy campaign ahead of this year's State Election.

Community feedback continues to highlight that welcoming entry points and well-maintained roads are about more than infrastructure — they influence pride in place, confidence in the city and everyday liveability.

Many of Frankston's busiest entry roads and freeway approaches are state-managed and used daily by residents, students, workers, businesses and visitors. Through the Frankston City First agenda, Council is advocating to the Victorian Government for greater investment to improve the condition, safety and presentation of these important corridors. This includes roadside maintenance, landscaping, graffiti management, clearer signage and safer connections for all road users.



Council estimates that the cost to replace the glass panels on the Frankston Freeway above the Beach Street underpass would be approximately \$1.3M, with the lighting and landscaping on the underpass estimated at \$700,000.

We're also asking the Victorian Government to increase recurrent funding to address maintenance and repairs across state-owned and managed roads, median strips, gateways, bridges, sound walls, and rail stations.

Long-time Frankston City resident and community leader Trudy Poole (Past President of Rotary Peninsula 2.0, Board Member of the Committee for Frankston and the Mornington Peninsula, Frankston Citizen of the Year 2022 and Volunteer of the Year 2016) says some of the city's key entry points don't currently reflect its true character or potential.

"Driving into Frankston along the freeway, the deteriorating condition of the roadside is becoming increasingly hard to ignore," she said.

"What should be a welcoming gateway instead presents a stretch of neglected verges, litter build up and poorly maintained barriers, all compounded by an overwhelming spread of graffiti. Walls, signs and infrastructure are repeatedly tagged, creating an impression of disorder and disregard for the area.

"For residents and visitors alike, this visual decline undermines community pride and raises questions about upkeep and accountability. Without more consistent maintenance and targeted efforts to address vandalism, this key entry point risks continuing to project an image that does not reflect the true character or potential of Frankston."

Through Frankston City First, Council is advocating for a more coordinated and consistent approach to improving State-managed roads and gateways. This includes treatments that clearly signal arrival into Frankston City, safer and better-connected road corridors, and upgrades that support walking and cycling — particularly shared user paths around schools, neighbourhoods and activity centres.

These priorities align with Council's broader commitment to building a safer, more accessible and better-connected city, while working collaboratively with the Victorian Government to deliver improvements that cannot be achieved by Council alone.

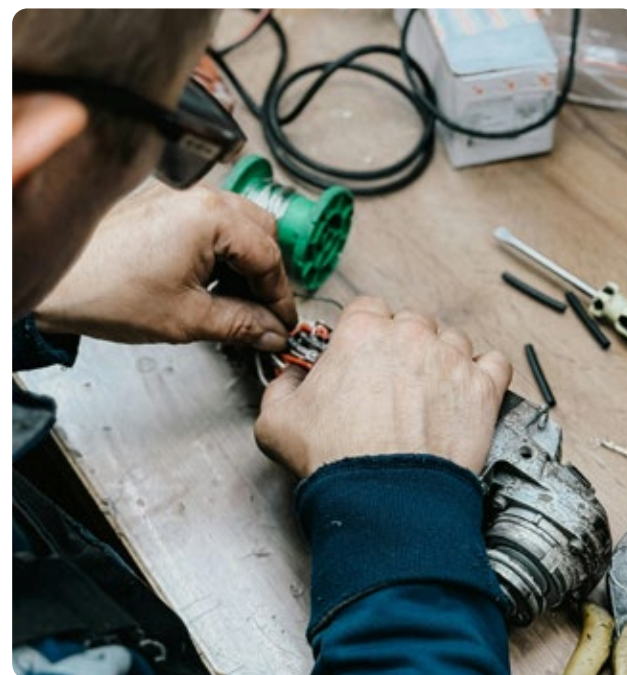
By continuing to prioritise better-presented gateways and roads, Council is focused on ensuring Frankston feels welcoming from the moment people arrive — and that the city's front door reflects the pride, care and potential of the community who call it home.

## Fix it, don't bin it: book now for 2026 repair events

Got something broken at home? Bookings are now open for Frankston City Council's 2026 Roving Repair Program: low to no cost community sessions to help fix household items and reduce waste.

