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Awards paint bright future

Frankston's burgeoning reputation as the capital of the south-east continues to soar with the latest additions to our street art portfolio winning acclaim.

This year's Big Picture Fest — an annual celebration of colour and art featuring the world's best street artists — has again delivered striking and fresh street art, while Frankston's Street Art Walking Tours have won gold in the Australian Street Art Awards for three consecutive years.

The recognition comes as Frankston City reinvigorates its visitor attraction and economic development campaigns under a single, consolidated banner, Imagine Frankston.

Mayor Nathan Conroy said new art pieces created for this year's Big Picture Fest by Jeks (USA), Marcus Debie (Netherlands), URSH (Germany) and local talent Danny Legs, as well as others, are contributing to the remarkable transformation of Frankston.

"A canvas for some of the world's most talented and creative street artists, Frankston is an arts and events destination — highlighting its growing status as the capital of the south-east.

"Few regions are experiencing the staggering level of change and growth that Frankston City is currently seeing, with a new climate of development, revitalisation, commerce, events, arts and cultural activities."

Artists lauded this year's Big Picture Fest, adding they couldn't wait to return. Marcus Debie (Netherlands), who created 'Frank and Kat' at Park Lane, said: "Big thanks to the Big Picture Fest for making this wall happen and a pleasure to meet all the other great artists involved in this festival. We definitely want to come back to Australia next year!"

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Read more about the latest additions to our street art and the new Imagine Frankston brand on Pages 4 and 5.

📷 Cover image: Bronik's striking new mural



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Mayor's message

Change is happening across Frankston at a rate we haven't seen before. New businesses are opening up, development is happening, and we're seeing unprecedented levels of public and private sector investment.

But we're only just beginning. There's so much more we can do to ensure Frankston City reaches its true potential. With Imagine Frankston (see page 4), we now have a plan in place to drive investment and growth in key areas like business attraction, visitation and events and investment around housing and accommodation choice.

Underpinning this plan is the revitalisation of our city centre.

Alongside our work on a Nepean Highway, where early works are soon to commence (see opposite page), Council has developed a six pillar strategy for the Young Street precinct. We know the community has concerns about this area, which is why we've developing a comprehensive approach that considers everything from property, economic development and presentation, to transport, community safety and health and wellbeing.

We're already delivering on parts of this strategy, with our Safer Communities Rapid Response Team stepping up patrols in central Frankston to tackle important Community Local Law issues.

The team is now highly visible and performing proactive patrols in relation Local Law Provisions on

smoking and alcohol consumption in public places, and is working with Victoria Police to prioritise hot spots and perform joint patrols, to huge success.

We'll be seeking community feedback on our Young Street Strategy in June, and I am looking forward to speaking with businesses, residents, commuters and shoppers about how we can tackle the underlying challenges that have held back this part of our city centre for far too long. We have a golden opportunity to make it a place we can be truly proud of.



Nathan Conroy
Mayor

Message from the CEO

Your new look Frankston City News

Welcome to your new look Frankston City News.

From vital details about necessary capital works to news about stunning street art, business support, our Youth Services Team and much more, Frankston City News is jam packed with news and information.

Our City is forging ahead as part of a bold transformation and Frankston City News has undergone a refresh to reflect this. I trust you enjoy delving into the articles and reading your new look publication as we all work together to create a vibrant and prosperous future for Frankston City.

Pines Pool makes a massive splash!

It's no wonder the outdoor Pines Pool is known by locals as the 'Gem of the North'. This much patronised Frankston North facility has recorded its most successful season on record with over 43,251 attendances!

Not only this, Pines hosted 1,734 Vic Swim attendances, who learnt to swim over the summer. It also hosted 16 quiet hour sessions, which offers the community time to enjoy the facility in a low stimulation environment. Further, together with Council's Recreation Team, Pines offered a two-week season



The popular outdoor Pines Pool.

extension to support a great April School Holiday experience!

Pines has become the home of the 'Free Family Friday' event, with 19 free activations held during the season. For those that may not be aware, Free Family Fridays offer free pool entry between 4-7pm every Friday with a free sausage sizzle and special activities from time to time to mark important holidays, or simply have a pool party. What a great way to kick off the weekend in Frankston North! Well done to everyone involved.

Helping our neighbours in a time of need

All Councils are at one time or another impacted by major storm

events and recently Frankston City responded to a request for assistance from Cardinia Shire. The request follows the Inter-Council Emergency Management Resource Sharing Protocol and Council's Coordinator Emergency Management worked in the Relief Centre providing advice support to affected residents. This demonstrates the great benefits of working together, particularly during times of need.



Phil Cantillon
Chief Executive
Officer

Get ready for local council elections in October

Councils across Victoria, including Frankston City, will undergo general elections later this year, with resources now available to help voters and potential candidates participate in the election process.

The Municipal Association of Victoria is holding in-person and online candidate information sessions at key locations, providing prospective candidates with everything they need to know on the upcoming elections, including candidate requirements, the roles and responsibilities of councillors and what to expect once elected.

Aspiring councillors are encouraged to attend an in-person information session on Wednesday 29 May, Bunjil Place, 2 Patrick Northeast Drive in Narre Warren, or one of the targeted sessions, including women, youth and First Nations candidates, taking place in May and June.

Frankston City Council CEO Phil Cantillon said: "Frankston City Council has a proud history of community representation. This representation relies on community leaders to put their hand up and become a candidate.

"I encourage anyone thinking about standing to come along or log in to the session and utilise the resources of the MAV Stand for Council campaign," he said.

North-West Ward Cr Sue Baker, who was elected to Council in 2020, encouraged people from diverse backgrounds to stand for Council.

"I wanted to support my community and make a difference locally — that's why I stood for Council. It's provided a great opportunity to participate in vital Council deliberations and decision making, formulate policy and deliver results for residents."

Cr Baker added: "Equality of representation across women, men and gender diverse people in Local Government is vital and I encourage other women and all interested to attend one of the information sessions."

October's elections will see voters choose candidates based on a different ward structure from the 2020 elections.

Frankston City Council is one of several Victorian local councils to have undergone an electoral structure review in 2024 as mandated by the Local Government Act 2020 and will transition to a single-councillor ward electoral



Frankston City Council has a proud history of community representation.

structure, with nine wards replacing the current three wards.

While the number of councillors (nine in total) remains the same, each of the nine new wards in Frankston will have its own councillor, instead of having three councillors representing one of three wards.

The names for the nine wards in this new electoral structure are Ballam, Centenary Park, Derinya, Elisabeth Murdoch, Kananook, Lyrebird, Pines, Wilton and Yamala.

The council elections will be held on **26 October**, and will be managed by the Victorian

Electoral Commission, with all voting done by post. People who are eligible to vote have until **Wednesday 7 August** to enrol or update their details on the electoral roll. Anyone wishing to stand for election must nominate by **Tuesday 17 September**.



For more information, scan the QR code or visit:

frankston.vic.gov.au/council/governance-and-transparency/governance/council-elections-2024

Parklet removal and early works to kickstart Nepean Boulevard transformation

Early works will soon start on Nepean Highway as part of Frankston City Council's long-term vision for its transformation into a safe, attractive and vibrant Boulevard.

First up is the removal of the roadside parklets, which were installed to support businesses through COVID.19 restrictions and funded by the Victorian Government.

The parklets will be transported to the Frankston Regional Recycling and Recovery Centre (FRRRC) and offered free of

charge to local community groups by an expressions of interest process.

The early works also include new median planting, public lighting improvements at Mile Bridge and through the City Centre median, new gateway entry signage and public art installation.

Parklet removal is expected to take place in May, with planting and signage due to begin in August.

The permanent 40 km/h speed limit, introduced by the Department of Transport to increase road safety, will remain in place.



Early works will stimulate the Nepean Boulevard transformation.

IMAGINE Frankston

More and more international, national and Victorian families, professionals, companies, retailers, entrepreneurs, organisations, developers and visitors are discovering the opportunities and imagining the possibilities Frankston offers.

That's why we're bringing together our visitor attraction and economic development campaigns under a single, consolidated banner, Imagine Frankston.

Mayor Nathan Conroy said: "We welcome you all to continue celebrating Frankston City and encouraging the rest of the world to imagine living, working, visiting, trading and enjoying everything that makes this City one of the most important and exciting in Australia."

Make sure to visit our website imaginefrankston.com.au or follow us on Facebook, Instagram and LinkedIn and enjoy sharing with the world our unparalleled natural open space, sports facilities, arts and culture, festivals and events, play spaces, restaurants, cuisines, shopping, people, communities, liveability and so much more!

Frankston City is experiencing unprecedented growth and change. A home for everyone, with connectivity, employment, healthcare, education and an authentic sense of community.

Our City is transforming. Discover how it all comes together as we Imagine Frankston.



For more information, scan the QR code or visit:

imaginefrankston.com.au

Frankston's outdoor gallery explodes with colour and stunning art



Frankston's urban landscape continues to evolve and transform thanks to the Big Picture Fest.

Launched in 2018, the much-anticipated annual event brings some of the world's best street artists to Frankston.

Painting over the course of a week, the artists add an explosion of colour and energy!

Read about the 2024 artists and their captivating artworks, which have created an impressive and vibrant outdoor gallery of more than 80 murals for everyone to enjoy.

