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City's fresh look for 2024

Hands up with Remy if you love the new look Stiebel Place in Frankston.

Works are underway across Frankston City to enhance our public spaces and local areas.

With more businesses and residents choosing to call Frankston home, Frankston City Council is delivering a suite of improvements ranging from local shopping strip upgrades and greening roundabouts, to wayfinding signs and a strengthened graffiti response capability.

Improved public infrastructure is important to how our city functions and vital to the wellbeing of our community and environment while supporting Frankston's economy.

More than 10 public buildings will receive mini face-lifts over the summer months including Frankston Mechanics Hall, Langwarrin Hall and Karingal Place, while 60 roundabouts have been earmarked for mulching and new planting, on top of the 12 completed in 2023.

Council's Local Shopping Strip Action Plan will also enter a new phase, with upgrades progressing for Fairway Street (Frankston), Kareela Road (Frankston), Mahogany Avenue (Frankston North) and Railway Parade (Seaford) in the year ahead.

The upgrades follow the recently completed public lighting and amenity improvements to Stiebel Place in Frankston's city centre (pictured above), which was undertaken by Council in partnership with the Victorian Government through the Suburban Revitalisation Program.

Underpinning these initiatives is the doubling of Council resources to tackle graffiti, with the establishment of a new team focused solely on proactive graffiti patrols and removal.

Council's new proactive graffiti team will be working to identify and remove graffiti from Council infrastructure in several high-profile areas, allowing the reactive graffiti team to respond more quickly to reports from the community.

Our city's continued growth and transformation isn't just about major projects and shiny new buildings, it's also about lifting the appeal of our existing public spaces, and creating cleaner, greener, brighter, safer and better connected places for the community to enjoy.

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Seaford Customer Service Centre

Seaford Community Centre,
corner of Station Street and
Broughton Street, Seaford
Monday to Friday, 9am–5pm
Saturday 9am–12pm

Langwarrin Customer Service Centre

Shop 6, The Gateway,
Cranbourne-Frankston Road,
Langwarrin
Monday to Friday, 9am–5pm

Carrum Downs Library and Customer Service Centre

203 Lyrebird Drive, Carrum
Downs, times vary

Visitor Information Centre

7N Pier Promenade,
Frankston Waterfront
Open 7 days, 10am–4pm
Phone: 1300 322 842

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Women's Spirit Project transforms lives

The Women's Spirit Project (WSP) has released its new documentary 'I AM ENOUGH' - streaming nationally online for free, for the first time.

Filmed by Thomas Barnes, 'I AM ENOUGH' shares the stories of the impact of trauma on the lives of women and highlights why the work of the WSP is so important in supporting women on their healing and recovery journey.

Capturing the inspirational stories of women who have been able to overcome adversity and transform their lives by joining the WSP programs, the film also makes a strong case for the national roll out of accessible healing and recovery programs that engage women through fitness, health and wellbeing activities.

'I AM ENOUGH' is one of the many projects Frankston City Council supports through the Community Grants Program.

The WSP will run its next 'Spirit of Transformation' program in the greater Frankston region from March – June 2024. The program is open to 30 participants and 15 pro bono mentors.

This highly transformational program is free to join for women experiencing disadvantage.

The group is also taking applications for volunteers to join as Mentors to empower, inspire and support program participants for the 11-week program.

They are looking for role models who will actively participate in all elements of the program.

For more information, please scan the QR code.



Juanita Sanger, Life Coach Spirit of Transformation



Message from the CEO

It's over to you in 2024

Engagement is a critical foundation of an active and involved community, underpinning an exchange of information and ideas between Council and residents on issues and decisions that affect us all.

Authentic engagement can strengthen communities, as well as supporting social equity and democratic governance. It also enhances the transparency, integrity and trust in decision making and related processes.

For these reasons, 2024 is shaping up as a massive year at Council. In the months ahead we'll be turning to the community for input on some core strategic plans, including the **Community Vision 2040**, a new **Council Plan**, and also reviews of our **Asset** and **Financial Plans**.

The significance of these plans means we'll be taking what's known as a deliberative approach, which involves long and careful consideration or discussion, usually via a community panel. Public deliberation is an example of the highest level of 'influence' an engagement should have over Council decision-making, with the expectation that Council will implement the Community Panel's recommendations to the greatest extent possible.

We will also be engaging on more than 50 other plans and projects over the next two years, spanning across the following categories:

- Sustainable environment: Coastal and Marine Management Plan, Frankston City Coastal Resilience 2100 and Circular Economy Roadmap.
- Community strength: Social and Affordable Housing Policy, Disability Action Plan, Positive Ageing Plan, Kindergarten Strategy, Langwarrin Library Feasibility Study, Nairn Marr Djambana and Frankston North Community Centre.
- Progressive and engaged city: Governance Rules review, Budget 2024-25, Advocacy Priorities, Community Engagement Policy review and Community Engagement Framework review.
- Well-planned and liveable city: Draft Bike Strategy – Stage 2, Skate and BMX Strategy, Housing Strategy, Kananook Reserve Master Plan – Stage 2, Nepean Boulevard Master Plan, Local Park and Playspace upgrades.
- Healthy and safe communities: Municipal Health and Wellbeing Plan and Domestic Animal Management Plan.

