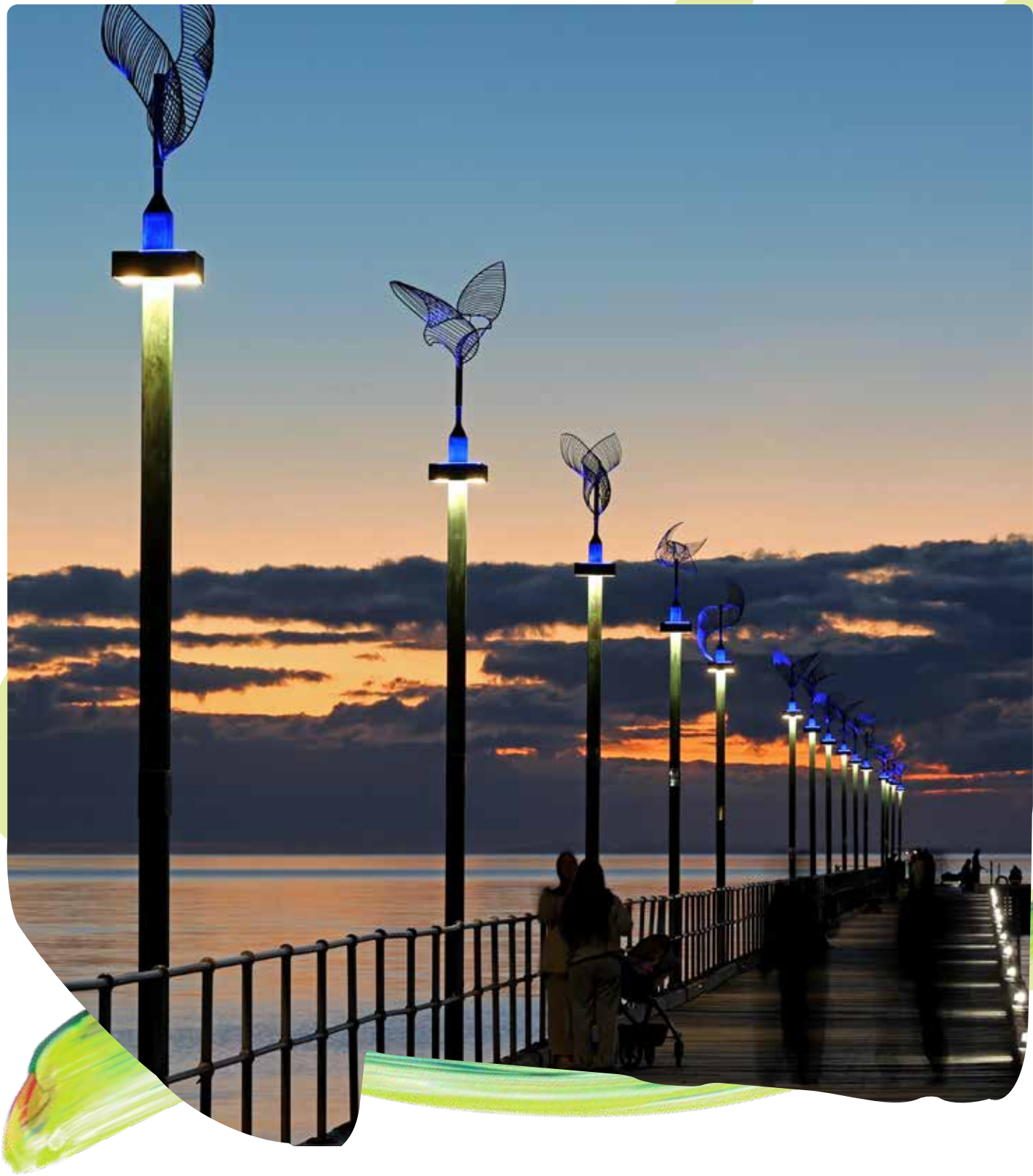
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New artworks brighten our pier and foreshore

Frankston's waterfront has striking new attractions, with the recent installation of Flyway on the iconic Frankston Pier and Oh No! Thinker Gnome, at the foreshore — both new works part of the growing Frankston Regional Arts Trail.

Flyway enhances one of Frankston's most recognisable landmarks, encouraging residents and visitors to experience the pier in a new way while engaging with the city's unique coastal environment. Created by Taiwanese-Australian artist Yu-Fang Chi, Flyway is inspired by the migratory birds that travel the East Asian–Australasian Flyway and the local birdlife along Frankston's shoreline. Installed along the Pier, the sculptural forms respond to wind, water, and light, creating a changing experience as people move through and around the artwork.

Frankston City Mayor Sue Baker said Flyway highlights the city's commitment to creating vibrant public places.

"Frankston's waterfront is one of our city's greatest assets, and Flyway is a beautiful addition to the iconic Pier that gives people another reason to visit, explore and spend time by the bay at any time of the year," she said.

"The Frankston Regional Arts Trail is helping transform everyday public spaces into places of discovery. It's creating memorable experiences for residents and visitors while celebrating the unique character, stories and natural beauty of Frankston."

Oh No! Thinker Gnome, created by artist Gregor Kregar and otherwise known as our mini Frankie the Gnome, was installed in September.

The new sculpture follows the now iconic status of Kregar's original nine metre tall Frankie, or 'Reflective Lullaby' created in 2015 and now residing at the McClelland Sculpture Park + Gallery.

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

Seaford Customer Service Centre
Seaford Community Centre, corner of Station Street and Broughton Street, Seaford
Monday to Friday, 9am–4.30pm

Langwarrin Customer Service Centre
Shop 6, The Gateway, Cranbourne-Frankston Road, Langwarrin
Monday to Wednesday, 9am–4pm
Thursday & Friday, 9am–5pm

Carrum Downs Library and Customer Service Centre
203 Lyrebird Drive, Carrum Downs
Monday to Wednesday, 10am–1pm

Frankston Regional Recycling and Recovery Centre (FRRRC)

20 Harold Road, Skye
(off Ballarto Road, opposite the Skye Recreation Reserve)
Open 7 days a week, 8am–4pm
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Message from the Mayor

Helping children explore the wonder of reading

What a fantastic result for the 2026 Mayor's Reading Challenge, with 355 children across Frankston City completing the challenge! For 16 years now, Frankston City Libraries have run this wonderful event, which is a chance to introduce the next generation to a love of the written word that will set them up for a lifetime of learning, imagination and exploration. Altogether, this year's participants churned through an incredible 19,410 books throughout August — a wonderful reflection of the enthusiasm for reading across our community.

I know how challenging it is for parents today to try to entice their children away from screens, and this is one of the many reasons I am proud to be involved in this initiative. I think it plays an important role in reminding all of us to put our phones down, pick up a book, and take a moment to slow down in a very fast-paced world. It was particularly encouraging to see 59 Prep to Grade 2 students take part, as well as children of all ages.

Reading is about so much more than words on a page. It gives children the opportunity to discover new worlds and see things from different perspectives. It can spark curiosity, build confidence and help children develop skills that will support them throughout their school years and beyond. Just as importantly, reading together can create wonderful moments for families — whether it is a bedtime story, a trip to the library to choose a new favourite book, or simply sharing a laugh over a funny character or story.

Our libraries have such an important role to play in making reading accessible, enjoyable and part of everyday life for children and families. Initiatives like the Mayor's Reading Challenge help create that excitement and encourage children to see books not as something they have to read, but something they want to read.

A big thank you to our libraries team for all their hard work behind the scenes to plan, coordinate and deliver the challenge, and for their ongoing efforts to inspire our youngest readers. It's wonderful to see this year's participants embracing the joy of reading and as they continue to read, perhaps they will inspire a few more children to pick up a book too.



Cr Sue Baker
Mayor

CEO message

Building a stronger Frankston City together

I would like to take this opportunity to recognise the outstanding results of the 2026 Annual Community Satisfaction Survey. Council achieved record results, with considerable improvements across several areas compared with last year and consistently outscoring the averages for Metropolitan Melbourne. Residents told us they feel better supported, safer and more positive about the direction of our city.

Given the cost-of-living pressures many people are facing, alongside the broader uncertainty of our times, I am incredibly proud that Council has been able to provide our community with a sense of stability and reassurance when it is needed most. Feeling a strong connection to the place we live and work is so important, and it is encouraging to know that, as an organisation here to serve, we are heading in the right direction.

These results demonstrate the value of genuinely listening to residents and responding to what we hear. Council has always taken a consultative approach — not just when considering major projects, but also when making decisions about the day-to-day services and operations that keep our city running. We know it is important to remain open to new ideas and ways of working, while making it as easy as possible for residents to have their say.

Community input plays a critical role in shaping our priorities and ensuring we continue to deliver the services, infrastructure and support our residents expect. This year's survey shows that residents are recognising the improvements being made across our city, as well as Council's work to advocate for our community and deliver better outcomes. Importantly, it also highlights where there is more work to do and where we can continue to improve.