The Roving Repair Program brings together local repair enthusiasts and skilled volunteers who support residents to fix a wide range of household items. Rather than discarding broken or worn belongings, community members are encouraged to bring them along and explore whether they can be repaired or restored.

Items commonly brought to sessions include small electrical appliances, clothing and textiles, and everyday household furniture such as chairs and small wooden items. While not every item can be fully repaired, participants often leave with helpful advice, troubleshooting tips and next steps. Places are limited for session and demand is expected to be high based on previous years. Scan the QR for the full schedule and bookings.



## Community battery to support local households and our environment



From left, Frankston City Mayor, Sue Baker, Special Envoy for Climate Change Adaptation and Resilience, Kate Thwaites MP and Federal Member for Dunkley, Jodie Belyea MP

Following Frankston City Council's letter of support to United Energy in early 2023, we are happy to share that United Energy has successfully installed a new community battery at Banyan Reserve, Carrum Downs in March.

The battery features artwork created by Bunurong artist Kobi Sainty, called Djambana meaning gathering and walking Country together. It tells a story about Caring for Country, community gathering and the celebration of Bunurong culture.

The battery is designed to support demand on the local network, reducing the need for upgrades. This can help reduce overall network costs, which are reflective in household bills. United Energy will lease the battery capacity to an electricity retailer, so customers can see what direct benefits will be available. This arrangement is currently being finalised, with the retailer expected to manage the battery by late 2026.

This project is the first community battery located in Frankston City and United Energy's first network-owned ground-mounted community battery. The project forms part of the Australian Government's Community Batteries for Household Solar Program.



## Borrow instead of buying with the Library of Things

For more than three years, Frankston City Council's Library of Things has been helping residents borrow everyday tools, gadgets and kits instead of buying items that often end up unused, forgotten or sent to landfill. You can hire everything from cakes tins, to craft equipment, DVD players, blood pressure monitors and more!

Run in partnership with Council's Waste Circularity team, the collection is FREE to borrow with a library card and available to members aged over 18.

In 2024–2025, the community borrowed Library of Things items more than 1,200 times — hundreds of moments where buying new wasn't necessary.

Sign up to your local library today to get started! Please ensure items are returned during staffed hours, with all parts securely packed.

Scan the QR to view the full catalogue.



## Backyard Biodiversity webinars and workshops

Follow us on Frankston City Council – Gardens for Wildlife on Eventbrite to receive updates on booking into Backyard Biodiversity events. Or visit [frankston.vic.gov.au/gardensforwildlife](http://frankston.vic.gov.au/gardensforwildlife)





## Book into our winter School Holiday Ranger Program

Join us on Wednesday 1 July at Frankston Foreshore for our winter School Holiday Ranger Program!

Explore the foreshore to learn more about our native marine habitat, the value of biodiversity conservation, how to help care for our natural reserves and keep them clean.

There are three, one-hour sessions run in a day. Sessions start at 10am for 7-year-olds and younger, 8–12-year-olds at 11.30am and a mixed age group of 13–17 years at 1pm. Adult attendance is required.

Spaces are limited to 15 participants per session and must be booked in advance.

Scan the QR to book.



## Our biggest Schools Tree Day ever

As part of Frankston City's Local Support Package, over 12,000 plants will be planted by more than 5,500 children and students on Schools Tree Day, Friday 24 July.

Our biggest initiative to date, supporting the enhancement of local biodiversity and helping to create richer outdoor learning environments, including expanded opportunities for nature play across our municipality.

We warmly congratulate Frankston Heights Primary School and John Paul College, our Environmental Ambassador Schools for 2026, each school will receive 600 indigenous plants, along with onsite environmental education and practical support during their Schools Tree Day planting activities. In total, Frankston City is supporting more than 60 kindergartens, preschools, primary and secondary schools by providing free indigenous plants to help enhance their natural environments. We acknowledge and commend all centres and schools participating in this important annual environmental event.