URSH (Germany) *Untitled* Young Street

"I took a new approach to the largest canvas to date. It reflects a deep dive into the essence of Frankston, merging natural shapes and hues to echo the area's unique allure.

"By adapting my initial design with the wall's organic features and incorporating the unpredictable weather's touch, such as rain-induced textures, the mural became a personal celebration of Victoria's rich palette, including earthy tones, vibrant orange of local flora, and the dynamic dance of water.

"These deliberate choices strengthened the bond with the landscape, allowing the mural to integrate the already rich murals collection Frankston holds."

Awards paint bright future

From Page 1:

Melbourne artist Danny Legs captured our rail history for his piece 'The Frankston Interchange' at Olsen Street. "Not only is this mural a dedication to rail history but also a juxtaposition of today's consumerism versus a bygone era of a time when things were built with thought, pride and to withstand the test of time. I had such a fantastic time painting at this festival."

Council Manager Arts and Culture, Tammy Ryan, said: "After our famous Street Art Walking Tours have won gold winning again in 2023, Frankston is the first destination to be welcomed into the Australian Street Art Awards Hall of Fame! Residents and visitors can wander the streets to discover iconic images of the Frankston's past, incredible visual storytelling and celebrate Frankston's urban culture."

Mayor Conroy added Frankston's Destination Events Strategy underscores the commitment to



📷 Danny Legs' striking mural titled 'The Frankston Interchange'.

attract new and grow existing destination events to further position Frankston as a creative city.

"Events like the popular Waterfront Festival, Big Picture Fest, South Side Festival and favourites such as Frankston's Christmas Festival of Lights showcase our wonderful City."

"We offer a distinct and compelling mix of city experiences, stunning coastline and bushland. Through our Destination Events Strategy we're realising a vision of

Frankston as a leading creative events destination — an artists' mecca in a location like nowhere else, a city by the sea.

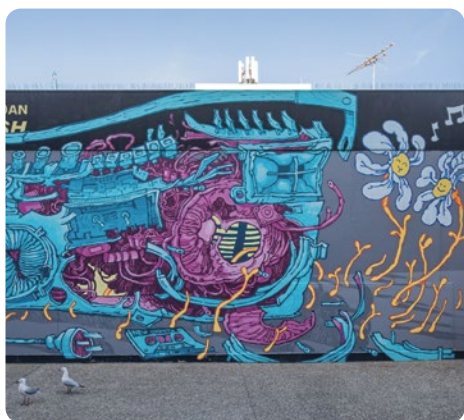
"Our distinctly Frankston event experiences spark creativity, captivate imaginations, and challenge perceptions."

"Frankston's events transform our City's identity, creating opportunity and generating economic growth and prosperity for all, as well as enhanced wellbeing and enviable lifestyle."



Bronik (Peruvian now based in St Kilda)
'Siesta en la playa'
Thompson Lane

"Another memory, that I cannot describe in words. Another image that shows the serenity that animals and nature bring. A lovely memory ... whales sounds take me back to that sensation. How blessed we are?"



Kitt Bennett (Melbourne)
Untitled
Clyde Street Mall

Kitt is a street artist/fine artist with comic book styling stream of conscious painting, drawing freeform scenarios and stating of the new Frankston artwork: "New growth plays a different song."



Calum (NSW) 'Ratbag'
Thompson Lane

"For this mural I used my brother-in-law as the model, being a character playing me as a self-portrait. He's at the airport, about to fly from Sydney to Melbourne — representing me always going away for work."

"My wife and son are always wanting to come with me"

when I work away, so they are characterised as the rats trying to come with me as a part of my luggage.

"My son is the small rat getting into the bag because he is always getting into mischief. And my wife is peeking out of the bag because she's a stickybeak."

"My first mural outside of NSW — very humbled to be a part of such an amazing festival. Hopefully more to come!"



Yvette Vexta (NSW)
Galactic Space Owl
Keys Street

"Owls are one of the key birds I paint. For me they represent the wisdom of the subconscious, dreams, the night and deep inner knowing."

"And our elders. My grandmother loved owls. What do you see when you look at this mural? I'd love to know!"



Marcus Debie aka GOMAD (Netherlands)
'Frank and Kat'
Park Lane

GOMAD's mural shows the bond between FRANK (short for Frankston) the domestic cat and his loyal owner KAT (the woman).

"Frank, like all cats, is a bit bossy and stubborn and places himself above his master. But they have a mutual and loving relationship, which is very important. Keeping pets gives benefits for people's health and well-being. My first mural in Australia!"

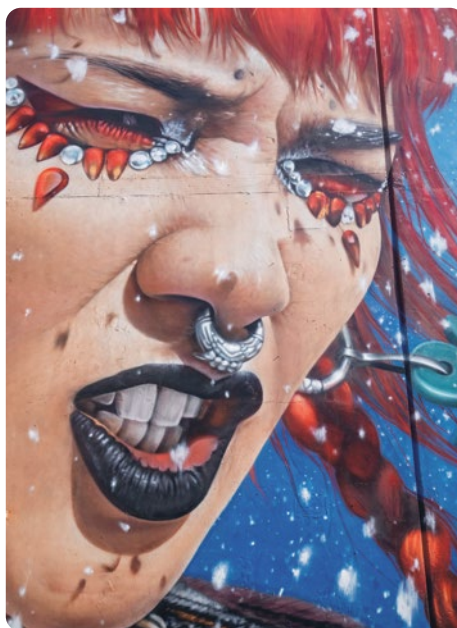


Liz Sontag aka Tinky (Melbourne)
Various locations in Frankston CBD

One of Melbourne's best miniaturist artists, Tinky gathers vintage objects and assembles them with figurines and word play to create humorous dioramas.

Tinky's miniature dioramas add a sense of surprise and wonder to the streets.

"Another from Big Picture Fest in Frankston in an already art-laden laneway. Honestly, there's a never-ending selection of street art. It's fabulous," Tinky said.



Jeks (USA) 'Snow Day'
Park Lane

Jeks' new mural captures fellow artist, Lauren YS: "Lauren just made me feel cooler being in

their presence ... the art they create have no barriers and is a beautiful example of pure untamed empowerment and originality ... (Lauren) inspires me to be myself and I am honoured they let me paint their giant mug."



Daniel van de Wiel aka Danny Legs (Melbourne)
'The Frankston Interchange'
Olsen Street

"This art deco influenced mural is another Rail and Train dedication that focuses on the rich history of Frankston train station and its link as an interchange for the Mornington Peninsula."

"This homage focusses on a classic steam engine locomotive that still operates on the Mornington Tourist Railway and an A class diesel locomotive that travelled from Frankston to Crib Point."

"This mural is a take on nostalgic classic art deco travel posters with a new age spin by simplifying the detail in the design, using bold pastel colours and glorifying elegant trains of the past."

"Not only is this mural a dedication to rail history but also a juxtaposition of today's consumerism vs a bygone era of a time when things were built with thought, pride and to withstand the test of time. I had such a fantastic time painting at this festival."



For more information about Frankston's stunning street art, scan the QR code or visit:

[imaginefrankston.com.au](https://www.imaginefrankston.com.au)

Upgraded Frankston BMX Track is wheely good!

The State Member for Carrum, Sonya Kilkeny MP, joined Mayor Nathan Conroy, Cr Glenn Aitken and members of the Frankston Sharks BMX Club to officially open the newly upgraded Frankston BMX Track and facility on 24 April 2024.

The track is home to the Frankston Sharks BMX Club, a strong community club dating back to the early 1980s, giving riders of all skill levels the opportunity to ride for fun and competition in their local community.

The upgrade included a new track surface and safety fence, brand new LED sports lighting and accessible public toilets with change room facilities. The new 200 lux lighting is a particularly

welcome addition as it allows for safe and enjoyable night-riding training and competitions.

The revamp will help the club continue to grow, prosper and provide a variety of opportunities for all levels and abilities. It was funded in partnership with Council, the State Government and Frankston Sharks BMX Club.

Mayor Conroy said: “As part of both our Active Leisure Strategy and Community Vision 2040 we’re continuing to deliver to meet the community’s aspiration for healthy families and communities to empower everyone to improve their health and wellbeing through access to green space, quality health services, social supports, education and opportunities to be physically active.



Frankston Sharks BMX Club members put the new track to the test.



Jumping for joy: Sonya Kilkeny MP, Mayor Nathan Conroy and Frankston Sharks BMX Club members at the launch of the upgraded track and facility.

“That’s why these works here are so essential, as well as fitness equipment in parks and sporting facilities in local areas for people of all ages and abilities to enjoy good health and wellbeing.

“We’re also working to ensure that design principals are applied to infrastructure and public spaces across the municipality, enabling people with disabilities to enjoy greater access and participation.

“What we’ve achieved here together is a huge step towards

a bright future. The Frankston BMX Track is an important community sporting facility for the local Frankston and surrounding communities.”

Mayor Conroy added: “Thanks to these great upgrades and enhancements, you’ll continue to grow, prosper and provide a variety of riding opportunities for all levels and abilities allowing and promoting for increased BMX activity and engagement.”

Better access and parking at Carrum Downs Recreation Reserve

The next stage of works at Carrum Downs Recreation Reserve are underway following the completion of the new 149 space carpark, improving access and safety for local residents and visitors alike.