It is also important to note that the survey is conducted by an independent company, separate from Council, using a random sample of residents. Independent feedback such as this is one of the ways we can maintain community trust: through transparency, accountability and a genuine commitment to continuous improvement.

I want to build on these results and keep strengthening civic pride in our beautiful little slice of the world. Every piece of community input helps shape our priorities, our advocacy and the decisions we make, to enable Frankston City to be the best city and best place to live, work and play, it can be.



Tennille Bradley
CEO

Frankston Arts Centre wins prestigious national award

Our very own Frankston Arts Centre has been named Australia's Performing Arts Centre of the Year by PAC Australia, the national peak body for performing arts centres, presenters and producers.

For more than 30 years, the Arts Centre has been at the heart of our community, bringing people together through creativity, culture and shared experiences. It's been the backdrop to school performances, community celebrations, memorable nights out and special family moments.

This national recognition is a proud moment for Frankston City and everyone who has helped shape the Arts Centre's story, including staff, volunteers, artists, community groups, performers and of course you, our audiences!

The Arts Centre welcomed more than 190,000 visitors in 2025–2026 and continues to play a vital role in making Frankston a vibrant destination for arts, culture and community connection.

Congratulations to everyone who has contributed to this incredible achievement.







Roccella Lido is now open on Frankston's waterfront!

The gorgeous new Italian restaurant Roccella Lido is now open just in time for summer, with its spectacular views of Port Phillip Bay and Sicilian inspired cuisine.

The restaurant, located on level one of the Frankston Yacht Club on Long Island Drive, Frankston, is an exciting new addition to our waterfront precinct, as Council continues to support the area's transformation as an entertainment and dining hub this summer.

The menu at Roccella Lido will showcase modern Italian cuisine featuring award-winning pizzas, fresh pasta, seafood, steak and more, with flexible spaces designed for everyday dining, celebrations, weddings and corporate events. The venue is led by the award-winning Roccella Group — Bruno and Joe Ceraso, Francesco Crifò and Bernie Cuteri — who collectively bring decades of experience and have established and operated more than 100 hospitality and franchise brands across Australia.

Roccella Lido joins a growing collection of hospitality and activation across the foreshore, alongside the recently announced beach club and a further exciting dining offering planned for the former Sofia's site, to be announced later this year. Together, these venues enhance a waterfront that hosts thousands of visitors annually and major events including the Waterfront Festival, Carlsberg activations, and the Accessible Beach Pilot. For more information or to make a booking, scan the QR code.

Proudly strengthening our commitment to reconciliation

Frankston City Council has unanimously endorsed its Innovate Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) 2026–2028 at the Council meeting on Monday 24 August.

Developed through community consultation with input from the Reconciliation Action Plan Advisory Group and guidance from cultural educator Jillian West, a proud Palawa and Bunurong woman, the Innovate RAP sets out a clear, measurable two-year direction to advance Council's vision for reconciliation and embed reconciliation across the organisation.

Building on the momentum and achievements of Council's previous plan, the 2026–2028 Innovate RAP focuses on strengthening relationships with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, creating greater opportunities for participation and empowerment, and piloting initiatives that will inform Council's future reconciliation commitments.

Among the key outcomes provided by the previous Innovate RAP included providing Nairm Marr Djambana with a fifty-year lease at the new facility at Jubilee Park, with the first component of a broader master plan for this Indigenous Gathering Place delivered and opened in April 2026.

Nairm Marr Djambana remains an important community-led meeting place for the First Nations community, offering culturally safe programs and activities and fostering social inclusion.

Council remains one of just 10 Victorian local governments with an Innovate RAP. The Innovative RAP will be published in October. Stay tuned to Council's social media pages for new updates.



The opening of the Nairm Marr Djambana community hub in April



$3 million committed towards a new Bruce Park Pavilion

Frankston City Council welcomed a commitment from State Member for Frankston, Paul Edbrooke MP, to contribute $3 million towards the redevelopment of Bruce Park Pavilion if re-elected to government at the 2026 Victorian State Election.

The redevelopment of Bruce Park Pavilion is one of Council's key priorities through the Frankston City First advocacy campaign, which is focused on securing investment in the projects and infrastructure our community needs.

Bruce Park is home to more than 1,000 players across Frankston Rovers JFC, Heatherhill Cricket Club, Bruce Park Tennis Club and Heatherhill Football Club. The precinct serves a growing community of more than 19,000 residents and brings together players, volunteers, families and supporters every week.

Council's proposed $10 million redevelopment would deliver a modern, accessible and female-friendly two-storey pavilion, supporting growing participation in sport, particularly among women and girls, while providing facilities that meet the needs of current and future generations.

Funding committed to date includes:

- Frankston City Council: $3.33 million
- Australian Government: $5 million budgeted
- Victorian Labor commitment: $3 million

While today's commitment represents a major milestone, a bipartisan funding commitment would provide greater certainty for the project and help secure its delivery following the 2026 State Election.

Through the Frankston City First advocacy campaign, Council will continue engaging with all parties and candidates to build support for the projects that matter most to our community.



Want to learn more about voting in the 2026 Victorian State Election?

Wednesday 28 October, 5pm, Frankston City Council, 30 Davey Street, Frankston (entry via Young Street), FREE, booking not required

Join us for a free community information session presented by the Victorian Electoral Commission (VEC).

You'll hear about:

- why voting matters
- support available to help you vote with confidence
- how to participate in the 2026 state election
- what's new for the upcoming election

For more information about the event contact council on **1300 322 322** or **info@frankston.vic.gov.au**



Hundreds of incidents prevented by award-winning community safety program

More than 3,100 people were supported, and 406 incidents of harm were prevented through Frankston City's Community Connectors program in 2025–2026, with the national award-winning initiative continuing to make a measurable difference across the Frankston Station and Young Street precinct of the city centre.

A further 216 situations were successfully de-escalated, while the team made 217 referrals to specialist services for people experiencing issues including mental health concerns, homelessness, housing instability, alcohol and other drug use, and social isolation.

Delivered by South East Community Links with support from Council and the State Government through Metro Trains, Community Connectors supported 3,104 people, including 1,644 regular participants, during the past financial year.

The results come as Council's latest Community Satisfaction Survey also shows an improvement in residents' perceptions of safety. The proportion of residents identifying safety, policing, and crime as an important issue for Council to address fell from 29 per cent in 2025 to 11 per cent in 2026, while the overall perception of feeling safe increased by five points to 7.8 out of 10.

While a range of factors influence community perceptions of safety, the improvement comes alongside the strong results being achieved through programs such as Community Connectors and other Council initiatives including increased patrols by its Rapid Response team, publicspace CCTV to support monitoring and police investigations, partnerships with Victoria Police, Neighbourhood Watch and local outreach services.

Community Connectors provides a visible, relationship-based presence in one of Frankston's busiest public spaces. The team works closely with Metro Trains staff, Protective Services Officers, homelessness services, health providers, and emergency services to coordinate support and connect people with the help they need.



As part of its Frankston City First advocacy campaign, Council is seeking a $750,000 funding commitment from the Victorian Government to provide ongoing funding for the Community Connectors Program when initial funding concludes next year. This funding, which Council has already committed to match, would support two dedicated Community Connector practitioners working across Frankston Station and Young Street, together with service coordination and case management, until 2032.

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**

In your communications, 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 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! **@FrankstonCity**

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Flyway and Oh No! Thinker Gnome, which was championed by Cr Emily Green, are the latest artworks to join the Frankston Regional Arts Trail, with another landmark artwork set to be unveiled in the coming months, as the trail continues to take shape. The next artworks expected to be installed later this year on the trail are The Swimmer by Alexander Knox and Cuore Bello (Beautiful Heart) by Simon Harris.

The $4 million, nine kilometre trail is jointly funded by Council and the Australian Government as part of the Investing in Our Communities program. When complete, the trail will connect the Frankston foreshore with McClelland Sculpture Park and Gallery in Langwarrin through a series of significant public artworks, supported by new shared paths and infrastructure upgrades that improve safety, accessibility and connections between key destinations.

Construction is currently underway on the final shared user path along Skye Road in Langwarrin, between Peninsula Link and McClelland Drive, with works expected to be completed in September.

Once complete, the trail will establish Frankston City as one of Australia's premier open-air art destinations, inviting people to discover world-class public art while exploring the city's spectacular coastline, parks and connected open spaces.

Stay up to date on the Frankston Regional Arts Trail by emailing **ArtsTrail@frankston.vic.gov.au** to subscribe to our enewsletter.



Local Disability Expo

Saturday 17 October, 11am–3pm, Mount Erin Secondary College, 43 Robinsons Road, Frankston South, FREE, registration encouraged.

The Local Disability Expo is back, bringing together disability service providers, community organisations, allied health professionals and local businesses for a free community event designed to connect people with the supports, services and opportunities available across the region.

The expo is open to people living with disability, their families, carers, support workers and anyone interested in learning more about creating a more inclusive community.