## FREE native plant

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

Offer available until 5 September 2026

Frankston Indigenous Nursery  
7 McMannis Way, Seaford

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

*\*One tubestock plant per household, while stocks last*



## Get involved this National Tree Day

Sunday 26 July, 10am–12pm  
Overport Park (Somerset Road), Frankston

Join in Frankston's local planting event at Overport Park, one of Frankston's much loved green spaces. Nestled among established trees, sporting clubs and open parkland, Overport Park provides important habitat for local wildlife and a welcoming place for the community to gather, walk and connect with nature.

Once again National Tree Day will be all about creating biodiversity, restoring habitat and growing a greener future. Get hands on planting native trees and shrubs, then grab your FREE trees as part of the Big Tree Giveaway (while stock lasts) and relax with neighbours over free sausages and coffee. Families, friends and nature lovers of all ages are welcome.

Find out more [nationaltreeday.org.au](http://nationaltreeday.org.au)



## Supporting access to disability-friendly facilities

The Master Locksmiths Access Key (MLAK) is a system designed to give people with disabilities 24-hour access to a network of public facilities across Australia. The MLAK key ensures disability-friendly facilities are accessible only to those who need them.

MLAK-accessible toilets are available at selected locations, including the Frankston Life Saving Club and George Pentland Botanical Gardens. MLAK keys will also enable access to the Liberty Wheelchair Swing at the Waterfront playground.

People with disability, carers and disability organisations can borrow a MLAK key at no charge from the Frankston Civic Centre or by contacting 1300 322 322 (Monday–Friday, photo ID required).

You can also purchase your own MLAK key to keep. MLAK keys are available for purchase from the Master Locksmith Association by anyone with a disability or a carer of someone with disability, with written confirmation from a doctor, a disability organisation or a community health centre. Visit [masterlocksmiths.com.au/mlak](http://masterlocksmiths.com.au/mlak)



The Liberty Swing at Frankston Waterfront

### Did you know... public toilets are cleaned more often than you might think?

**Public toilets are some of the most-used spaces in Frankston City — and keeping them clean is a big job behind the scenes.**

Across the city, there are more than 63 public toilet blocks, including newer and upgraded facilities at places like Carrum Downs Recreation Reserve, Sandfield Reserve and Lloyd Park.

Most toilets are cleaned multiple times a day — and in some locations up to seven times daily — adding up to around 60,000 scheduled cleans each year. Facilities are also regularly audited, with deep cleans and pressure washing carried out when needed. Many toilets include baby

change tables, nappy and sanitary bins, and sharps disposal units. Council has also invested in vandal-resistant toilet-roll and soap dispensers to help reduce damage and keep facilities usable.

When things get busy — like during warm weather, school holidays or events — toilets can see much heavier use between scheduled cleans. Extra checks are carried out to help manage these peak times. Clean, accessible public toilets make it easier for everyone to enjoy parks, beaches and events across our city.

If you spot a toilet in need of maintenance, let us know! Snap Send Solve **1300 322 322**



## Monterey Recycled Water Scheme pipeline now complete

Recycled water is now flowing to Council-managed sports reserves in Frankston North, starting with Monterey Reserve from June, followed by Pat Rollo and Eric Bell reserves.



This new supply will help keep our sporting fields healthy while reducing the use of drinking water — a win for local clubs, families and the community budget. The system is also supplying recycled water to the National Golf Course – Long Island.

Mayor Cr Sue Baker said the project “strengthens our commitment to a more sustainable city and the well-being of our community.”

Proudly delivered in partnership with South East Water and the Victorian Government, this project is a major step towards smarter, more sustainable water use for generations to come.

# IMAGINE Frankston

*Imagine Frankston celebrates the latest news and triumphs across Frankston City, from new business openings, developments and visitor attractions.*

## We could never have imagined!

**Imagine Frankston celebrated its two-year anniversary in May.**

The brand was launched with the specific objective of educating and changing out-dated and misinformed perceptions of Frankston City amongst metro audiences. Showcasing our amenities, our local businesses, visitor attractions, potential for investment, the undeniable liveability of our rare and enviable blended bush-bay-city, and most of all our passionate, loyal community and incredible sense of local pride.

We always knew a complete perception overhaul would be a long-term goal. Reputations don't alter overnight, but need to be built over time and consistency, through trust and credibility. But we could never have imagined the positive reception Imagine Frankston has received, from both residents and local businesses. Nor the momentum of impact it has achieved in such a relatively short space of time.