The new carpark provides improved access to the popular Carrum Downs play space while also connecting the new and existing reserve areas with a continuous internal road and improved pathway linkages.

The next stage of works along Wedge road will increase road

safety for both drivers and pedestrians, with the construction of a new roundabout at the Herbert Road / Wedge Road intersection, with reserve entrance upgrades as well as a new pedestrian crossing near the Cadles Road roundabout.

This \$2.35M project is funded by the Australian Government through the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Fund in partnership with Council.

Work has also begun on the much-anticipated public toilets, situated between the carpark and play space. These amenities will ensure

that families can enjoy the play space for longer, knowing there are accessible facilities nearby. The toilets are fully funded by Council and are expected to be completed by the end of June 2024.

These works are the latest in a series of investments from all three levels of government in the Carrum Downs Recreation Reserve precinct which includes the district level play space, state of the art multicourt facilities and tree planting for the Queen’s Jubilee.



The new 149 space carpark at Carrum Downs Recreation Reserve.

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Upgrades at Peninsula Reserve and immediate surrounds

When I visit Peninsula Reserve in Frank Street, I'm extremely proud of the transformation it's undergone in the past three years. Most of all, it's wonderful to see so many people of all ages using it to stay active and connect with other members of the community.

To date, upgrades have included new public toilet (\$253,000), fully enclosed multi-use practice wicket facility (\$230,000) and amenity upgrades including evening lighting, landscaping and car park improvements and new pathways (\$400,000).

We are also awaiting the outcome of a grant submission to Sport and Recreation Victoria for \$200,000 towards some much-needed sports lighting, for which Council has already committed \$200,000.

Based on feedback from residents, I've now been able to secure a further \$120,000 from Council, to complete additional facilities, including soft landscaping, a picnic shelter, tables, and seating as well as additional pathways, BBQ, and accessible drinking fountain.

These remaining works will be complete by August 2024, making the reserve an even greater asset for the local Karingal community and visitors.

Not too far from here, I've facilitated the installation of a new \$50,000 shade sail at the Wingham Reserve, following community requests for more shade. Moreover, I have also secured a number of fibreglass art pieces to be installed outside Karingal PLACE, which borders Wingham Reserve. The art depicts a woodland theme and features several flora and fauna designs that are bound to delight residents of all ages.

Thank you to the many residents who advocated for these improvements!

Enhancing civic pride

As we work to build civic pride, I've secured funding for significant landscaping and public art:

- Cranbourne Road/Beach Street (\$52,000): path, tree planting and garden beds.
- Frankston Dandenong Road/Skye Road Intersection (\$150,000): More than 100 advanced trees to be planted. Another Sculpture by the Sea piece, As One, will also soon be installed here for more than one year.
- Cranbourne Road Boulevard (\$200,000): Includes planting in the Ballam Park median and behind the bus shelter (opposite Big W) at Karingal Hub.
- Council also provided a grant towards the planting of 103 trees near the intersection of Seaford Road and Hartnett Drive.

Improving outcomes for our community

Having only been re-elected to Council on 19 January 2024, I have already attended numerous meetings with residents and community groups along with formal Council meetings.

However, of particular interest are several specific matters I have generated to improve outcomes with the Frankston Community.

The first line of enquiry is gross pollutions traps. These are fitted to major drain outlets, for example into Kananook Creek that catch a variety of rubbish including plastics that would otherwise find their way to the creek and then into the bay and our beaches.

Next, is a major planting schedule which would see thousands of banksias planted along the foreshore from Frankston to Carrum and other public parks and other spaces for the urgent reforestation of these trees which afford shelter, nectar and pollen for our endemic animals, birds/ insects to secure and promote our local biodiversity.

I am also advocating "clear images for good decisions" an initiative to ensure Council has "real life" photographs with major developments superimposed into the photo so that the visual impact that a proposed structure would have in that setting is absolutely clear when Councillors are voting on the application or proposal before them, instead of technical and diagrammatic images that are often displayed with little context and can lead to a very bad outcome that seemed more or less ok when relying only on architects drawings.

Another point that understandably attracts criticism from our community are multi-unit or townhouse subdivisions that when completed, may only have one or two trees in the landscape outcome.

This actively contributes to overall loss of local vegetation, diminished corridors for wildlife and increases overall localised temperature in hot weather through lack of protection from sun and also increases reliance on energy usage for air conditioning.

Therefore, there clearly needs to be a "vegetation guarantee" that will be applied to developments and sub-divisions to increase the greening of our suburbs.

All these initiatives are carefully considered and have undergone discussions with the CEO, Directors and relevant officers of Council and modelled to improve the convenience, lifestyle and liveability of our communities.

Get involved in Your Council

Are you interested in becoming a Councillor and influencing what happens in your local community?

My experience spans corporate and not-for-profit organisations managing people and resources. With this background and a passionate focus on customer service, I saw the opportunity to run for Council in 2020 as the perfect role to bring my skills, experience and passion for people together in the place I now call home.

Councillors play an important role in determining local government policies, developing and monitoring strategic plans and budgets, considering Council's resources and the community needs and overseeing the allocation of the local government's finances and resources.

Councillors, in partnership with Council staff, are part of a team that work together for the sake of our community — the services that shape it and the direction for the future.

Victorian Councils, including Frankston City, will undergo general elections later this year, with resources now available to help voters and potential candidates participate in the election process.

Equality of representation across women, men and gender diverse people in Local Government is vital. I'd love to see a variety of people joining us at Frankston City Council! For more information, see the article on Page 3.

Celebrating our Sikh volunteers

We're blessed to have many dedicated volunteers who go 'above and beyond' to make a positive difference in the lives of many.

It was wonderful to represent Frankston City at the Sikh Volunteers Vaisakhi Celebrations — Volunteer Appreciation Day and Kitchen Facility Inauguration. The event honoured the humble heroes at Sikh Volunteers Australia, who provide free healthy and nutritious meals to disadvantaged and needy families and individuals and celebrated the inauguration of their kitchen facility.

We also know there has been significant increase in demand for emergency relief in Frankston City since the pandemic with rising cost of living and housing stress caused by lack of access to affordable housing the major drivers for increased demand. That's where the Sikh volunteers step in with their big hearts.

In Frankston City, Sikh Volunteers Australia is a foundation member of our Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Network — promoting inclusive and positive relationships by celebrating a sense of belonging for all. We thank the Sikh Volunteers for their service.

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Sandfield Reserve renewal offers something for everyone!

One of the projects I'm most proud of having been a part of during my time at Council is the \$4 million Sandfield Reserve precinct revitalisation.

If you've driven past or visited the reserve in recent weeks, you will have seen the youth space — the first part of the project — which is now almost complete. I know the young people of Carrum Downs, Sandhurst and Skye are eagerly awaiting its opening so that they can enjoy all the new features we're delivering, including:

- New multi-sports court
- New rebound and climbing walls
- New Parkour equipment
- Upgraded and new sections of the existing skate park
- Seating, tables and shelters
- New paving and landscaping

I've had some great feedback about it already, especially the integrated public art on the courts and rebound walls, which was selected by our local youth and reserve users earlier this year. I don't want to giveaway too much — but the image provides a sneak peek!



The next stage of the revitalisation is the upgraded play space which will kick off later this year, followed by new public toilets and improvements to enhance safety and amenity.

Over the next five months I will be engaging with our community to identify what issues are most important to you. Whether its traffic issues on Warrandyte Road, or the future of the Nepean Hwy, I want to hear your views. I also want to hear how we can support our most vulnerable, so that as our city reaches its full potential, nobody is left behind.

Check out our new volunteer portal

Volunteers are the heart and soul of Frankston City — selflessly and tirelessly giving of themselves for the benefit of our community.

We're blessed to have more than 16,800 volunteers in our municipality, who contribute an inspirational 46,000 hours plus of their time annually.

In dollar terms it's an impressive contribution that is equal to \$1.3 million worth of donated time annually — a contribution that I and Council sincerely appreciate. That's not to mention the social connections and community wellbeing that are also positively impacted.

I'm proud to announce a new capability for Council's volunteering service. A volunteer portal is being created that will allow for anyone to search for community volunteering roles on the Frankston City Council website.

I'd also like to advise that Council's Impact Volunteering, which connects, matches, and supports volunteers and organisations — is being renamed to 'Volunteering Frankston' following consultation with the community.

There will still be the same great ethos and culture with Volunteering Frankston offering a range of initiatives, providing support and resources for volunteers, and assisting individuals to find volunteering opportunities in our local community.

Volunteering Frankston also supports community organisations to build their skills through training and networking opportunities and connects organisations with volunteers.

Community organisations can register with Volunteering Frankston, to promote their volunteering opportunities throughout the Frankston City community.

It's also important to note that the 2024 National Volunteer Week will be held from **20–26 May**. This great initiative encourages people to consider volunteering in their local community and celebrates the significant contribution of Australia's volunteers.

This year the theme is 'Something for Everyone' and this week highlights the diverse passions and talents that each person brings to volunteering. There is something for everyone in the area of volunteering!

For more information and to read more about nominating a humble hero for the 2024 Volunteering Frankston Awards, see the article on Page 13.