Now in its fourth year, the expo continues to grow, with more than 60 exhibitors expected to attend. Visitors will have the opportunity to meet providers face-to-face, ask questions, discover local services and make valuable connections in a welcoming and inclusive environment.

The event will also feature live entertainment, interactive activities, children's entertainment, food, and opportunities to meet local organisations that are making a real difference in the community.

"Finding the right supports can often feel overwhelming," Julie Fisher, local advocate and organiser of the event said. "The expo is about making those connections easier while creating a welcoming space where everyone feels valued. Whether you're just starting your journey or looking to discover new opportunities, we want people to leave feeling informed, connected and hopeful."

The event is proudly supported by the Social Inclusion Action Group (SIAG) Frankston and Jodie Belyea MP, with sponsorship from local businesses Care Fast, Austin Phillips at Ray White Frankston, and co-hosted by Grace Professional Services.

Council survey records highest ever community satisfaction result



In August, Council was proud to announce the results of our 2026 Annual Community Satisfaction survey.

The independent survey of more than 800 residents shows record satisfaction across customer service, Council services, governance and planning, while overall satisfaction with Council reached 7.2 out of 10, its highest level since the survey began.

Residents indicated they are feeling better supported and more positive about the direction of their city, while perceptions of safety have reached new highs as Council recorded its strongest ever results.

Our significant areas of increased satisfaction, each a new record for Council, included:

- Overall satisfaction with customer experience: 8.3 (up from 7.5)
- Average satisfaction with 33 Council services and facilities: 8.1 (up from 7.7)
- Satisfaction with five planning and development outcomes: 7.9 (up from 7.6)
- Satisfaction with nine aspects of governance and leadership: 7.6 (up from 7.1)

Frankston City Council Mayor Sue Baker said the results reflected an organisation that is listening to the community, acting on feedback and delivering tangible outcomes.

"These results tell us that residents can see the difference being made across Frankston City," Mayor Baker said.

"They are telling us they feel better served by Council, more connected to decision-making and more confident in the direction our city is heading."

"While there is always more work to do, it's encouraging to see residents recognising those efforts and the positive changes taking place throughout our municipality."

See the full results of Frankston City Council's 2026 Annual Community Satisfaction Survey.



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A warm and welcoming revitalised community space for Seaford

In August I joined the Hon. Sonya Kilkenny MP, Member for Carrum, as well as staff and community members to officially open Seaford Place. Already a busy hub for local families, Seaford Place brings together kindergarten, maternal and child health, youth and community services under one roof, creating a welcoming and connected space for the Seaford community.

The new $6 million facility offers more kinder spots for local little legends, with capacity increased to 66 licensed places, warm, welcoming spaces for health checks, immunisations and early support, a dedicated youth hang-out space, a beautifully shaded outdoor play area and a community room made for real connection including playgroups and parent education.

This project responds directly to the needs of our growing Seaford community with the design informed by the local community and user groups. Delivered through the Building Blocks Partnership between Council and the Victorian Government, the project includes a $4.5 million contribution from the state government and is part of a broader investment of over $15 million to deliver hundreds of new kindergarten places across Frankston City. We're excited to see this vibrant community space continue to grow and support local children, young people and families for years to come — and we look forward to partnering with the government on more community projects across the city.



Join in Seaford's regular fun run

If you haven't already tried it, Belvedere Parkrun is held every Saturday at 8am, with a free, five-kilometre course. More than 2,600 locals have completed a Parkrun to date, which is a fun way to get fit, enjoy the great outdoors, socialise and even make a few new friends. You can also grab a coffee and a bacon and egg roll afterwards, thanks to a collaboration with the Belvedere Bowls Club. For more information and to register, visit **parkrun.com.au/belvedere**

More than just a game

Frankston has a proud and rich sporting history, a strong reputation for producing talented athletes, successful teams and thriving sporting clubs. From grassroots participation through to elite performance, sport has long been an important part of who we are as a community and today we have more than 100 clubs with 40,000 active participants.

Sport is so much more than physical activity and what happens on the field, it brings opportunity. It is where friendships are formed, confidence grows and people find a sense of purpose, connection and belonging. It is the coach who sees potential in a young player, the volunteer who encourages and selflessly gives up time and effort, families who support in the background, friends that cheer from the sidelines, and the teammate who becomes a lifelong friend.

For some, joining a club can be the first step towards feeling connected to their community, especially newcomers and those who may otherwise feel isolated. That is why ensuring sport is inclusive, welcoming and accessible to everyone is so important. Sporting clubs provide incredible value. A safe place, a constructive and productive environment to spend time, build friendships, develop confidence and learn important life skills.

For young residents in particular, clubs provide positive adult role models, teammates from different backgrounds who teach and help grow not only the skills of the game, but teamwork, resilience, sportsmanship, respect and accountability. Being part of a team and having a place where you feel valued, supported and connected can help support positive mental wellbeing.

Pleasingly, our sporting clubs and teams are growing rapidly, however, with that brings the need for facilities that are fit for purpose, accessible and that keep pace with demand and regulations. To help guide the future of sport and active recreation across our municipality over the next decade Council is now commencing work on a new Sports Development Plan. This Plan will help guide future investment, support growing participation, respond to changing community needs and ensure everyone has opportunities to be active, connected and included. It will also support our clubs to remain sustainable and thrive for generations to come.

By sharing your experiences and ideas, you can help Council understand the pressures and opportunities facing our sporting community and ensure the plan reflects the realities of the people who use our facilities; and help build a stronger, healthier community that delivers valuable social outcomes.

Thank you to our Social Inclusion Action Group

We are lucky in Frankston City to have so many local community groups brimming with passionate members who want to help others and make a difference. I would like to highlight the work of one group in particular, the Social Inclusion Action Group (SIAG), which has achieved so many wonderful things for our community over the past few years. The group is made up of passionate locals who simply want to make a difference and who see friendship and social connection as the key ingredients of a cohesive and resilient community. The SIAG focuses on creating and supporting ideas that help us to form better connections within our neighbourhoods. The group recently provided almost $70,000 in grant funding to support other community-minded organisations to bring their ideas to life. Through strategic partnerships they have also helped to produce fantastic local initiatives like Cycling Without Age, Walking Football 4 Health, the youth led mural at the Frankston Headspace office and many others. The SIAG was also instrumental in getting the Accessible Beach Program off the ground, with a significant funding contribution. I was pleased to see SIAG receive a Councillor Appreciation Award during the August meeting, a well-deserved recognition of their hard work. If you're looking to do something in the community, get in contact with the SIAG, who may be able to help get your project off the ground.

Visit **frankston.vic.gov.au/SIAG**

A new way to keep recyclables out of our bins

You may have noticed baskets appearing on the side of some of the public waste bins across our city. Council is currently rolling out 100 of these Container Deposit Scheme (CDS) inspired baskets on bins around the municipality, to help make it easier for anyone who wants to access the CDS 'cash for cans' incentive. We're hoping this will mean more responsible disposal of rubbish and a greater incentive for people to make good use of this fantastic recycling initiative, which pays 10c per bottle deposited. The scheme accepts most glass, aluminium, plastic and flavoured drink cartons (between 150 ml and 1 Litre), including lids — look for the 10c mark on the drink container label. It is often located near the barcode. Next time you're finished with your drink, pop it in the basket for anyone to pick up and take to their nearest CDS drop off point or head straight to a drop off point yourself. There are plenty across the city, find your nearest at **cdsvic.org.au/locations**

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Canopy expansion initiative

Between 2021 and 2025, Council delivered an extraordinary 60,000 trees through a structured urban forest program focused on both planting and long-term establishment. We have just completed the Big Tree Giveaway where Frankston gave away 1,400 trees enabled residents to play a direct role in growing canopy cover on private land, extending the environmental benefits well beyond Council-managed reserves. Council also expanded its Schools Tree Day program, increasing annual planting from around 3,000 trees to 12,000 trees, engaging thousands of local students in hands-on environmental stewardship. This is arguably one of the biggest tree planting operations by a local council.

After Frankston City's win at the Tidy Town Awards in 2025, we were again shortlisted as finalists across three categories this year.

Coastal safety and infrastructure

At the 2025 Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV) State Council Meeting, Council moved a successful resolution calling for strengthened legal protections for lifeguards and aquatic safety personnel. The resolution called on the Victorian Government to grant aquatic safety, rescue, and lifeguard personnel the same legislative protections as other emergency service workers. This advocacy aims to protect frontline water safety workers and volunteers from occupational hazards, assault, or interference while performing life-saving duties. The MAV resolution aligns with Frankston City Council's broader initiatives including a $20,000 funding boost local lifesaving clubs provided late last year to support essential equipment and ongoing beach safety efforts and state government advocacy to install safety buoys at Frankston and Seaford piers. Council also continues to take a proactive approach to beach patrols, with regular summer weekend patrols focusing on compliance with Council's Community Local Law and the Domestic Animals Act, relating to animals on beaches.