We celebrate the here and now. Our everyday coastal lifestyles that would be the envy of many. But we have also invited Australia to imagine the possibilities, as the city continues to evolve and reveal its potential.



## Growing investment in our amazing city

And it is changing before our eyes. Brands that may have previously overlooked us are moving into our suburbs and city centre as a show of investor confidence in our economy. Developers are responding to our expanding population. Major events partners are acknowledging our status as a key visitor destination. Federal, State and local governments are allocating record funding into new infrastructure and amenities as we continue to grow.

You may have spotted our branding popping up around the city and in digital and printed materials. Swirling shapes of movement to reflect a city on the move. Abstract flourishes of colour, to reflect the flamboyancy and vitality of our bold creative community. The city's branding is an expression of itself — full of character, energy, optimism and a resounding sense of celebration.

We achieve over two million views on our social media content each month, with comments left from every corner of the country. There will always be a determined naysayer in the mix, and often a healthy dose of surprise ("wow is this in Frankston?"), but the overwhelmingly sentiment is one of encouragement and support.

Meanwhile national and metro media, which often negatively stereotyped Frankston to fit a pre-determined narrative, is almost exclusively positive these days. From The Age and Herald Sun, to Channels 7, 9 and 10 and the ABC, the media are recognising our arts, festivals, real estate, sports, health and education.

It's an incredible time to live in Frankston City, to see and feel and contribute to its transformation. And all it takes is a little imagination.



## Thank you to our local champions

Imagine Frankston is of course just one small narrator in Frankston City's ongoing story. A chorus of voices, which grows every day, are championing Frankston City amongst anyone willing, or even unwilling, to listen!

Our Ministers and Members of Parliament, the Committee for Frankston and Mornington Peninsula, Greater South East Melbourne (GSEM), Frankston Business Chamber, independent advocacy group Advance Frankston, all of our major anchor institutions such as Monash University, Chisholm Institute of TAFE, Peninsula Health, Peninsula Leisure, the Frankston Arts Centre, South East Water, McClelland Gallery, Vicinity Bayside, Karingal Hub, Waterman Group's Frankston Power Centre, plus every local business, community group, sports club, volunteer and resident.



For everything you need to know about Frankston City, follow Imagine Frankston on Facebook, Instagram, TikTok and LinkedIn



# Crocheting connection across Frankston

Tuesday 16 June, 4–6pm, Frankston Arts Centre's Cube 37  
**FREE, bookings essential**

Multidisciplinary artist Jade Lees-Pavey leads with her heart. A socially engaged arts practitioner, she loves working with people and creating opportunities for connection. Her latest venture, the Community Crochet Project, is driven by the ethos gather, create, connect.

The ambitious project brings together 27,000 crocheted squares to form a massive community-crafted blanket roughly the size of a tennis court. This event will be an opportunity to view the hard work and artistry from Jade's community of crocheters, displayed as one large artwork. Jade will also give an artist talk on the day. Come celebrate community and the labours of love they have spent the 18 months creating.

After the event, one large blanket will be separated into 160 pieces and donated to Knit One, Give One, a charity that accepts knitted items, Mums Supporting Families in Need and to three wards at the newly named Peninsula University Hospital (formerly Frankston Hospital), with Oncology, Geriatrics and Mental Health units to benefit from a bit of handmade warmth and comfort.

To book visit [thefac.com.au](http://thefac.com.au) or phone 9784 1060





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## Healthy ageing research finds a home in Seaford

The National Centre for Healthy Ageing has opened exciting new facilities at the Healthy Futures Hub in Seaford, including an intergenerational playground, mobility garden and an independent living laboratory.

These purpose-built environments enable researchers to test, refine, and accelerate new ways of promoting healthy ageing in our community.