Supporting business to grow and thrive

Our dedicated and passionate Economic Development team is here to support your business to grow and thrive in Frankston City.

From business grants to workshops, mentoring to permits, Council's Economic Development Team will connect you to everything Council has to offer business owners in our community.

Are you thinking of starting or growing your business? Our Business Concierge is here to guide you through starting, expanding or relocating your business in Frankston City.

We can offer a streamlined approach and assistance with understanding and/or applying for permits, meeting Council and Victorian government regulations and provide other relevant business and business support information.

Be the first to know and get the latest news about all things business in Frankston City including business news, opportunities and initiatives from Frankston City Council, state or federal governments, private organisations, business events, grants, resources, tenders and much more, by signing up to our monthly Frankston City Business eNewsletter.

The Economic Development team is also dedicated to helping your business grow and prosper via a range of grants to support local small, medium or large businesses and provides easy to access information on state and federal grants.

Not only connecting you with relevant business information, Council also helps connect you with independent organisations such as the Frankston Business Collective, which provides you with networking and upskilling opportunities.

Why not learn from experience — Council can provide you with two free one-hour Business Mentoring sessions with a business expert through our Business Mentoring program. This is a great way for you to upskill with an experienced industry expert.

Council also facilitates and collaborates on a number of workshops and training for local business operators. Delivered by relevant industry experts, workshops and training cover a variety of business-related topics.

Do you need help finding the right location for your business? We understand finding the right location for your business can be tricky.



Whatever your business vision, our team is here to help. For more information, scan the QR code or visit:

frankston.vic.gov.au/business-and-growth/business-support-and-resources

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Frankston High School celebrates 100 years!

It was Nelson Mandela who famously said: "Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world."

It's a maxim I can attest to — as a Frankston High School alumnus, it played a pivotal role in shaping my values, firing my passion for local activism and volunteering, and helped steer me towards serving the community via Local Government.

This year Frankston High celebrates its rich history with a diverse range of centenary events including the official opening of a new building, onsite museum tours, student led activities and the release of *100 Years, 100 Voices: FHS Centenary Book*, by author and alumni Sue Robinson.

Sue's book is a fascinating and captivating read with profiles of 100 past students — one for each year the school has been in operation. Some are familiar names including Olympian Debbie Flintoff King, radio personality Diane 'Dee Dee' Dunleavy, television newsreader Mal Walden and renowned author, Don Charlwood.

But have you heard of fellow alumni including Sir John Holland, founder of the John Holland Construction Group that built Canberra's Parliament House; Dr Ruth Bishop, scientist who discovered the gastroenteritis causing virus in children and by doing so saved thousands of lives; Dr Neil Davey who introduced the successful adoption of decimal currency into Australia in 1966; and Bill Pratt, founder of Frankston's Pratt's Supermarkets, later absorbed into the American company Safeway, eventually becoming Woolworths. It's a history any school would be rightly proud of — right here in Frankston City!

The school opened on 12 February 1924 at its original site of the Masonic Hall, Young Street, with 64 pupils learning in a single room with no desks, no blackboards and no inkwells. Three forms and two classes were taught in the one room, separated by a material partition. It's a far cry from the 1900 plus students currently attending the school today!

Frankston High School continues to go from strength to strength and continually lives up to its motto — *Optima Semper (The Best Always)*.



For more information about the Centenary celebrations and to buy a copy of the book (the proceeds of which go directly back into the school), scan the QR code or visit:

fhs.vic.edu.au

Exciting new look for our Arts Centre

Our much-loved Frankston Arts Centre is one of the largest metropolitan art venues in Australia and welcomes approximately 160,000 visitors each year.

The Centre hosts year-round local, national and international entertainment, showcasing the absolute best in music, theatre, comedy, dance, opera and art.

More than half of all visitors are from outside the Frankston City municipality, most particularly from the Mornington Peninsula and Western Port regions, as well as Melbourne's Bayside suburbs.

With a focus on improving the experience for visitors, the forecourt will be revamped to improve pedestrian access and to introduce a fresh new look — with an emphasis on creating an inclusive and accessible space for people of all ages, backgrounds, and abilities.

While the main works will occur next year, preliminary works started recently with the removal of the overhead power poles and wires in front of the building on Davey Street. As part of these works, you may have noticed several trucks moving on Davey Street outside the Arts Centre and pedestrian traffic management guiding visitors safely around the works.

Frankston Arts Centre was designed by prominent Australian architect, Daryl Jackson, and features an 800-seat theatre, five exhibition gallery spaces, a function centre, a 200-seat black box theatre, and a creative arts hub.

It's the venue of choice for international touring companies and established artists, as well as iconic Australian arts organisations such as Sydney Dance Company, Opera Australia, Melbourne International Comedy Roadshow and many more.

With a constantly evolving, vibrant and enriching artistic program, the Arts Centre provides a new perspective and rewarding engagement for all. It is respectful to all community groups, seeks diversity, embraces First Nation's peoples and their culture, and protects and promotes our precious environment.

Frankston City is experiencing an amazing resurgence and transformation with our Arts Centre continuing to deliver. From our award-winning street art walking tours, Big Picture Fest with its stunning murals and striking public sculptures, our arts scene is absolutely buzzing!

I can't wait to see the new look forecourt and look forward to showing it off to visitors and guests.

The benefits of borrowing 'things'

It was a whole two years ago that I completed a Circular Economy Course with the United Nations Staff College.

During the six-week program we learnt that one significant way to catalyse a reduction in waste generation is to shift our mindset from the need to always purchase and 'own' toward instead finding ways to access usage only as and when needed. Hire car companies have relied on this business model for a long time, and we now have newer forms of car share and ride-share services available to us.

Libraries within communities, schools and higher education are of course an age-old example of applying similar principles, and the Frankston Toy Library is yet another (not everyone is aware, but they lend out board games and puzzles, too)!

Our Libraries offer the option of borrowing a range of DVDs and music. You can also download movies for free via multiple streaming services thanks to our Libraries. There's an extraordinarily wide range of educational, entertaining and enriching films, documentaries and television series right at our fingertips! For more information, please visit library.frankston.vic.gov.au/elibrary/music-and-film

Based on similar principles, and with the sharing economy and waste reduction in mind, new to Frankston is our growing Library of 'Things'. This initiative offers non-traditional items for borrowing such as tools, technology, recreational equipment, along with other household items which might be used rarely or irregularly.

These kinds of programs have been run successfully for years in other places, and there are lots of Frankston residents who are excited about this latest opportunity to foster a culture of sharing beyond just books.

The library of things includes unique items that you might only need a couple of times in a lifetime, such as thermal imaging cameras and film negative readers. And even better: these things are all free to borrow with a standard Frankston City Libraries card: great for the household budget and better for the planet!



For more information, scan the QR code or visit:

library.frankston.vic.gov.au/community-connection/library-of-things

Share your vision for Frankston City!

Council staff have been busy hitting the streets to talk to you — our vibrant community — about your vision for Frankston City.

At a series of drop-in sessions across the municipality, we've been asking you which Council services you like to see more, less or the same of in Frankston City.

Your input directly impacts our key strategic documents, including the Council Plan, Community Vision, Asset Plan and Financial Plan.

You've been telling us how Council can support your vision for a safe, inclusive and environmentally responsible city.

What's your vision for the future of Frankston City?

If you'd like to share your thoughts, scan the QR code below and complete our online survey.

By completing the full survey, you'll go in a draw to win a \$100 Prezzy voucher to spend on



📷 Council is committed to community engagement.

groceries, petrol, entertainment and more.

Prefer to meet us in person? Scan the QR code below and select 'talk to us in person' to view an upcoming drop-in session near you.

Your participation will help shape the future of Frankston City!



For more information, please scan the QR code or visit:

engage.frankston.vic.gov.au/your-vision-frankston-city

Mobile food vans

Late last year, mobile food van operators were invited to express their interest in operating from one of Frankston City's top locations in 2024. As of May, the following applicants began new two-year licences, with more to come: Little Olly's and Cripps Family Fish and Chips at Olivers Hill Boat Ramp; and Laughing Lark and The Ice-Cream Man at Ballam Park. Be sure to check out these great spots if you haven't already visited!

Hard waste collection

This year's free hard waste collection is taking place from 29 April to 7 June 2024 for eligible households. Scan the QR code to find your collection time and learn more.



frankston.vic.gov.au/my-property/waste-and-recycling/hard-waste-collection

New bridge over precious waters at Seaford

Bike riders and walkers have been out in full force, testing out the new pedestrian and cycling bridge across Kananook Creek at Seaford Wetlands.