We have also support Peninsula Leisure child and adult swim education programs such as Can Swim and improved the way safety information is communicated across the foreshore. Building on the success of Council's digital safety signs — also known as variable message signs — foreshore safety was strengthened last summer through a $10,000 investment in upgraded signage at key locations along the coastline.

For anyone who has a local issue they would like to discuss, whether related to Ballam Ward or to the wider Frankston area, I encourage you to come along to my next ward meeting on Tuesday 20 October, 6pm, Karingal Place, 103 Ashleigh Ave Frankston. No registration required. I look forward to seeing you there.



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Another summer of accessibility in Frankston

As many of you know, this past summer I was a passionate advocate for the accessible beaches program down at Frankston foreshore. I was lucky enough to witness first-hand the impact that program had on so many locals, who hadn't felt the sand or swum in the ocean for years, not because they didn't want to but because they were simply unable to access it.

Not only was I thrilled with the extension of this program for summer 2026–2027, but now we are able to build on our drive for a fully accessible and equitable waterfront with funding for the new Changing Places facility. The facility will be ready in time for this summer and will help give people with disability greater dignity, confidence and independence when visiting the beach, thanks to a partnership between Frankston City Council and the Federal and State Governments. It's fantastic to see different levels of government and our local community working together to make Frankston a place everyone can enjoy.

More, ongoing support for those doing it tough

Council plays an important role not only in directly helping local homelessness support organisations, but also in advocating for greater investment in programs that we know are working. Homelessness is a complex issue that no single person or service can solve. We're proud to support the Frankston Winter Shelter, which brings local churches and volunteer organisations together to provide meals and safe overnight accommodation to people who are sleeping rough and provide free social support work right here out of Frankston Library through our partnership with Monash University. Last year, our Local Support Package invested over $390k into local organisations like Dress for Success and Community Support Frankston among other beneficiaries of the package's Community Resilience fund, and we continue to support local traders, particularly in the Station and Young Street areas. Our Community Connectors have already connected hundreds of people with support services, the Frankston and Mornington Peninsula Zero program has helped 76 people move into secure housing. But it's not enough and sleeping rough in Frankston is now at its highest level in four years. With the state election approaching, ongoing funding is essential to ensure these proven programs can continue helping more people move from rough sleeping into safe, secure housing to rebuild their lives.



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At the end of July, we welcomed the newest addition to our family, baby Cole Nathan Conroy, who arrived weighing a healthy 3.6kg. Callan and Cormac have taken their big brother duties very seriously and are absolutely loving having a new baby brother.



Cole has already had a busy start to life, joining me in the Council Chamber for meetings and briefings, as well as coming along to a number of events and local businesses across our beautiful city. From visiting the Stache House Cellar Door and Tasting Room in Carrum Downs to Roccella Lido on the waterfront, it has been wonderful getting back out in the community, now with one extra little companion!

As we head towards the end of the year, our events season is about to kick off, which is one of my favourite times of the year.

The annual Frankston Christmas Festival returns on Saturday 28 November from 4pm. It's always a fantastic evening for families and a wonderful way to celebrate the start of the festive season together.

There are also plenty of other events happening across our city, including the Seaford Wetlands Fun Run on 29 November, raising funds and awareness for mental health. You can find out more at **wetlandsfunrun.com.au**

Closer to home, the Lyrebird Traffic Management Study is currently underway, and community participation is an important part of identifying existing traffic issues and helping shape future improvements in our local area.

I attended the community meeting on 16 September alongside a number of local residents, where we discussed traffic concerns and experiences across Carrum Downs. But the conversation doesn't stop there.

A Resident Traffic Committee will meet up to three times during the study to provide local input and help shape outcomes that reflect our community's needs. If you'd like to get involved or join the committee, please contact Council at **EngServices@frankston.vic.gov.au**

I cannot believe we are almost hitting the silly season already! If you have any concerns or issues, please email me at **crsconroy@frankston.vic.gov.au**



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A rewarding few months of community, connection and giving back

It's been a very busy few months around Frankston, but busy in the best way.

I had the absolute pleasure of welcoming some of our newest Australian citizens at our recent citizenship ceremonies. I always love these events. There's something so special about watching people have that moment with their families and friends beside them, and getting to be a tiny part of it is such a privilege.

I also got to celebrate 60 years of the Frankston Dolphins in the VFA and VFL, and they even gave us a win to top it all off! The Dolphins are such a big part of Frankston and its history, so it was really lovely to be there for this milestone.

Our local environment has kept me busy too. I recently joined Beach Patrol, where an incredible 42.3 kilograms of litter was collected. Our volunteers are genuinely the best. They turn up, get stuck in and help keep our beaches and waterways beautiful, usually while having a good chat along the way.

I've also been out planting trees, which will never not make me happy. More trees mean more shade, more habitat for our wildlife and a greener Frankston for our kids. It's also nice knowing those little trees will hopefully still be there long after us.

If you'd like to help the environment at home, Council has some really great programs available. Gardens for Wildlife is free and includes a visit from volunteer garden guides, advice for making your garden more wildlife-friendly and a voucher for 20 indigenous plants. Even the smallest garden can help.

There are also subsidies of up to 70 per cent available on eligible compost bins, worm farms and other composting products. Your food scraps get another purpose and your garden gets the reward. Everyone wins.

Environmental Sustainability Grants of up to $1,000 open on 1 September for eligible community groups and landowners with an idea to help our local environment.

Thank you to everyone who has stopped for a chat, volunteered, shared an idea or come along to something this month. I really do love getting out and seeing everything happening across our community.



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Backing our local community

I was proud to support a unanimous Council decision to redirect more than $132,000 in unspent Local Support Package funding to programs that are delivering real support to children, young people, families and community organisations across Frankston City.

The decision comes at a time when demand for Council's community grants programs has reached unprecedented levels. Applications for our Child and Youth Inclusion Grants have increased by 51 per cent compared with the same period last year, while funding requests through our Annual Community Grants Program have risen by 43 per cent.

These figures tell us more people are looking for help and we must make sure available funding reaches the people and organisations who need it most.

The $132,985 will be shared between the two programs, with $80,000 helping address the forecast shortfall in the Child and Youth Inclusion Grants program and $52,985 supporting additional eligible projects through the Annual Community Grants Program.

Importantly, this means around 250 more children and young people can benefit from educational and recreational subsidies, while more local organisations will receive support to deliver valuable programs and services.

A big step forward for Bruce Park

There was some very welcome news for the Bruce Park sporting community as you would have seen on page 4. This is a significant step forward for one of Council's key advocacy priorities and a project that would make a real difference to thousands of people who use this precinct. There is still work to do however and I encourage you to get involved and throw your support behind our pre-election advocacy priorities. See pages 4 and 5 for more detail on how you can help.

Condolences

I wish to offer my condolences to the family and friends of the pedestrian who tragically lost her life in a recent road incident in Frankston South. Having lost immediate family in road accidents myself, I know how this can affect entire families and communities. This tragedy has understandably heightened community concern about safety along Frankston–Flinders Road and Council remains committed to working collaboratively with the Victorian Government to ensure our transport network is safe, accessible and responsive to the needs of all road users.



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Improving safety while honouring our local greats

Council recently endorsed the formal naming of two previously unnamed service roads in Ballam Park, helping to improve emergency services access and public safety.

Since 2022, there have been eight incidents where unnamed roads impacted emergency response efforts. By formally naming these roads, emergency services will be able to identify locations faster and more accurately when every second counts

The proposed names recognise two people with strong connections to our community:

Famechon Way, located within Ballam Park and connecting from Benanee Drive, recognises legendary Australian boxer Johnny Famechon and his enduring Frankston legacy. Carrie Close, connecting from Naranga Crescent, honours Caroline "Carrie" Clarke for her contribution to preserving Ballam Park's early history.

Exciting new food offerings coming to a park near you

We recently closed expressions of interest for mobile food van operators, looking to fill gaps at key locations at Oliver's Hill, Frankston, Ballam Park, Frankston, Sandfield Reserve, Carrum Downs, Robinsons Park, Seaford and Seaford North Reserve, Seaford. I love our growing food and coffee truck offering, which we have been steadily building since we first launched the concept in 2020. It helps provide that little bit of extra liveability to our fantastic city, and to perfectly complement our gorgeous local parks and beaches.

Even better, it gives you a reason to pop the dog on a leash, grab the kids, some friends or family and head outdoors as the weather starts warming up. This is also a nice way for Council to provide opportunities to our small business operators, who are the backbone of our local economy. Whether it's a morning coffee, an afternoon ice cream or something more substantial, I encourage you to head out this spring and show your support by buying local. Licences will commence in late October through to May 2029, so keep an eye on **@FrankstonCity** to find out which vendors will be coming to a park near you.