The intergenerational playground has been designed to promote learning in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics, physical activity and hours of fun for all ages. This world-first outdoor research environment has embedded monitoring equipment and exhibit spaces where new games and learning experiences will be trialled over time, allowing researchers to understand which designs prove to be the most popular and engaging. This playground is also being used as an out-of-classroom learning environment for primary school students to come and engage in a structured learning program with older adult volunteers and students from Monash University's Peninsula Campus. Seaford Park Primary school teachers and students have already commenced excursions and are having a blast with the imagination-fuelled learning program.

Next door to the playground is a simulated dwelling called the independent living laboratory, with simulated living room, kitchen, bathroom and toilet, laundry, and bedroom environments. This space offers the opportunity for people to try-before-they-buy assistive technologies or consider home modifications to help them live independently at home for longer. Monash University is also running a range of FREE Ageing Well Clinics in this space that complement many services Healthy Futures Hub already offers. These programs target older adults who may have difficulty with falls and balance, getting up off the floor, staying healthy and preventing hospital readmission amongst people with lung disease and functional fitness testing.

The mobility garden contains pathways specifically designed to test walking on a range of different surfaces, slopes and textures that people might encounter in the community. These pathways surround raised garden beds used to assist people to access opportunities to engage in gardening and tryout new devices to help them get back into the garden. A seniors' exercise park is also available for use.

The National Centre for Healthy Ageing NCHA is a partnership between Monash University and Bayside Health Peninsula, and is supported with funding from the Commonwealth Department for Health, Disability and Ageing. To know more or get involved, email [alliedhealthclinics@monash.edu](mailto:alliedhealthclinics@monash.edu). To learn more about the NCHA visit [ncha.org.au](http://ncha.org.au)





# Frankston City Libraries

Scan the QR code for more library events or phone 9784 1020



## Warm up this Winter at Frankston City Libraries

Throughout winter, Various locations, FREE

Frankston City Libraries is packed with winter activities for all ages! Join Sunday Knit & Yarn, enjoy live music, or try Mahjong workshops. Bring the family for cosy movie screenings or attend adult movies at Libraries After Dark. Favourites like Chatty Café, Crafty Connections, and Storytimes are back, plus the Warm Winter Read campaign returns.



## Winter school holidays at Frankston City Libraries

Monday 29 June–Friday 10 July Various locations, FREE

Keep the kids entertained these school holidays at Frankston City Libraries with a packed, totally free program! There's something for every child to enjoy, from Mr. Snotbottom's hilarious comedy show to hands-on craft workshops, family-friendly movie sessions, storytimes, and more. Kids can make new friends, get creative, and explore new interests in a warm and welcoming environment.



## Craft-along FrankTALK with Kate Solly

Wednesday 15 July, Frankston Library, FREE

Bring your knitting, crochet, stitching or any in-progress craft and settle in for a relaxed author talk with much-loved cosy crime writer and Warm Winter Read Ambassador, Kate Solly. While you work on your latest project, Kate will chat about her new novel and her much-loved Fleck Parker mysteries, including Tuesday Evenings with the Copeton Craft Resistance and The Paradise Heights Craft Store Stitch-Up.



## Warm Winter Read

1 June–31 August, FREE

Reading comes in many forms, and it's easier to find time to read than you think. The Warm Winter Read supports adults and young people (16+) to find more time to enjoy reading. We'll help you get started with recommendations from authors you love and connect you with other readers to share your thoughts on what you read. Participants will also go into the running to win some great prizes!

# FRANKSTON ARTS CENTRE

Scan the QR code to book



Dance

## Victorian State Ballet: Aladdin

Sunday 14 June, 2.30pm

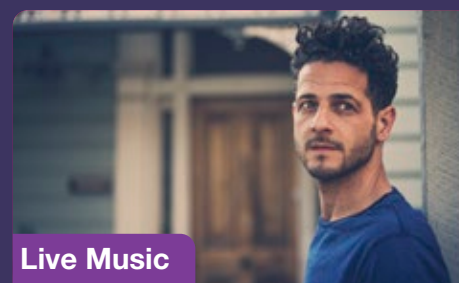
Enjoy a magical experience delighting in the beauty and splendour of stunning sets, lush costumes, breath-taking music and magical lighting.