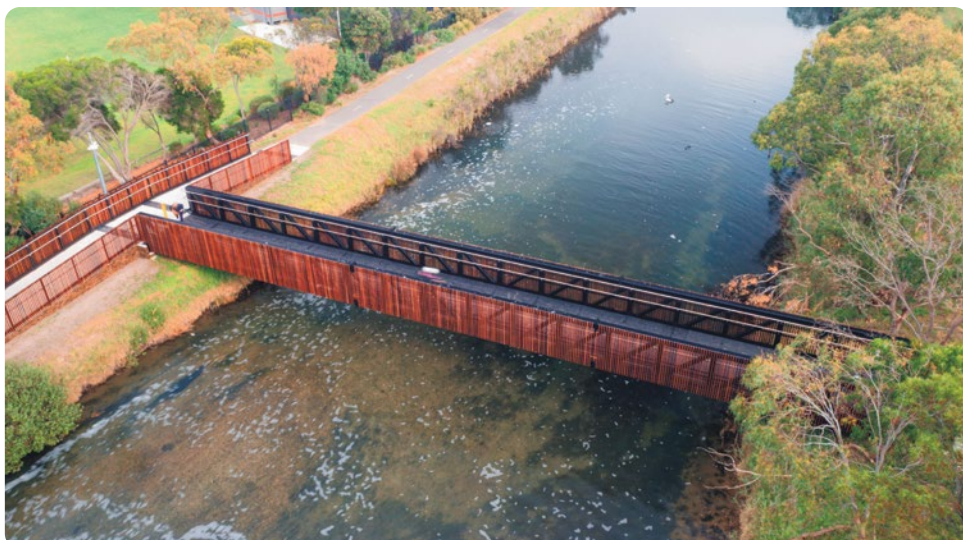
The 36m bridge is part of the \$5 million Seaford Wetlands Rejuvenation Project that aims to protect and preserve the wetlands while sensitively enhancing community facilities to provide an even better visitor experience.

The beautiful bridge features timber cladding selected by the community during the project community consultation and is designed to 'close the loop' around the wetlands. It provides a fantastic opportunity to explore the wetlands trail with family and friends, including the four-legged variety!

It will also soon feature CCTV and lighting for added safety and will connect to a new shared user path to be constructed by the City of Kingston.



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The bridge is stage one of the revitalisation project, which is funded by the Victorian Government's \$315 million Suburban Parks Program to create more than 6,500 hectares of new and upgraded parks and trails across Melbourne's outer suburbs.

The project will also deliver:

- Habitat and ecological improvements.
- A Cultural Values Study and self-guided biocultural interpretative trail.

- Upgraded signage and facilities, including a new viewing platform.



For more information scan the QR code or visit:

frankston.vic.gov.au/things-to-do/parks-and-reserves/seaford/seaford-wetlands

Local artist's brush with storytelling

How much does a portrait tell us of a person?

For local artist Jaq Grantford, who specialises in fine art and portraiture, the lines, expressions and tiny nuances all gather to create an impression from which we unravel a story.

"With each portrait, there is a story — some beautiful, some that make a statement, or some that are just about living life," she said.

"The details and tiny flaws are the most exciting parts of any subject. It's what makes us different but also united in our imperfection."

Jaq's new exhibition titled 'The Human Spirit' explores portraiture and shows the faces of some well-known people and some not so well-known.

Jaq has participated in numerous exhibitions, winning many awards, most recently winning the Archibald People's Choice with her portrait of Noni Hazlehurst.

Her work is held in the European Museum of Modern Art, the National Portrait Gallery of Australia, the National Gallery of Victoria and many other collections.

Since she was a child, Jaq has been passionate about portraying the human form and that love has persisted throughout her life.

To capture the essence of a person is one of her greatest joys. She loves to tell the stories through visual imagery: the influences, the environment, the cultural background, the joys and heartbreaks and much more.

See 'The Human Spirit' exhibition at Frankston Arts Centre's Curved Wall Gallery until 22 June.



For more information scan the QR code or visit:

artscentre.frankston.vic.gov.au/whats-on/art-exhibitions/jaq-grantford



Local artist Jaq Grantford is passionate about portraying the human form.

Arts centre members enjoy exclusive backstage tour

The team at Frankston Arts Centre hosted their first **Members Only Backstage Tour** recently for 24 guests to experience what goes on behind the curtain.

Council Manager Arts and Culture Tammy Ryan said theatre staff were informative tour guides and the members were enthralled with the stories and had many questions.

"Staff joined the guests for morning tea to answer more questions about how shows get selected for the season, commercial hirers and members benefits," she said.

Long-time members Colin and Myrtle Hughes said Frankston Arts Centre membership offered huge benefits, as well as being part of an exciting and vibrant community of the arts.

Myrtle said: "We get to go to the preview party, which tantalises us with the joy to come and gives us early and flexible booking opportunities."



Arts centre member Kerry Newton and Manager Arts and Culture Tammy Ryan with members Colin Hughes, Graeme Levey and Myrtle Hughes.

Colin added: "Walking through the doors is like coming home, plus we get priority bar service and a members discount."

Myrtle said they also valued contributing to keep the arts thriving in Frankston City.



For more information about Frankston Arts Centre membership, please scan the QR code or visit:

artscentre.frankston.vic.gov.au/get-involved/become-a-member

Shutterbugs in the frame at Frankston Photographic Club

For nearly seven decades, Frankston Photographic Club has stood as a beacon for enthusiasts of all ages, offering a vibrant community for those with a passion for capturing life's moments through the lens.

Established in 1955, the club holds regular meetings and provides ample opportunities for growth, learning and camaraderie.

Committee Member Eugene Gershon said: "Joining the Frankston Photography Club isn't just about snapping pictures — it is about embarking on a journey of self-discovery and artistic expression.

"Members have the chance to hone their camera-craft and image processing, whether beginners or

seasoned photographers looking to refine their skills.

"Through workshops, tutorials, and friendly competitions, participants are continually inspired to push the boundaries of their creativity and technical prowess," he said.

Eugene added that one of the most rewarding aspects of belonging to a camera club is the opportunity to forge meaningful connections with like-minded individuals.

"Within the welcoming embrace of the Frankston Photography Club, members find a community of outgoing, fun-loving, and creative souls who share their passion for visual storytelling.

"Moreover, joining a camera club offers more than just a hobby —



Frankston Photographic Club opens doors to new experiences and perspectives. Picture: Damian Burke

it opens doors to new experiences and perspectives. From capturing the beauty of nature to documenting the vibrancy of urban life, every click of the shutter becomes an opportunity to freeze time and preserve memories for generations to come."



For more information scan the QR code or visit:

frankstonphotoclub.com.au



Frankston City Libraries



The Warm Winter Read is back!

1 June–31 August 2024

As the temperature drops, make time for yourself and your chosen story. We'll help you find your next great read. You'll also be in the running to win great prizes!



Frankston Writers' Salon

**Thursday 13 June 5.30pm
Frankston Library
FREE**

Check out Frankston Writers' Salon, which meets monthly with members writing to a particular theme in short-form poetry and micro-fiction. Join us to break new ground with our words!



ICT Classes with BeConnected

**Various days and times
Frankston Library
FREE**

Be Connected is an Australian government initiative building the confidence, digital skills and online safety of older Australians. Classes include Smart Home Tech, Selling Online, Technology for Health and Android Basic.



Winter School Holidays at Frankston City Libraries

**Saturday 29 June–
Sunday 14 July 2024
Various Locations
FREE**

Winter school holidays activities for children include movies, craft, NAIDOC Week celebrations and more! Sign up for our children's e-newsletter to get access to bookings as soon as they open!

FRANKSTON ARTS CENTRE



Music

Bjorn Again: Waterloo Anniversary Tour

**Friday 7 June 8pm and
Saturday 8 June 8pm**

Relive ABBA's magic! Join the ultimate tribute celebration with iconic hits, dazzling performances, and timeless memories.



Music

An evening with Vika and Linda

Thursday 13 June 8pm



Music

Daytime Music + Theatre — Wildflowers

**Friday 21 June
10.30am and 1.30pm**



Dance

Victorian State Ballet: Snow White

Sunday 23 June 2.30pm

An exciting and enchanting full length ballet spectacular featuring the suburb artists of the Victorian State Ballet.



Comedy

Dinner and Show Series — George Kapiniaris and Tahir

Saturday 29 June Doors open at 6pm, Dinner at 6.30pm



Musical

PLOS Celebration: A Tribute to Musical Theatre

Sunday 7 July 1pm and 6pm

Let's honour our tireless volunteers

Do you know a dedicated volunteer who commits their time to the Frankston City and wider community who deserves to be recognised for their volunteering contribution?

Then be sure to nominate them for our Volunteer Awards!

Opening in National Volunteer Week, nominations for the Volunteer Awards (run by Volunteering Frankston) can be submitted from 9am Monday, 20 May, and close at 9am Monday, 24 June 2024.

When you nominate a worthy candidate, you'll be highlighting the great work they do as a volunteer, as well as creating awareness for the work of their volunteer organisation within the community. Organisations must be registered with Volunteering Frankston to participate.

Organisations or individuals are able to nominate volunteers for recognition across categories including Service, Leadership, Initiative, Youth and Teamwork.

Mayor Nathan Conroy urged the community to get behind the awards, adding: "The annual



Volunteer Awards 2023 Leadership Award winner Alastair Leaver.

Volunteer Awards honour and celebrate those people who go above and beyond volunteering for good causes.

"Our volunteers are the absolute best of Frankston City — constantly and selflessly serving their community.

"The inspirational people recognised in the Awards are dedicated to supporting others in need over a long period of time," he said.

Organisations can also nominate themselves for the \$1,000 prize by answering a short series of questions about the impact that their organisation has had on the community over the last 12 months.

Organisations must also nominate a volunteer in one of the recognition

categories to be eligible to win the \$1,000 prize. However, organisations do not need to nominate themselves for the prize to enter volunteers for a recognition award.