COMMUNITY

Building on Australia's most accessible beach

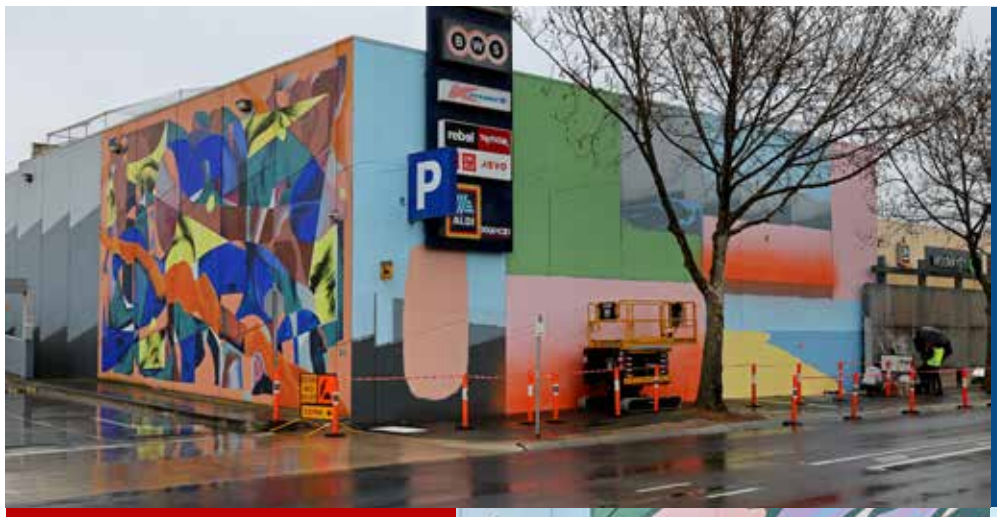


Work is underway on a new Changing Places facility at the Frankston Waterfront, helping make one of Australia's most inclusive beach destinations even more accessible.

Unlike a standard accessible toilet, a Changing Places facility is specifically designed for people with profound disability and high support needs. Certified facilities include features such as an adult-sized height-adjustable change table, a ceiling hoist system, additional space for carers and specialised accessibility features that enable safe and dignified personal care.

For many people and their carers, access to a Changing Places facility can be the difference between spending a few minutes in a public place and enjoying a full day out. The project builds on the success of the accessible beach pilot program, which helped hundreds of people enjoy Frankston's coastline and experience the beach and ocean with greater independence and confidence.

Jointly funded by Council and the Australian Government through the Commonwealth Accessible Australia initiative, the facility is expected to open in time for the return of Australia's Most Accessible Beach this summer.



FRANKSTON CITY 60 YEARS

Thank you to everyone who celebrated Frankston City's 60th anniversary!

Your community mural by Jack and Josh is now complete, brightening up the Dandenong Rd West entrance of Bayside Centre, let us know what you think!





The sun shone for Little Beauty Market who started their season early especially for the 60th anniversary and Moon Dog Beach Club was packed with people looking for vintage finds or hand-made goods at their night market.



Other highlights from the weekend were sell-out screenings of classic film On the Beach, Cube 37 at Frankston Arts Centre converted to a Jazz Club on Saturday night with five-piece Orlando Combo filling the dance floor with local swing dancers from Showbiz Dance Studio.

Frankston City Libraries had a sell-out author panel Growing up Frankston featuring Paul Kennedy, Shaun Carney and Sue Robinson.

Local picture book creators Deb Frenkel and Jodie Fitzsimons joined families for a lively storytime.



Those lucky enough to get tickets to the bus tour could explore Frankston Arts Centre and McClelland Sculpture Park+Gallery and exhibitions celebrating Frankston and local artists.





You can still head into Frankston Arts Centre for the themed exhibitions: Funky Town by Simon Eeles, Postcards from Frankston, When Hollywood Came to Frankston, and No Place Like Home.

Frankston City Council Seniors Festival 2026

Festival Program

Bookings open:
9am Monday 14 September

Bee Gees Revival

Saturday 31 October

Bee Gees Revival' features 'Barry', 'Robin' & 'Maurice', performing the Bee Gees' famous and much-loved hits from when it all started in the 60's through to their last studio album in 2001. From Spicks and Specks to This Is Where I Came In and everything in between, including Stayin' Alive, Massachusetts, You Should Be Dancing, You Win Again, I Started a Joke, Tragedy, Night Fever, How Deep Is Your Love and so many more.

'Bee Gees Revival' re-creates the sound and performance of one of the world's most famous and successful bands, 'The Bee Gees' formed by the Gibb brothers.

Backed by a group of experienced talented musicians from various musical backgrounds, 'Bee Gees Revival' will take you on an amazing journey through the breath-taking music of the Gibb brothers. Along the way you'll hear how some of your most loved Bee Gees hits were created and get a peek into their musical lives and career.

Friends at First Sight — Blokes Who Brunch

Thursday 8, 15, 22 and 29 October

Blokes Who Brunch is a four-week cooking series designed for men who want to build confidence in the kitchen, learn simple nutritious meals, and connect with others in a relaxed social setting.

Across four weekly classes, participants will learn practical cooking skills and prepare easy affordable meals that can be recreated at home. Each session focuses on food preparation, shared meals, and building everyday confidence around food and healthy eating.

More than just cooking classes, Blokes Who Brunch creates space for conversation, connection, and community — bringing men together around the table in a welcoming and supportive environment.

Friends at First Sight events are all about making new social connections — that's why each participant is invited to book ONE ticket only. Limited spaces and bookings are essential.

The Great Gatsby Dance Class Series

Wednesday 7 October — Class one

Wednesday 14 October — Class two

Wednesday 21 October — Class three

Wednesday 28 October — Social Dance Night

Join us for a fun and welcoming dance class series inspired by the elegance, energy and sparkle of the Great Gatsby era.

Whether you're brand new to dancing or simply looking to brush up on your moves, these classes are designed for everyone. Led by the talented Susan, you'll learn classic dances and lively steps reminiscent of the 1920s in a relaxed, inclusive and social atmosphere.

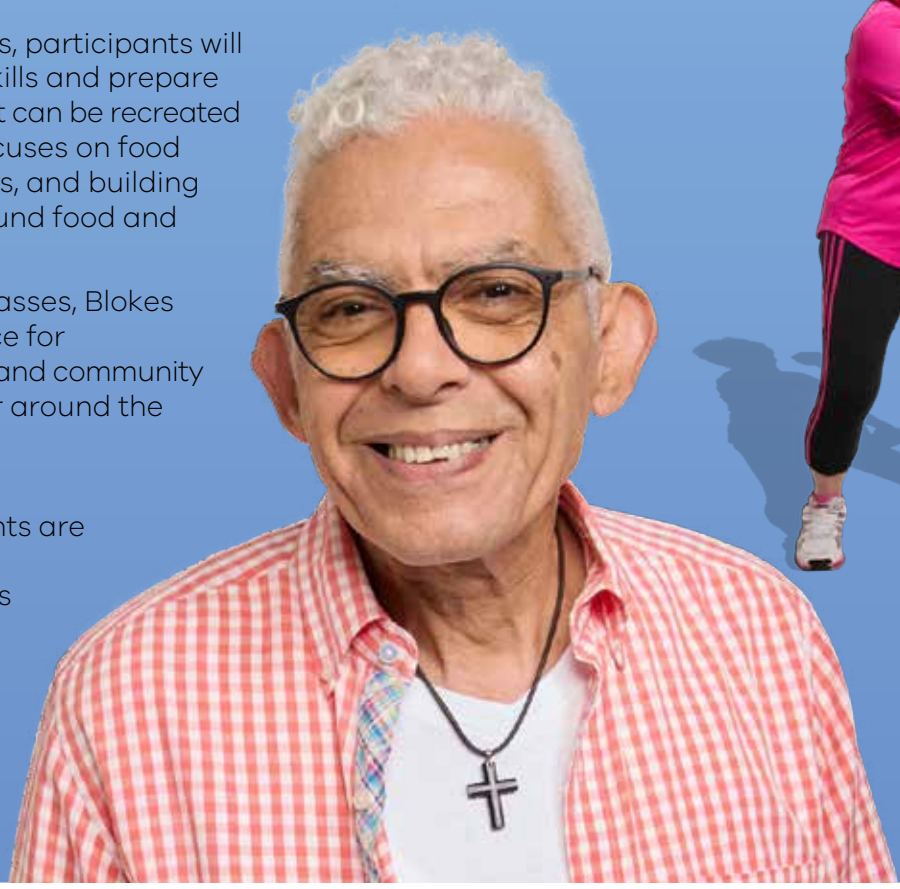
The dance classes will be held each Wednesday for three consecutive weeks, culminating in a Great Gatsby Social Dance Night. Attend one, two, or all three classes in the lead-up to the big event.

Each class concludes with a cuppa and a chat, providing the perfect opportunity to connect with others and make new friends.



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Buy Nothing New Month: fix it, don't ditch it!

This October is Buy Nothing New Month — a simple challenge to borrow, mend or repair instead of buying new.