Live Music

## Vika & Linda: Where Do You Come From?

Saturday 27 June, 7.30pm



Live Music

## Lior with String Quartet

Thursday 2 July, 7.30pm



Live Music

## Mark Vincent presents Amoré with The Australian Symphony Orchestra

Sunday 5 July, 2pm

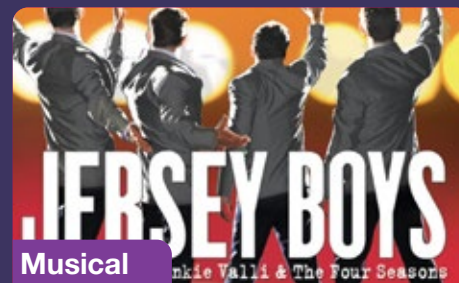
Australia's favourite tenor returns with a soaring celebration of timeless classics.



Drama

## Sea Wolves Howl

Thursday 9 July, 1pm and 6pm



Musical

## PLOS presents Jersey Boys

Fri 24 July to Sat 1 Aug



## Think Local is back!!

Frankston City Council, in partnership with the Frankston Business Chamber, is proud to relaunch Think Local Month this June — encouraging our community and businesses to think local first and support Frankston’s small and medium businesses.

### Why does it matter?

It is estimated for every \$100 spent locally, \$52 stays in the local economy, supporting jobs, wages and suppliers\*. For example, when a local retailer buys supplies from a nearby manufacturer, the manufacturer hires local workers and purchases other goods and services from within the community. This chain reaction boosts local employment, income, and economic activity.

### Throughout June, we’ll be:

- hosting our Think Local Launch Night (2 June)
- delivering extra business workshops and mentoring
- promoting local businesses across Council channels and advertising the campaign in local publications and signage
- rolling out Think Local window decals
- running a business directory competition
- Better Business with FCC (25 June, book now)

Get involved, be seen, and help keep Frankston City thriving. Learn more at [frankston.vic.gov.au/thinklocal](http://frankston.vic.gov.au/thinklocal)

\*Source: REMPLAN (Australia), 2025

## Mentoring our up-and-coming entrepreneurs

Frankston City Council was proud to deliver our Entrepreneur Program 2025–26, supporting locals looking to start a new business, develop an idea, or who had launched a business within the previous 12 months.

Participants took part in tailored training, mentoring and pitching opportunities, building essential skills in business and strategic planning, financial literacy, branding and marketing, digital marketing and AI, and pitching. The program also provided valuable mentorship, networking and practical resources to help participants grow their business ideas with confidence.



Back: Tennielle Bradley, Seazin McMahon (Little Compass Collective), Deearne Padayachee (ExploreAble), Mayor Sue Baker, Kelly Eaton (Eco Dev), Caroline Butler (Under Cover Paws), Clare & Josh Hehir (LinkForward), Councillor Steffi Conroy  
Front: Giovanna Orozco Mejia (Bella Sourdough), Grace Anderson (De Quiche), Tash Brennfleck (Cosy Coatings)

The program concluded with an awards ceremony on 28 April at Frankston Brewhouse, attended by Frankston City Council CEO Tennielle Bradley, Mayor Sue Baker and Councillor Steffi Conroy. Council extends its sincere thanks to the panellists who joined us on the night and contributed their expertise. The evening recognised 12 emerging entrepreneurs who completed five intensive workshops, a pitch presentation and one-on-one mentoring with local business experts.

Congratulations to five of the top participants who were awarded \$10,000 to help establish their business ideas: Under Cover Paws, ExploreAble, Bella Sourdough, LinkForward and Little Compass Collective, and to Cosy Coatings for receiving a Frankston Business Chamber membership. To find out more about our successful entrepreneurs, visit [frankston.vic.gov.au/entrepreneurprogram](http://frankston.vic.gov.au/entrepreneurprogram)

## Business Directory competition

As part of our Think Local campaign we will be running several competitions to encourage more people to use the Frankston City Business Directory when looking for products and services.

Keep an eye on @FrankstonCity for more details on how to enter either the business competition or the community competition — with prizes including a voucher to a Business Directory business of their choice.

If your business isn’t currently on the directory, now is your chance! Visit [frankston.vic.gov.au/businessdirectory](http://frankston.vic.gov.au/businessdirectory) to sign up FREE and don’t forget to use it when you need to book another Frankston City business too!