At the 2023 Volunteer Awards, **Alastair Leaver** from Mum's Supporting Families in Need won the Leadership Award, the Service to Community Award was won by **Nancy Martin** from Ebdale Community Hub, the Youth Award was won by **Zoe Tokalahi**, from Frankston North Community Centre Playgroup, the Initiative Award was won by **Jaqui O'Leary**, from 3198 Seaford Beach Patrol, and the Teamwork Award was won by the **Frankston North Community Centre Cafe**.

The Outstanding Volunteer Organisation Award, including a \$1000 prize, was won by **Mums Supporting Families in Need**.



For more information, phone 1300 322 322, email volunteering.frankston@frankston.vic.gov.au or scan the QR code.



Jeff Svigos with Mayor Nathan Conroy (left) and Cr Kris Bolam.

New Eric Bell Pavilion a tribute to Jeff's vision

Pines Football Netball Club Past President Jeff Svigos has been honoured with a Certificate of Appreciation for his stellar contribution to the community.

North-West Ward Cr Kris Bolam said sport plays an incredible role in Frankston City, creating invaluable and lifelong friendships, enhancing health and fitness, and not to mention boosting community spirit and overall wellbeing.

He said Jeff has worked passionately for the Frankston North community, adding the \$8.82 million Eric Bell Pavilion redevelopment would not have occurred without Jeff's input and dedication.

Cr Bolam said: "Used by the Pines Football Netball Club and the Pines Cricket Club, it's a base and home for a proud community that regularly punches above its weight.

"Importantly, the new club rooms present the club as a welcoming host of all sports and the women-friendly change rooms and more multifunctional event spaces give the senior women's football and netball teams room to grow.

"It also supports the provision of elite sporting programs for aspiring kids!"

Cr Bolam said the new Eric Bell Pavilion was a testament to Jeff's vision, drive and advocacy, adding it will enhance the lives of many for years to come.

Jeff also is a key contributor and sits on Council's Sport and Recreation Advisory Committee — demonstrating his wealth of knowledge and passion for all community sport in Frankston.

Council honours veteran JP Peter Fulton

Veteran Justice of the Peace, Peter Fulton, has been celebrated for 40 years' outstanding and unstinting service to the community.

North-West Ward Cr Glenn Aitken presented Peter with a Certificate of Appreciation at a Council Meeting.

"Peter has without exception made himself available at all hours for the assistance and convenience of many people with numerous matters pertaining to his position in terms of witnessing documents, clarifying issues and questions relating to various inquiries and assisting in all ways," Cr Aitken said.

"In addition, Peter has served as an outstanding Bail Justice over a period of some 18 years.



Peter Fulton JP, with his daughter Liese, receives his award from Cr Glenn Aitken.

This frequently demanding role required him to attend the Frankston Police Station at all or any hours of day or night to determine whether any person who had been arrested would be released on bail or incarcerated.

"This often saw him out attending such cases at late hours or even 2am or 3am or 5am."

Cr Aitken added: "The detaining and placing away of numerous

offenders was central to removing risk from the streets of Frankston and certainly helping prevent almost immediate recurrence of replicate or similar actions as had caused the arrest in the first instance.

"The assistance given to Police through his Bail Justice role was hugely appreciated and the general community was significantly protected as a result of this work, which is not immediately visible, yet is an integral part of upholding Justice and safety for everyone."

Peter was recently appointed a Fellow of the Royal Victorian Association of Honorary Justices in recognition of his stellar service.

Cr Aitken said: "Peter, thank you for your amazing commitment and contribution — helping to make Frankston City such a wonderful place to work, live and visit."

Think Local Month wraps up!

Frankston City Council's first Think Local Month was a huge success!

Running throughout March, the month-long campaign aimed to encourage the community, businesses and workers to think local first when it comes to buying, booking or using trades and services or buying goods.

The month involved a launch night, 22 business workshops which saw

160 local business owners attend, giving away 100 \$1000 grants, two local giveaways, activating 10 shopping strips with local musicians and a small business expo with 46 exhibitors and almost 140 attendees.

Throughout the campaign we also provided exposure to small businesses across our municipality. Thank you to all of our local presenters who donated their

time to help businesses upskill, to our gift bag contributors for their generosity, to the attendees for turning up and supporting the campaign and finally to everyone who thought local and will continue to Think Local.

Supporting local small and medium businesses helps to boost the Frankston City economy, strengthen our local workforce, reduce our

carbon footprint and build local connections within the community.



Business workshops

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

The more successful your business is, no matter the industry or whether you have a bricks and mortar or a home-based business, the stronger our local economy. This is one of the reasons why the Economic Development team are keen to do what we can to help your business grow and prosper!

All of our workshops are delivered by industry experts who are eager to share their knowledge of expertise with you.

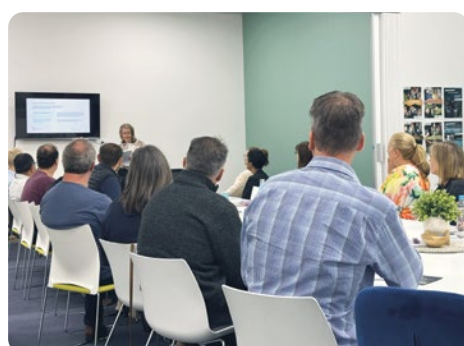
Upcoming workshops include 'Business Re-Focus' with Jamie Marra from Transcend Services, who will help you realign your business to meet the current

economic challenges. A must attend workshop! The workshop will be held on Thursday 30 May, 2024, 9am–11am.



For more information, please scan the QR code or visit:

frankston.vic.gov.au/things-to-do/whats-on/business-re-focus



Business Mentor Program

Did you know Frankston City Council has a FREE Business Mentor Program available to ALL Frankston City businesses?

A panel of 12 industry experts from a number of industries are available to give business advice or assist you in creating a business plan to help your business grow.

Each eligible business can access two free one-hour sessions with a mentor on a range of topics such as digital marketing, business growth, finances, marketing, planning, managing and more.

Since 2021, more than 200 businesses have used the program to help their business get ahead and stay on track. Get your free sessions by emailing business@frankston.vic.gov.au

Comm Bank Small Business Expo

Council's Economic Development team will be exhibiting at the Comm Bank Small Business Expo at the Melbourne Exhibition Centre on 29 and 30 May to help put Frankston City on the map as a desirable place to invest and do business.

Council will join 120 other exhibitors from industries including Banking, Telco, IT, AI Technologies, and Cybersecurity. Catering to the needs of small businesses, CommBank SmallBiz Week will feature a range of speaker sessions, networking

functions and events that will help your business grow.

Council hopes to speak with potential investors and small businesses at the event who are eager to expand, relocate or start their business in a progressive location and help them learn more about Frankston City, the place to live, work, play and invest.



If you are keen to come along, please scan the QR code or visit:

smallbizweek.com.au/2024-events/expo2024

Think Local Small Business Expo

Frankston City Council's first Small Business Expo was held on Tuesday 26 March at Frankston Arts Centre.

There were 46 local business exhibitors from a range of industries and more than 130 visitors attended to meet some of our local businesses and check out goods and services on offer in our city. The event was free and all attendees received a gift bag containing vouchers or gifts.

Feedback from visitors and exhibitors was overwhelmingly positive with many wanting to return next year if Council run the expo again.

Many exhibitors made connections with other exhibitors at the expo which has resulted in sales or collaboration.



Sign of the times: Find the way to Frankston City

The primary gateway sign in our Wayfinding Strategy now lights the way on Nepean Highway, Seaford.

This 3.87m high, 1.62m wide and 0.35m deep sign is illuminated with energy-efficient LEDs and features local indigenous language to welcome residents and visitors alike.

Frankston City Council has embarked on an ambitious program to enhance the identity, appeal and accessibility of the City through the delivery of its innovative Wayfinding Strategy.

This strategy provides a clear framework and style guide so new

signage is consistent, legible and can be implemented across a range of projects to help residents and visitors navigate their way across the City.

Beyond functionality, the signage reflects the modern identity of Frankston while providing environmental context and acknowledging Traditional Owners.

A secondary gateway sign has also been installed in Karingal, kicking off a comprehensive rollout across key locations including municipal and suburb entrances, open spaces, shared-user paths and more.



Patrols to enhance city centre safety

Council's Safer Communities Rapid Response Team will increase patrols in central Frankston to tackle Community Local Law issues relating to smoking and drinking in public spaces.

The Team will patrol Wells St, Shannon Mall, Young St and Station St areas of the Frankston Metropolitan Activity Centre to focus on enforcement of Council's Community Local Law 2020 and provisions relating to smoking and alcohol consumption in public places.



A variable message sign board will be on display for the duration, conveying Council is enforcing Local Laws, no smoking/vaping, no drinking/open containers and penalties apply.

Cr Aitken said: "The first week will see officers employ an educative approach with warnings only issued and then escalate to enforcement.

"The team is highly visible in the community performing proactive patrols, quickly responding to a range of issues, including dog problems and anti-social behaviour, and engaging with the community to provide an enhanced sense of safety across the municipality," Cr Aitken said.

The team regularly works closely with Victoria Police to prioritise hot spots of Local Law breaches identified by the community and has performed joint patrols.