It's about circularity: keeping what we already own in use for longer, cutting waste, and easing the cost-of-living pressure on our wallets. Council has a whole toolkit of free programs to help you do exactly that.

Ways to get involved include:

Back to Basics Workshops
Learn to mend, not spend! Our free Back to Basics workshop series teaches everyday repair skills — from sewing on buttons and mending holes, to basic bike maintenance. No experience needed, all welcome. Running throughout October.

Library of Things
Why buy it once and store it forever? Frankston City Libraries' Library of Things lets you borrow tools, gadgets, and equipment for free with your library card, including sewing machines and overlockers, bike repair kits, garden tools, and more. Just complete a quick, free induction to get started. More info visit **library.frankston.vic.gov.au**

October Roving Repair
Sunday 18 October 2026, 1–4pm, Frankston South Community and Recreation Centre, bookings essential.

Got something broken? Bring it along to our free Roving Repair event, where volunteer local repairers will help you fix textiles, bikes, appliances, toys and more while you learn a thing or two yourself.

Repair Directory
Can't make it to a workshop or repair event? Council's Repair Directory connects you with local repairers year-round, giving your cherished items a new life.

3D printing at the library
Sometimes the missing part just needs to be made! Frankston City Libraries' 3D printing service lets hobbyists, students, and creators bring a digital design to life — a handy way to print a replacement part instead of replacing the whole item. Visit **library.frankston.vic.gov.au**

Frankston joins Victoria's Net Swap Program

Frankston City Council is proud to be participating in Victoria's Net Swap Program, helping residents protect local wildlife while keeping their backyard fruit trees productive.



Many household fruit tree nets can unintentionally trap and seriously injure native animals, including birds and possums. In Victoria, it is illegal to use or sell household fruit tree netting with mesh larger than 5mm x 5mm at full stretch.

Residents can easily check their netting using the 'finger test': if a small finger can fit through the mesh, it is likely unsafe and illegal. Through the Net Swap Program, Frankston residents will be able to surrender illegal fruit tree netting and receive a free wildlife-safe alternative, such as compliant netting, fruit protection bags or sleeves, while stocks last (limit one per household).

The initiative aims to reduce wildlife entanglements and increase awareness about safer ways to protect backyard harvests. Importantly, surrendered nets will not end up in landfill. The collected netting will be recycled through textile recycling partner UPPAREL, helping to recover valuable materials, reduce waste and prevent further harm to wildlife. During the pilot program, more than 450kg of netting was diverted from landfill through this recycling approach.

The program is delivered by the Conservation Regulator in partnership with participating Victorian councils, RSPCA Victoria, Zoos Victoria, Wildlife Victoria and Animal Welfare Victoria.



Shaping Frankston's EV future

Council is progressing plans for electric vehicle (EV) charging infrastructure across the municipality. The first step is the development of an Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Policy, which will help guide Council's approach to EV charging infrastructure and support the transition to low-emission transport. The draft policy is expected to be released for community consultation in November and December, so watch this space.

Planning is also underway for fleet charging infrastructure to support the transition of Council's fleet vehicles, used to support delivery of Council services to the community, to EVs. In addition, we are investigating options for public charging, including destination charging near activity centres and kerbside charging for residents who do not have access to charging at home.

Council will continue this work in collaboration with United Energy and charge point operators to help deliver EV charging stations across the municipality. This will support residents, encourage sustainable transport and help make our region an even more attractive place to live and visit. Keep an eye on our website for updates, including opportunities to provide feedback on the draft EV policy.

Never bin a battery

Hidden batteries have caused multiple fires in our collection trucks recently. In each case, the entire load had to be deposited at a safe location and extinguished by firefighters — wasting their valuable time and resources, endangering lives and damaging infrastructure.

Lithium batteries can ignite when crushed during collection, creating a serious fire risk for the waste collection crews, trucks and recycling facilities. Fires like these can put workers at risk, send valuable resources to landfill and result in additional costs to Council.



Many common household items contain batteries, including power banks, vapes, toys, phones, electric toothbrushes, and power tools. Please check all items prior to disposal.

Remember: if it has a battery, don't bin it.

Take batteries and e-waste to Frankston Regional Recycling and Recovery Centre (FRRRC) for free recycling, or use Council Recycling Stations at:

- Frankston Library
- Seaford Library and Customer Service Centre
- Carrum Downs Library
- Karingal Place Neighbourhood Centre

By recycling batteries correctly, you're helping keep our collection crews safe, prevent fires, and recover valuable resources for future use. Visit Frankston Regional Recycling and Recovery Centre, 20 Harold Rd, Skye.

Sorting it right: the four-bin system explained

Frankston City residential households have now transitioned to the Victorian Government's standard four-bin system, making it easier to sort our waste and keep valuable resources out of landfill.

Every residential household now has access to four separate waste and recycling services: food and garden organics, mixed recycling, glass recycling, and general rubbish.

The four-bin system is designed to improve the quality of recyclable materials, reduce contamination and increase the amount of waste we can recover and reuse. Some common items that don't belong in your recycling bins can cause contamination and create safety issues, including batteries, plastic bags, and soft plastics.

Every correctly sorted item helps recover valuable resources, improve recycling outcomes, and turn food and garden waste into useful compost instead of sending it to landfill. Not sure where it goes? Use the guide or visit **frankston.vic.gov.au/waste**

Glass recycling

Place empty glass bottles and jars into the bin loose, not in bags.

Please remove all plastic and metal lids and place them in your yellow mixed recycling bin. All other lids and corks go in your general rubbish bin.

✔ Yes

- ✓ Glass bottles including: beer, wine and olive oil bottles
- ✓ Glass jars including: pasta sauce and condiment jars



⊘ No

- Batteries
- Plastic bags or packaging
- Loose lids and caps from bottles or jars
- Corks, pumps, sprays, droppers, cardboard
- Crockery such as plates, bowls, mugs, drinking glasses, glass cookware
- Vases
- Perfume bottles
- Light bulbs

Mixed recycling

Put your recycling in the bin loose, not in bags.

Flatten boxes to save space.

Glass no longer goes in this bin.

✔ Yes

- ✓ Accepted plastic bottles and containers
- ✓ Aluminium and steel tins, cans, foil
- ✓ Cardboard, cereal boxes, egg cartons
- ✓ Paper, newspapers, magazines, paper envelopes



⊘ No

- Batteries
- Plastic bags
- Soft plastics
- Clothing, shoes and textiles
- Coated cardboard eg: disposable coffee cups
- Electronic waste
- Glass, crockery
- Polystyrene (styrofoam)

Food and garden organics

Food scraps and garden organics only.

Put your garden organics in the bin loose, not in bags.

✔ Yes

- ✓ Out of date, inedible food
- ✓ Eggshells and dairy
- ✓ Grass, weeds, leaves and flowers
- ✓ Fruit and vegetable scraps
- ✓ Meat scraps, bones and seafood
- ✓ Bread, pasta, grains and rice



⊘ No

- Batteries
- Plastic, including biodegradable or non-certified compostable plastics
- Coffee pods or tea bags
- Kitty litter, animal droppings or pet waste
- Large branches or tree stumps
- Treated timber
- Nappies or wet wipes
- Soil or rubble
- Bagged garbage

General rubbish

Use this bin only for items that can't be reused or recycled.

Food scraps no longer go in this bin.

✔ Yes

- ✓ Broken glassware, crockery and mirrors
- ✓ Nappies, sanitary items kitty litter, animal droppings
- ✓ Old clothing, shoes or textiles that can't be repaired or donated
- ✓ Pumps, sprays and droppers



⊘ No

- Batteries
- Electronic waste or power cords
- Food organics and garden organics
- Household chemicals
- Recyclable items
- Soil or building materials

Slow down and save our koalas

A new Wildlife Awareness Monitor (WAM) sign has been installed on McClelland Drive to help protect local wildlife and improve road safety for everyone.

The solar-powered sign alerts drivers to wildlife activity, displays vehicle speeds and collects valuable traffic data. The area alongside Langwarrin Flora and Fauna Reserve is a known wildlife collision hotspot, and Council will use the information gathered to monitor driver behaviour and assess whether increased awareness can help reduce wildlife injuries and fatalities over time.

Custom designed for local conditions, the WAM sign is part of a proven approach already being used by councils across Australia, including neighbouring Casey and Mornington Peninsula. There's also a bonus for careful drivers: stay under the speed limit and you'll be rewarded with a friendly smiley koala face on the display! By encouraging safer driving in wildlife hotspot areas, the new WAM sign is helping create safer roads for both people and our native animals.





Lipton Reserve officially opens

Local families have a fantastic new place to play, connect and enjoy the outdoors, with the upgraded Lipton Reserve, Frankston play space officially opened today.

The upgrade includes new play equipment for preschool and primary school-aged children, improved accessibility features and additional tree planting, creating a greener and more welcoming space for the community.