## ‘Building up’ our local tradies

The 2026 Builders & Trades Business Owners Conference was held on Friday 1 May at Jubilee Park Stadium, bringing together builders, tradespeople and construction business owners from across the region for a day of learning, networking and industry insight.



Building on the success of the inaugural 2025 event, the conference delivered practical sessions focused on business growth, profitability and the future of the construction sector. Highlights included a keynote presentation on scaling from a seven figure to an eight figure business, education sessions on building strong business assets, and expert led Q&A panels exploring sustainability and the growing role of AI in the trades.

Attendees also connected with local suppliers at the trade expo and participated in interactive roundtable discussions designed to turn ideas into actionable strategies. Council thanks all speakers, panellists and exhibitors for their valuable contributions, and extends a special thank you to Terence Toh from Building Profit for coordinating the event.

## Upcoming workshops

Don’t forget to visit [frankston.vic.gov.au/businessesevents](http://frankston.vic.gov.au/businessesevents) for all the latest FREE business workshops and events available to help you upskill, connect and expand your horizons. Whether you are starting a new business, refreshing your business plan, develop new skills or your keen to connect with others in your industry, our FREE events are available to help your business thrive in Frankston City.



## Don't miss out on community grants!

Are you a local group with a great idea to support or strengthen our local community? Our Community Grants Program will open in the next financial year and now's the time to prepare.

Stay ahead of the curve by signing up for the Community Grants email alert, ensuring that you are among the first to know when applications officially open.

A past recipient said, "On behalf of our families, the many local volunteers and the committee, may I say a huge 'THANK YOU' to Council's Community Grants Program for your generous support, without which we would not be able to put smiles on the faces of the families we provide for."

Scan the QR to receive a community grants alert.



## The power of community connection

Neighbour Day 2026 was a wonderful reminder of the power of connection in our community. On Sunday 29 March, neighbours came together in so many ways — sharing BBQs, lending a hand at gardening bees, enjoying morning teas and picnics in the park.

The Social Inclusion Action Group was proud to support over 20 local events celebrating Neighbour Day with \$100 Woollies vouchers, with many more celebrations taking place right across Frankston City.

Highlights from the day included smiles and non stop conversation, shared meals, neighbours connecting beyond the usual drive by wave, new friendships forming and people of all ages coming together for some fun.

Feedback from the community was overwhelmingly positive, with many sharing how the day helped break the ice and connect with neighbours they'd only waved to before.

Jaqui, pictured, said, "We celebrated Neighbours Every Day with a relaxed get-together, bringing together 15 neighbours from eleven different houses along the Nepean Highway for food, conversation and plenty of ball throwing for the neighbourhood dogs.

"It was a great opportunity to meet and connect with people we don't usually see day-to-day and strengthen a sense of community locally."

Another standout idea came from Narelle, who left invitations and hot cross buns on neighbours' doorsteps — encouraging a simple catch-up over coffee. A small gesture that helped spark meaningful connections.



Strong social connections support mental wellbeing, reduce isolation and help build a more inclusive, resilient community. Let's keep connecting with our neighbours every day.

Head to [frankston.vic.gov.au/SIAG](https://frankston.vic.gov.au/SIAG) for ideas.

## FREE legal information session

*Wills & Medical Powers of Attorney*

Tuesday 16 June, 10.30–11.30am

Karingal PLACE Neighbourhood Centre

103 Ashleigh Ave, Frankston, FREE, bookings essential.

Light lunch provided

Join us for an informative and practical session to help you better understand Wills and Powers of Attorney. Hear from expert Will Betts from the Peninsula Community Legal Centre and take part in a Q&A, followed by a shared light lunch.

To book, phone 8786 6650 or [karingalplace@frankston.vic.gov.au](mailto:karingalplace@frankston.vic.gov.au)

## Did you know we have an after-hours service?

Our Customer Service team are available 8.30am–5pm Monday to Friday, for all council-related issues.

Our after-hours service is available 24/7 for any council-related matters that can't wait. You can call us on **1300 322 322**, any time! Any issues posing an immediate health and safety or security risk are responded to as a high priority.