For more information, please scan the QR code or visit:

[frankston.vic.gov.au/
community-and-health/
public-safety-services/
rapid-response-team](https://frankston.vic.gov.au/community-and-health/public-safety-services/rapid-response-team)

Boosting CCTV and community safety

Utilising CCTV technology is essential not only in detecting incidents but also in presenting a comprehensive timeline of events.

North-West Ward Cr Kris Bolam said: "It's important to highlight that this isn't merely about surveillance; rather, it's about addressing and preventing anti-social behaviour within our community.

"Back in 2018, I spearheaded the initiative to modernise CCTV technology across Frankston. This endeavor proved successful,

securing funding for additional CCTV units to be deployed throughout the municipality.

"Some notable past installations include Excelsior Drive, Nat's Track, and Nepean Highway, among others."

Cr Bolam added: "Recently, I championed another significant expansion of our CCTV capabilities, which received unanimous support from the Council. This decision ensures the funding for a substantial increase in CCTV units, adding to our existing infrastructure.

"This boost signifies a remarkable 20 per cent surge in our Council's CCTV coverage, positioning us as one of the largest local government CCTV networks in Australia."

Cr Bolam said looking ahead, upcoming CCTV installations will include areas such as Karingal Drive/Ashleigh Avenue, Mahogany Shopping Strip, Pines Flora and Fauna Car Park and Railway Parade.

"Over the next two years, we will implement the rollout of these new CCTV units while also exploring avenues to enhance monitoring capabilities.

"I extend my gratitude to the residents who reached out with suggestions for CCTV placement in the North-West Ward. Your input is invaluable as we work together to ensure the safety and security of our community."

Meet The Frankston Youth Services Team!

Did you know Frankston City Council has a dedicated team working specifically for young people?

The Frankston Youth Services (FYS) team is a passionate group of youth workers who are committed to creating safe and inclusive spaces for young people from all backgrounds.

Your Voice Matters! FYS offers a range of programs to meet the diverse needs of our young community and invites all young people to get involved.

YoCo (Youth Council): Youth Council provides valuable feedback on Council initiatives and helps ensure youth voices are heard.

NexGen (Youth Advisory Group): A group of young people who work directly with FYS to advocate for youth issues and plan events.

Fresh: Unleash your inner artist! The FFreeZA program, delivered by our Fresh Committee with the support of our youth team, is all about bringing you incredible music, arts, and culture events throughout the year. Whether you're into jamming on stage or showcasing your artistic side, FFreeZA has something for everyone.

School's Out, Fun's In: Don't let the holidays get you down! During each school break, FYS offers a jam-packed holiday program for young people aged 12–25. Packed with exciting activities and events, it's the perfect way to connect with new people and have a blast.

Hangout! FYS facilitate a hangout space for young people each day of the week. Come for a toastie, a chat, and to play some games in a supported and safe space. Check our socials for up-to-date info on where to find us and when!



Frankston City's Youth Services Team supports young people from all backgrounds.

The FYS team is here to support our young people. Let's work together to create a vibrant and inclusive community for all!



For more information, scan the QR code or visit the Facebook or Instagram pages.

frankston.vic.gov.au/things-to-do/frankston-youth-services

Monash Peninsula campus celebrates new MPavilion

Monash University's Peninsula campus has celebrated the opening of its new MPavilion — a generous gift from the Naomi Milgrom Foundation.

MPavilion is Australia's leading architecture commission, conceived and created by Monash alumna Naomi Milgrom AC to celebrate the intersection of architecture, art and design. This is the second MPavilion gifted to Monash University by the Naomi Milgrom Foundation, with the first residing at Monash's Clayton campus since 2018.



Dignitaries and guests at the opening ceremony for the new MPavilion at Monash University's Peninsula campus.

Monash University's Provost and Senior Vice-President Professor Susan Elliott AM said: "The Peninsula campus MPavilion will give our students, staff and our local community an inclusive gathering point which fosters connection between community, culture, nature and architectural design.

"Monash University is committed to Naomi Milgrom's original vision of using MPavilions as a hub for community-led art, design and collaboration. We look forward to seeing the MPavilion become a community cultural focal point on the Peninsula, where architecture, art and design is utilised to bring communities together," Professor Elliott said.



For more information, scan the QR code or visit:

monash.edu/news/articles/monash-peninsula-campus-celebrates-official-opening-of-mpavilion



Frankston's Taiko Drumming group provides fun and friendship.

Find your rhythm with Frankston's Taiko Drumming group

The Frankston Susono Friendship Association (FSFA) is a group of passionate and dedicated community volunteers who manage the sister city relationship with Susono on behalf of the Frankston City Council.

FSFA aims to promote Japanese culture, language, handicrafts, music and food and in mid-2023 commenced the Frankston Taiko Drumming group.

Taiko drumming can help you burn calories, build muscle and muscle tone, improves cardiovascular health, calms the mind and provides the opportunity to build social connections.

The taiko group will host classes on June 9 and July 7 to further promote taiko drumming in the Frankston community.

If you would like to experience the power, passion and energy that is taiko, contact Bev on 0413 777 313 or frankston.susono@gmail.com for further details.

Strengthening community ties through cultural recognition and understanding

As we approach National Sorry Day on 26 May, our community reflects on the historical injustices experienced by the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

This day marks a crucial step in our nation's journey towards reconciliation, remembering those affected by the forced removal policies known as the Stolen Generations.

It's a day for reflection and commitment to healing and justice, as we continue to confront the impacts of these policies on Indigenous families and communities today.

Following Sorry Day, we enter National Reconciliation Week (NRW), from 27 May to 3 June, a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures, and achievements. The week reminds us of the importance of building bridges between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and the broader community for a more equitable and just society.

Frankston City Council remains committed to fostering an inclusive community that respects and acknowledges our First Nations people.

South Ward Cr Claire Harvey said: "As a Council, we actively participate in these observances to promote understanding, respect, and recognition of Indigenous cultures and histories.

"Among our efforts include plans to develop a purpose-built community facility for Indigenous locals, expanding on the existing Nairn Marr Djambana Gathering Place," she said.

"Council is working with local Indigenous voices to create a space that honours heritage and foster community connections.

"Other notable projects include installing suburb 'welcome' signs incorporating local Indigenous language and design along the Nepean Highway, and active annual participation in NAIDOC Week and National Reconciliation Week."

Cr Harvey added Council showcases Bunurong Country's cultural heritage through the integration of Aboriginal artworks into new developments like Jubilee Park Stadium.

"Internally, Council hosts regular Cultural Awareness Training sessions for staff, aimed at enhancing the cultural competency of our workforce and ensuring our services are inclusive and accessible to all community members," she said.

"The establishment of a Reconciliation Working Group underscores all of this work, with a true dedication to fostering partnerships and promoting Indigenous voices within and beyond the community.

"While we are proud of our ongoing initiatives, we acknowledge there is always



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more to be done. Frankston City Council is committed to continuous learning and improvement in our reconciliation journey.

"We understand the importance of listening to and working alongside Indigenous communities to effect meaningful change."

As we commemorate Sorry Day and embark on National Reconciliation Week, we invite all community members to join us in reflecting on our shared history, celebrating Indigenous culture and contributions, and committing to a future where we walk together with respect, understanding, and recognition.

Together, we can make strides towards healing and reconciliation, building a stronger, more inclusive Frankston for generations to come.



For more information about Council's commitment to working with our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities, please scan the QR code or visit:

frankston.vic.gov.au/community-and-health/community-development-and-engagement/indigenous-communities



Join the circular revolution: sign up for Trim Your Bin

Frankston City Council, along with Mornington Peninsula Shire Council and the City of Casey, is thrilled to announce the second intake for the innovative Trim Your Bin program.

This initiative, aimed at fostering circularity within the commercial sector, invites businesses to reduce waste, save costs, and contribute to a sustainable local economy.

Following the remarkable success of the first intake, we're calling on businesses to express their interest and join this transformative journey.

The program offers participants a free waste assessment, a personalised action plan, expert guidance, and follow-up assessments to ensure effective waste reduction strategies are implemented.

Open to businesses of all sizes, Trim Your Bin is not just a commitment to the environment but a savvy business decision that can lead to significant cost savings. Get inspired by the following to inspire your business.

Anglicare, Frankston: Anglicare plans to revolutionise its waste management by centralising disposal points and introducing educational materials, making sustainability an integral part of their organisational culture. They remain committed to minimising environmental impact and being a leader in corporate responsibility.

Commonfolk Cafe, Frankston: A leader in the hospitality sector, Commonfolk Cafe has taken significant steps towards sustainability by exploring organics waste collection and commercial soft plastics recycling. Their proactive measures not only reduce landfill costs but also set a high standard for others in the industry.

These success stories from our first wave of participants highlight the tangible benefits of embracing sustainability. By joining the Trim Your Bin program, your business can make a substantial difference too.

We're now accepting expressions of interest for the second round, set to commence in late July 2024. This is an exciting opportunity for your business



Commonfolk Cafe owner Sam Keck (left) with barista, Miki.

to embrace sustainability, reduce waste, and achieve cost savings.

Don't miss your chance to be part of this transformative program. For more details and to submit your expression of interest, scan the QR code below.

Together, we can create a more sustainable future for our community and pave the way for a circular economy. Join us in making a difference.