Lipton Reserve is one of 123 play spaces maintained across Frankston City, helping support healthy, active and connected communities.

The project is one of six park and reserve upgrades being delivered through a $1.83 million partnership between Frankston City Council and the Victorian Government's Pick My Park program (Round 1).

Improvements will also be delivered at Montague Park, Kashmir Reserve, Roberts Reserve, Franciscan Reserve and George Pentland Botanic Gardens.

Hopefully there will be more to come, with another six Frankston City projects shortlisted in Round 2 of Pick My Park. We're looking forward to hearing the results soon!

Mayor Sue Baker was joined by Paul Edbrooke MP, Councillor Conroy, local families, residents and Council staff to celebrate the opening of the reserve.



Grow Free Carts launch in Frankston

Frankston City Council's Community Inclusion team recently helped launch the very first 'Grow Free Cart' movement in Frankston, as part of ongoing collective impact work with The Community Plate.

Grow Free Carts are about sharing abundance, reducing waste, eating fresh, delicious food and building stronger local connections. Across neighbourhoods, communities are setting up carts filled with nourishing, homegrown produce and plants — free for anyone to take, and open to anyone with surplus to contribute. Think of it as a street library, but for your freshly grown garden goodies.

By joining the movement, you're helping create a more generous, sustainable food system where locals can access fresh grown produce and share their excess garden goodies with their neighbours.

Scan the QR for information on setting up a cart in your neighbourhood.



Maintaining our local road network

Potholes are one of the most visible signs of wear and tear on our roads, but there's plenty happening behind the scenes to find and fix them — often before they're reported.

Frankston City Council manages around 761 kilometres of local roads, including approximately 719 kilometres of sealed roads. We don't manage every road you drive on, with some major arterial roads managed by the Victorian Government, via VicRoads. You can find the city's road responsibility map to see who looks after your road at **frankston.vic.gov.au**

In 2025–2026, Council received 234 pothole repair requests from the community (181 of those enquiries were Council managed roads and were repaired by Council with a 100 per cent response rate). But Council don't just wait for potholes to be reported. During the same period, our proactive patrols identified and repaired 2,484 potholes (1,936 of these are on our unsealed road network) — more than 10 times the number reported.

That's part of 5945m^2 of sealed and unsealed road repairs, with our crews out across Frankston City routinely inspecting, maintaining and repairing our local road network as frequently as weekly, fortnightly, and monthly in line with Council's Road Management Plan.

It's all part of the work happening every day to identify issues early, maintain our roads and keep Frankston City moving safely. To log a local road maintenance concern download the Snap Send Solve app.

Record response to Annual Business Survey

Frankston City's 2026 Annual Business Survey, which ran from 1–22 September, attracted a record number of responses, with more than 313 local businesses taking part and sharing valuable insights about their needs, challenges and future priorities.

The survey results highlighted strong satisfaction with Council's current business support services. Of respondents who had previously received assistance from the Economic Development Team, 77 per cent reported being very satisfied with the support they received, while the remaining 19 per cent said they were satisfied.

Businesses also expressed strong interest in grants, workshops and networking opportunities. More than 50 respondents indicated they would like to learn more about marketing their business, digital improvements and developing a business plan, while others said they were keen to learn more about commercial spaces, employment opportunities and understanding the procurement process.

Notably, more than half of all respondents operated home-based businesses, demonstrating the significant contribution this sector makes to Frankston City's economy. Congratulations to our prize winners who were selected in the survey prize draw and thank you to everyone who took part.



Upcoming FREE workshops

Places are limited, so don't miss out. Register now at **frankston.vic.gov.au/businessevents**

Steps in Launching Your New Business

Wednesday 4 November
9.30am–12.30pm
Frankston Library Community Room, 60 Playne Street Frankston

Perfect for aspiring entrepreneurs and new business owners looking to understand the essentials of starting a business, including business planning, compliance, marketing, finance and more.



NEW: Home-Based Business Forum

Monday 19 October
9.30am–3pm
Jubilee Park Stadium, Frankston

Join Frankston City's Home-Based Business Forum, a practical and inspiring event designed for local entrepreneurs at every stage of their business journey. Whether you're exploring a new business idea, recently launched, or looking to take your home-based business to the next level, this forum will provide valuable tools, expert advice and meaningful connections.

Hear from local business owners who successfully turned their home-based ventures into thriving enterprises, attend hands-on workshops covering social media and marketing for growth, and connect with like-minded home-based businesses throughout the day.

There's also an opportunity to showcase your business via a small display.

Welcoming four new Business Mentors

Frankston City Council is delighted to welcome four new mentors to its Business Mentor Panel, expanding the expertise available to support local businesses.



There are now 13 Business Mentors bringing extensive experience across industries including marketing, business management, hospitality, trade, manufacturing, construction, professional services and finance.

These industry experts will provide practical guidance and valuable insights to help businesses navigate challenges and identify opportunities for growth. The Business Mentor Program offers all eligible Frankston City businesses access to two FREE one-hour mentoring sessions, connecting them with experienced professionals who understand the realities of running and growing a business.

FREE Business Concierge here to support your business

Whether you're starting a home-based business or opening a commercial or industrial premises, speak with Frankston City's friendly Business Concierge team first. This FREE service provides expert guidance on permits, licences, regulations and other key requirements, helping you understand exactly what you need to do before opening your doors.

By engaging with a Business Concierge early, you can avoid costly mistakes, such as signing a lease or making changes to your home or business premises before fully understanding your obligations. The Frankston City Business Concierge Service should be your first point of contact before making any business investment. We'll help you navigate the requirements, make informed decisions and move forward with confidence.

Small Business Grants return in 2027

Frankston City's popular Small Business Grants Program is set to return in 2027, providing valuable funding opportunities for local businesses looking to grow.

Designed to support economic development across the municipality, the program assists eligible small to medium-sized businesses with expansion projects, helping them create jobs, relocate to Frankston City, or transition from home-based operations into commercial premises. Businesses located within Frankston City's retail, commercial and industrial precincts can apply for grants ranging from $5,000 to $20,000. Stage 1 applications open on 25 January 2027, so businesses are encouraged to start preparing their quotes from local suppliers and project plans now.

Keep an eye on **frankston.vic.gov.au/businessgrants** for more details later in the year.



Truck Pro Automotive



Did you know Council can issue building permits?

Planning commercial building works in Frankston City? Before engaging a private building surveyor, consider Frankston City Council's commercial building permit service. Council is one of only a few metropolitan councils that still provides this service, offering a cost-effective alternative backed by experienced municipal building surveyors.

For body corporates, property managers, builders, building consultants and drafting professionals, Council can assess applications, issue building permits and undertake mandatory inspections. Council's fees are often significantly lower than private sector providers, helping keep project costs under control.

An added advantage is direct access to Council's planning and other specialist departments, which can help streamline projects requiring multiple approvals.

Request information from Council and do your research before making your next building permit decision.

Would you like to learn more about volunteering in retirement?



Wednesday 28 October, 10.30–11.30am, Community Room, Frankston Library, 60 Playne Street, Frankston.
Bookings essential.

This FREE information session covers an overview of volunteering in Australia. It outlines the social and wellbeing benefits of volunteering in retirement. The workshop guides participants to identify and apply for suitable volunteer roles. This workshop is facilitated by Volunteering Victoria, for Volunteering Frankston.

Topics covered include:

- volunteering: what is it?
- health and wellbeing benefits
- active ageing and social connectedness
- planning and getting started in volunteering

More information on volunteer opportunities is available at the Volunteering Frankston Information stands in the Frankston Library, and will be available following the session. If you park at the Frankston Arts Centre car park, a free two-hour parking voucher will be provided on the day. Wheelchair accessible.

Book your spot by **Wednesday 21 October** by calling Volunteering Frankston on **9768 1407** (confirm your place by leaving your details if this goes to voicemail), or email **volunteering.frankston@frankston.vic.gov.au.**

Multicultural Cuppa and Connect

First Thursday of every month, 5.30–6.30pm, Long Room, Frankston Library, Playne Street, Frankston. No booking required.

Join us for a warm and welcoming afternoon to celebrate our diverse community! This regular event, hosted by the CALD Network, is a fantastic opportunity to meet new people, share stories, and enjoy a relaxing time together over a cuppa.

- Connect: Mingle with neighbours and friends from various cultural backgrounds.
- Share: An open space to share your experiences and learn about others.
- Relax: Enjoy a comfortable and friendly atmosphere.

This event is perfect for:

- New residents looking to settle in and meet people.
- Long-time residents eager to engage with different cultures.
- Anyone who enjoys good company and a warm beverage!



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Garage Sale Trail 2026 Australia's biggest second-hand treasure hunt is back!

7–8 and 14–15 November

Garage Sale Trail is returning to Frankston this November for two big weekends of bargain hunting and community fun.



Decluttering? Why not make some cash doing it. Last year, the average household made $761 on the trail. It's garage sales made easy with a free listing on the national map, expert selling tips and ready-made promotional materials.