For non-urgent Council issues, you can log a request 24 hours a day via the Snap Send Solve app.

If you do not have access to the app, you can log any non-urgent request at [frankston.vic.gov.au/Council/Report-an-issue](https://frankston.vic.gov.au/Council/Report-an-issue)

## Local BMX legends on the national stage!

Based right here in Seaford, the Frankston Sharks BMX Club has made waves across Australia, claiming three Australian titles, and being crowned 2026 AusCycling BMX Racing Nationals Club Champion — the top club in the country!

Harla Sinclair (11–12 Girls Australian Champion), Miller Nelson (15 Boys Australian Champion) and Maya Ellis (15 Girls Australian Champion) delivered outstanding performances against the nation’s best, showcasing the incredible strength of grassroots sport here in Frankston City! Competing against 112 clubs nationwide, the Frankston Sharks

proved that world class results can come from a strong local base.

The club’s success is built on community — dedicated families, volunteers and young riders — and has been further supported by the upgraded track, lighting, fencing and female-friendly public toilets at their Seaford home, completed in recent years with the support of Council and the Victorian Government. All of this has helped the Sharks provide better training, safer racing and clear pathways from beginner riders through to elite competition.

Want to see what it’s all about? The club welcomes new riders of all ages and abilities, with weekly training sessions held every Wednesday night. Find out more [frankstonsharksbmx.com.au](http://frankstonsharksbmx.com.au)



## Keep moving this winter with 30-20-2

We all know how much extra effort it can take to exercise when the weather cools down. But keeping up regular movement, including everyday incidental activity, makes a real difference to how we feel.

The team at Peninsula Leisure and PARC are making being active easier with their “30-20-2: choose what you want to do” formula, a simple way to remember the recommended amount of activity for better health.

Here’s how it works:

- 30 minutes daily of moderate activity OR
- 20 minutes daily of vigorous activity AND
- 2 days per week incorporating muscle strengthening activities.

Regular movement improves:

- Physical health: boosts heart health, bone strength and energy levels
- Mental wellbeing: reduces stress, anxiety and improves mood
- Emotional resilience: builds confidence and self-esteem
- Social connection: encourages community, teamwork and belonging

To support the local community in moving more, Peninsula Leisure have developed a digital hub filled with practical tools and resources. Check out their free ‘10 and done’ workouts, designed to help you build more movement into your daily life no matter of age, ability or starting point. Check out the digital hub via Peninsula Leisure’s website [peninsulaleisure.com.au/30-20-2](http://peninsulaleisure.com.au/30-20-2)

## Make a splash at PARC these winter holidays

Pop in, escape the cold and keep the kids active these winter school holidays! PARC has plenty of cost-effective school holiday fun for the whole family. For more details visit [parc.peninsulaleisure.com.au](http://parc.peninsulaleisure.com.au)



## New hoist improves access at Pines Forest Aquatic Centre

A new accessibility hoist installed at Pines Forest Aquatic Centre is helping more people safely access the water, thanks to a partnership between Rotary Peninsula 2.0 and Peninsula Leisure.

Installed in February, the hoist improves access for people with mobility challenges and supports inclusive participation in aquatic recreation. The project was delivered through a shared investment, with Rotary Peninsula 2.0 contributing funds raised through community fundraising efforts at the Duck Derby as part of the Waterfront Festival, and Peninsula Leisure providing additional funding to complete the installation, alongside the support of Frankston City Council as the facility owner.

Chiara McAuley, Centre Leader at Pines, said the new hoist has made a meaningful difference for many local families in Frankston North.

“This hoist ensures more people in our community can safely access the pool and enjoy everything Pines has to offer,” Chiara said.

“We’re incredibly grateful to Rotary Peninsula 2.0 for their support, and to Frankston City Council and Peninsula Leisure for working together to improve accessibility at this important community facility.”

Rotary Peninsula 2.0 committee member Tanya Wood says, “Rotary Peninsula 2.0 is extremely proud to fund a new pool hoist at the Pines Outdoor pool using Duck Derby proceeds, helping make our community more accessible for all.