For more information, scan the QR code or visit:

frankston.vic.gov.au/business-and-growth/business-support-and-resources/business-resources/programs-and-opportunities/trim-your-bin-program

Stop bin fires: responsible battery disposal

In our daily lives, lithium-ion batteries power an array of devices, from smartphones to power tools.

Incorrect disposal of these batteries poses a significant risk to our waste management systems, causing hundreds of fires in Australia each year.

Re.Group Chief Development Officer Garth Lamb emphasises the urgency of responsible disposal practices, stating: "It's crucial to recognise the hazards these batteries present to our facilities, workers, and equipment."

Despite their common usage, lithium-ion batteries do not belong in household bins.



Re.Group Chief Development Officer Garth Lamb holds vapes he pulled from the recycling waste. Picture courtesy ABC News/Emily Baker

Mr Lamb said these batteries are a ticking time bomb in our recycling streams with fires at waste and recycling facilities disrupting operations and endangering lives.

You can keep Frankston City's workers safe by properly disposing of batteries.

Mr Lamb says we need to "utilise battery recycling drop-off points to ensure proper disposal. By doing so, we keep harmful materials out of bins and prevent potential fires".

Here are some essential tips for responsible battery disposal:

- **Locate drop-off points:** Find your closest drop-off point through B-Cycle or Recyclemate. You can also dispose of some items at the Frankston Regional Recycling and Recovery Centre in Skye.
- **Safe handling:** Cover battery terminals with non-conductive tape to prevent sparking. Store batteries in a cool, dry place away from heat sources, and avoid storing them in airtight containers or with metal objects.
- **Spread awareness:** Educate

friends and family about the importance of proper battery disposal. By raising awareness, we can collectively contribute to safer waste management practices.

By taking these simple yet crucial steps, we can protect our communities and environment from the dangers posed by improper battery disposal.

Let's work together to ensure a safer and cleaner future for all.



Scan the QR code to find your local drop-off point or visit:

recyclemate.com.au

Enjoy our captivating natural reserves and play spaces

From natural reserves and play spaces to wetlands, waterways, and urban forests — when it comes to open space, Frankston City has it all!

And it's no surprise that the extent and diversity of our beautiful open spaces is one of the reasons our municipality welcomes more than 800,000 visitors each year and is home to more than 141,000 people (a figure that's expected to grow to 161,660 by 2041).

Our city boasts 11km of pristine waterfront, 270 open spaces (more than 10 per cent of the municipal area) not to mention 124 play spaces and 69 sportsgrounds — and it takes considerable planning and resourcing to maintain, preserve and upgrade these to ensure they can be safely enjoyed by locals and visitors.

And Council is committed to continuing to provide open spaces to support the community to stay active and healthy, build community connections and bring visitors to our vibrant City.

Currently, several projects are underway across Frankston City to do just that. They include:

- The \$5 million Seaford Wetlands rejuvenation project.
- Play space and reserve upgrades at Austin, Kareela, and Whistlestop Reserves and Ballam Park.



📷 Stunning Seaford Wetlands.

- A new bio-retention system and ornamental lake at Ballam Park.
- Upgraded community facilities at Peninsula Reserve.
- New planting and seating at Nodding, Whitewood, Carrum Bella and Regency Reserves.
- Additional planting and community facilities at Jubilee Park.
- Planting along the new shared user path at Dandenong Road East.

- Sandfield Reserve youth space upgrade.
- Hole upgrades at Centenary Park Golf Course.
- Witternberg Reserve path upgrades and connection to Peninsula Link Trail.

Even more open space projects are in the pipeline for the coming months. You can keep up to date by visiting the more current projects page on our website.



For more information scan the QR code or visit:

[frankston.vic.gov.au/
planning-and-building/
major-city-projects/more-
current-projects](https://frankston.vic.gov.au/planning-and-building/major-city-projects/more-current-projects)

Jac's nature strip garden a blooming success!

Did you know it's free to get a permit for a nature strip garden in our Frankston City?

Local garden influencer Jac Semmler has taken advantage of this and her stunning modern garden has caught the attention of The Design Files, which showcased her blooming Frankston front yard on their blog.

"Jac Semmler doesn't need a street number outside her house. The overflow of flowers spilling out onto the nature strip in front of her home in Frankston is all the signage visitors need.

"The abundant nature strip has been well received by neighbours, who now plan their walking routes to go past the 'garden house'," the blog stated.

Jac is the author of *The Super Bloom: A Field Guide to Flowers for Every Gardener*.

Nature strip gardens provide green spaces that promote biodiversity, and improve air quality, stormwater treatment and cool streets and they also enhance the aesthetic appeal of the street.

We recommend you read the Nature strip planting guidelines

if you are thinking about improving your nature strip. This will help you plan, choose suitable plants, and let you know where to plant and how to maintain them.



For more information scan the QR code or visit:

[frankston.vic.gov.au/
planning-and-building/
roads-and-infrastructure/
roads-paths-and-drains/
nature-strips](https://frankston.vic.gov.au/planning-and-building/roads-and-infrastructure/roads-paths-and-drains/nature-strips)



📷 Local garden influencer Jac Semmler.

Even more reasons to visit Jubilee Park

With a new state-of-the-art stadium, improved parking and path network, landscaping, and oval and pavilion upgrades and more, Jubilee Park continues to cement its position as a sporting hub for the southeast.

And the improvements keep coming!

Most recently, the precinct has benefitted from drainage and resurfacing around the wicket of the John Coburn oval just in time for the football season. And netballers are now enjoying the newly resurfaced outdoor courts which were completed over the warmer months to allow that eye-catching blue surface to dry properly.

Next up are some improvements for those who also enjoy the more passive recreational opportunities on offer at the park. In the coming months, visitors can look forward to the following new improvements: concrete

pathways, a BBQ, two picnic shelters, five new picnic settings, four bench seats, two drinking fountains and new plants, with the total landscaping being made up of 90 per cent indigenous and 10 per cent native species.

The curator's shed has also now been removed, making way for a new spectators' shelter and picnic area with an unobstructed view of Port Phillip Bay. Our curators will have a new home in the redeveloped Kevin Collopy Pavilion which is due to be complete in the coming months (read more about this and our other pavilion upgrades below).

The park improvements support the delivery of the Jubilee Park Masterplan 2013. Other upgrades completed as part of the masterplan include:

- The development of the \$36.6 million Jubilee Park Stadium.
- Realigning the Hill Street access road with car parking.



Netballers are enjoying the newly resurfaced outdoor courts at Jubilee Park.

- Enlarging and reconstructing the Trotting Track oval.
- New sports lighting on John Coburn oval and the trotting track oval.
- Additional paved pathways around the trotting track oval and car park.
- New pathways, landscaping, and tree planting.
- Upgraded lighting for football, night games and training.
- New play space.
- Extensive revegetation of the northern gully.

The improvements have been jointly funded by Council and the Australian and Victorian Governments and help to make Frankston City and even better place to live, work and of course play!

Pavilion upgrades enhance facilities, opportunities

We love our sport in Frankston City — whether it is football (of all types!), netball, basketball, tennis or something else — you'll find somewhere to test your skills and boost your fitness.

One of the other great benefits of sport participation is community connection. And while our many pavilion upgrades across the city are enhancing facilities and opportunities, at the core they are providing more opportunities for people of all ages to establish new friendships and maintain longer-standing relationships that enhance quality of life.

With all of this in mind, three Council pavilions across the municipality are currently being redeveloped or have just been completed: Eric Bell in Frankston North, Lloyd Park senior pavilion in Langwarrin and Kevin Collopy pavilion at Jubilee Park in Frankston.



The stunning new Eric Bell Pavilion in Frankston North.

The \$8.8 million Eric Bell upgrade is nearing completion at the time of publication and will create greater participation opportunities for women and girls and the broader Frankston and Frankston North community, as well as great new facilities for home clubs the Pines Football Netball Club and the Pines Cricket Club.

Council is proud to jointly fund the project with the Victorian Government through a low interest loan and a Local Sport Grant from the Department of Jobs, Precincts and Regions.

Lloyd Park's new \$6.5 million main pavilion will officially open its doors in June. It provides sweeping views across three ovals and includes four change rooms for men and women, two umpires' rooms, public toilets, canteen, kitchen, storage, meetings rooms and an accessible lift.

It replaces the previous 50-year-old pavilion used by the Langwarrin Football and Netball Club, Langwarrin Junior Football Club and Langwarrin Cricket Club.

The upgrade is jointly funded by Council and the Australian Government.

At Jubilee Park, Kevin Collopy pavilion's \$5.33 million facelift will also benefit women and girls

with the addition of new change rooms. Other improvements to the two-storey building will include umpire facilities, two canteens, storage, and first aid rooms on the ground floor and upgraded toilet amenities and scorer's box on the first floor.

This is also funded by Council in partnership with the Victorian Government's Community Sport Infrastructure Loans Scheme and is due to be complete in mid-June.

Not too far away at the Healthy Futures Hub in Seaford, the St Kilda Football Club recently established a brand-new sporting pavilion that will be home to the Dandenong Southern Stingrays. Currently being used by several local sporting clubs, the modular pavilion was made possible thanks to a \$1 million grant from the AFL. This is another great community asset that will bring more young people to Frankston for training and games.