Looking for a bargain? It's the second-hand treasure hunt you won't want to miss! Curate your own trail using the interactive sale map to discover unique vintage finds and pre-loved treasures near you.

Reusing and reselling reduces waste, saves resources and supports a more circular economy in Frankston, where good things stay in circulation instead of going to waste.

To register for this year's Garage Sale Trail, go to **garagesaletrail.com.au**



Do you work or volunteer in the social inclusion space?

You are invited to the Frankston Social Inclusion Summit!

Monday 26 October, Cube 37, Frankston Arts Centre, Davey Street Frankston.

Join people from all corners of the Frankston City community to strengthen social connection, inclusion and belonging:

- hear great ideas
- learn from local initiatives
- connect with like-minded people.

The day will include workshops tailored to your projects, experts on social inclusion and community wellbeing, and connecting with other organisations from across the Frankston region. This is also a time to connect with the Social Inclusion Action Group (SIAG) Frankston, find out about opportunities for future partnerships, priorities and funding available.

Who is this for?
Anyone who works or volunteers in the social inclusion space! From community gardens and volunteer groups, to sport and recreation venues, Council, neighbourhood centres, schools, and everything in between. The Summit is focused on Frankston City, this includes projects across Frankston, Seaford, Karingal, Carrum Downs, Langwarrin, Frankston North, Frankston South, Skye, and surrounds. The Social Inclusion Action Group has now funded 35 projects across over 70 community groups, organisations, venues and schools and **we particularly encourage those who've received funding to attend.**

This is a FREE event, organised by the Social Inclusion Action Group Frankston. Booking is essential. Scan the QR or contact us on **SIAG.team@frankston.vic.gov.au** or **0427 249 033** with names of who would like to attend.

Our incredible community

Councillors took the opportunity to recognise and celebrate the wonderful work of some of our most dedicated Frankston City residents at a recent Council Meeting.



Andrea Dunkley was presented a Councillor Appreciation Award by Cr Emily Green in recognition of ongoing dedication to environmental sustainability, community education and volunteer service within the Frankston community. As a community leader, Andrea has inspired and empowered others to adopt more sustainable lifestyles through Roving Refills Frankston, local environmental initiatives and educational programs.

The Frankston Australian Red Cross Australia Trauma Teddy Team (pictured) were also presented a Councillor Appreciation Award by the Mayor, Cr Sue Baker, in recognition of the outstanding contribution to the Frankston City community through more than two decades of dedicated volunteer service.

They have provided comfort, care and support to thousands of people for over 25 years, bringing kindness and reassurance to patients, families and vulnerable members of the community through the handcrafting and distribution of approximately 6,000 Trauma Teddies and the provision of emotional support.

The team demonstrates exceptional dedication to the community, outstanding leadership in community service and a longstanding commitment to fostering a caring, connected and inclusive community.

Congratulations to both Andrea and the Frankston Red Cross Trauma Teddy Team for their outstanding work in the community, and thank you for making Frankston the wonderful place we know it to be.

Councillor Appreciation Awards are an opportunity for Councillors to recognise individuals or groups who have made a significant contribution or service to Frankston City. You can nominate someone for an award via **frankston.vic.gov.au**

Frankston Stadium construction passes the halfway mark!

The Frankston Stadium redevelopment is about 60 per cent complete, with Mayor Cr Sue Baker, Deputy Mayor Cherie Wanat and Cr Brad Hill, joining State Member for Frankston Paul Edbrooke MP, and Federal Member for Dunkley Jodie Belyea MP, representatives from the Frankston & District Basketball Association (FDBA) and Bayside Gymnastics Club recently to check out the progress firsthand. The project is set to become Frankston City's biggest-ever infrastructure project.



What's underway/coming up:

- roofing, cladding and brickwork façade installation continuing across the exterior
- structural framing progressing for the front-of-stadium and upper-level spaces, including function rooms, kitchenette, gymnastics mezzanine and administration areas
- internal works, including floor framing, wall framing and electrical services
- continued progress on structural, roofing and façade works while completing key facility milestones.



When complete, the redeveloped stadium will feature 10 courts, Frankston City's first dedicated community gymnastics facility, upgraded spectator and event spaces, improved accessibility, and facilities capable of hosting major events. It will provide a new home for FDBA and Bayside Gymnastics Club and create more opportunities for people of all ages and abilities to get involved in sport.

Up next, we'll continue progressing structural, roofing and façade works while completing key gymnastics facility milestones.

Completion is on track for mid-2027. The project is funded by Council, and the Australian and Victorian Governments.

Upcoming FREE Can Swim programs



Summer is on its way! Get ready for warmer days by the pool or beach with upcoming Can Swim programs for adults, infants, school aged children and beachgoers.

Can Swim offers free swimming and water safety programs for the Frankston community, helping you build confidence in and around the water and develop essential skills to enjoy summer safely.

Find out what programs are coming up and express your interest via the Peninsula Leisure Can Swim page

peninsulaleisure.com.au/can-swim



Frankston City ratepayers enjoy an exclusive PARC offer

Frankston ratepayers can redeem their Ratepayer Voucher at PARC and choose from two great offers: visit PARC for free or become a PARC member and enjoy a bonus upgrade.

To redeem your voucher, simply bring your current rates notice to PARC Reception and show the team.

Ratepayer vouchers are available until 30 June 2027.

Find out more on the PARC website.

Get spooky with skate: Halloween Skate Jam is back!

Grab your best costume, tell your friends and roll on down to Frankston Skate Park on Saturday 31 October from 2pm. Enjoy a spooky afternoon of skating, prizes, a free community BBQ and a friendly competition or two. All abilities and wheels are welcome!

Keep an eye on Frankston Skate Park Instagram for all the details as we count down to Halloween.

Frankston City **Libraries**

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



FrankTALK Ken Piesse '100 Not Out'

Wednesday 7 October, 6pm, Frankston Library, FREE

Join acclaimed sportswriter, historian and broadcaster Ken Piesse as he discusses his latest book, 100 Not Out, celebrating 100 years of Victorian country cricket. Drawing on decades of research, Ken will share the players, teams and stories that have shaped the game across regional Victoria, from local legends to stars who reached cricket's highest levels.



FrankTALK with Tricia Stringer

Wednesday 14 October, 6pm, Frankston Library, FREE

Tricia Stringer's latest novel, 'The Paradise Resort', set in a luxurious Kimberley resort, brings together an unforgettable cast of characters, hidden secrets, unlikely friendships and a community worth fighting for. Join Tricia as she discusses the inspiration behind this heartfelt novel and the joys and challenges of finding connection in unexpected places.



An Afternoon Q&A with Muddy Boots Gardening Podcast

Wednesday 21 October, 1pm, Frankston Library, FREE

Keith and Elisabeth are the voices behind the Muddy Boots gardening podcast, sharing practical know-how, curiosity, and a deep love of growing things. With decades of hands-on experience, they blend science, storytelling, and real-world advice to inspire gardeners of all levels.



FrankTALK with William McInnes

Saturday 24 October, 2pm, Frankston Arts Centre, FREE

We welcome back beloved Australian actor and author William McInnes for his wry and heartwarming observations about the ups, downs and unique quirks of Aussie life, language and summers with his trademark humour and heart. Don't miss this special Seniors Festival event filled with laughter, insight, and charm.

FRANKSTON **ARTS** CENTRE

Scan the QR code to book



Anh Do: The Happiest Refugee Live!

Tuesday 20 October, 7.30pm

When one of Australia's most talented comedians delves deep into his own life's joys and sorrows, the result is an unforgettable night at the theatre.



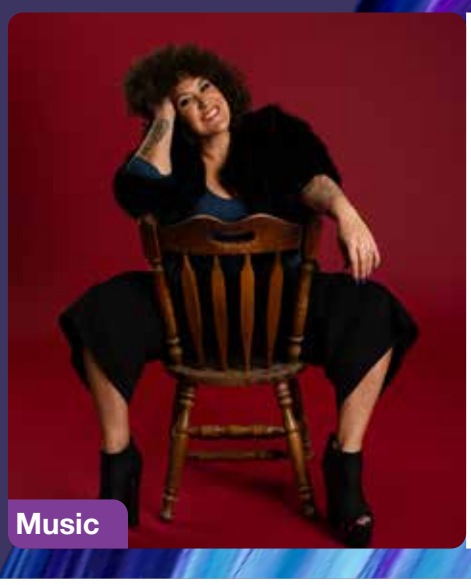
Macbeth by Bell Shakespeare

Tuesday 27 October, 7.30pm



Meg Washington: Tour

Friday 30 October, 8pm



Casey Donovan 'This Is Me'

Sunday 1 November, 2pm

Award-winning performer Casey Donovan performs her Australian Idol hits, musical theatre classics, and new original songs.



From A Diamond to A King

Friday 13 November, 8pm



Ian Moss & Troy Cassar-Daley: Together Alone

Friday 11 December, 7.30pm