For these projects, we aim to engage the community as early as practicable in projects/decision-making, preferably at the earliest design and concept



stages. This is when your input can have the most meaningful and genuine impact/influence on a project.

Sign up to Engage Frankston to get direct notifications on the projects that matter to you. If you sign up before 29 February, you can go in the draw to win a double pass to one of three Frankston Arts Centre shows or one of four passes to Peninsula Aquatic Recreation Centre. More details about this offer on Page 17.

For more information about Engage Frankston, scan the QR code.

Phil Cantillon
Chief Executive Officer



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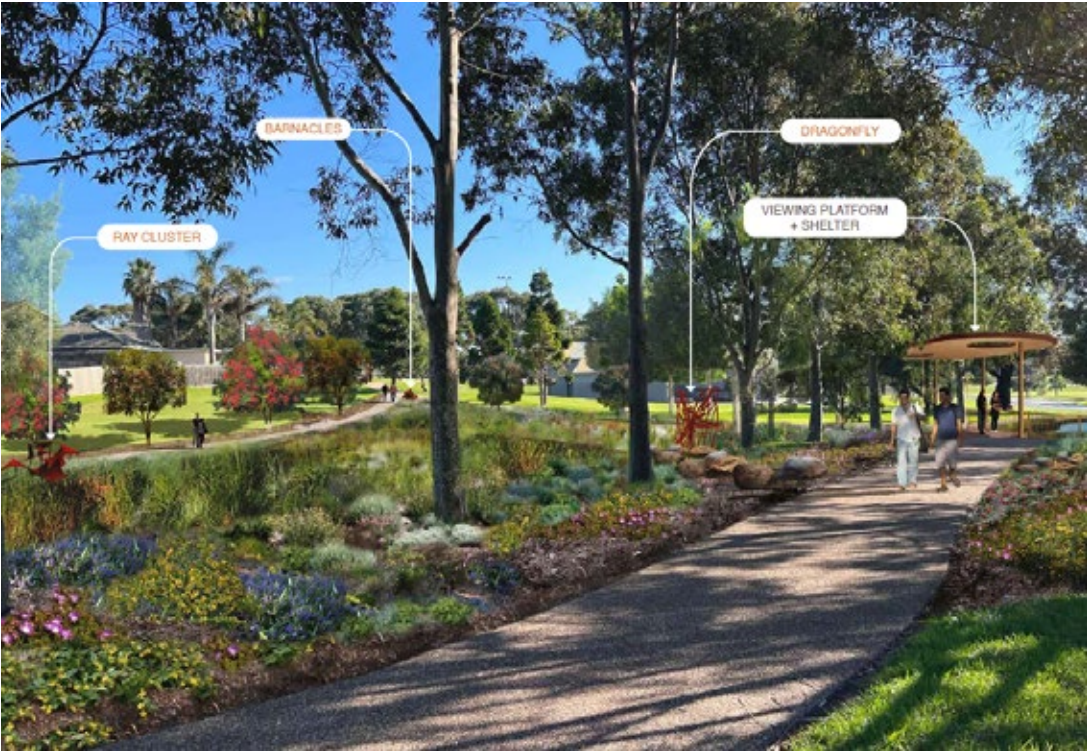
Ballam Park is about to get even better!

Work is underway on a bioretention system and ornamental lake that will reduce storm water contamination in Port Phillip Bay and provide a whole new range of experiences for Ballam Park visitors. Now under construction in the north-eastern corner of Ballam Park, the system will use plants, water circulation and aeration to naturally treat stormwater before it reaches the ocean.

Cr Kris Bolam said: “Council will be enhancing the system with an ornamental lake and community amenities such as lighting, art, park furniture, BBQ, landscaping, drinking fountain and connecting pathways to create a new experience for visitors to Ballam Park.

“As well as its environmental benefits, the new project will create additional passive recreation opportunities and complement the existing active sport and recreation and play spaces in the park,” he said.

The \$2.3 million project is jointly funded by Council, Melbourne Water, and a low-interest loan from the Victorian Government. Community engagement about the project was undertaken last year. Also at Ballam Park, Council will begin work on stage two of the \$3 million play space upgrade in February. The project is funded by Council through the Victorian Government’s Community Infrastructure Loan Scheme and is due for completion in late March.



New Sister Cities sculpture

Come visit the new sculptural sign commemorating Frankston City’s Sister City relationships that has been installed in Ballam Park.

The sculpture can be found east of the new play area and features information and directional signage to each of our three Sister Cities including the kilometres separating us.

Susono, Japan, Frankston’s first Sister City relationship was established in 1982. Located 8,173km from Frankston, Susono is at the foot of Mount Fuji, 150km South of Tokyo.

Wuxi, China, was established in 2011. Located 8,155km from Frankston, Wuxi is situated halfway between the cities of Shanghai and Nanjing, in the south of Jiangsu Province.

Our most recent Sister City, Suva, Fiji, was established in 2021. Located 3,913km from Frankston, Suva is the capital of Fiji and the largest urban area in the South Pacific outside of Australia and New Zealand.

Over more than 40 years, our Sister City relationships have provided opportunities to celebrate our cultural diversity through mutually beneficial international relations.

For more information about our Sister Cities, please scan the QR code.



Glenn Aitken returns to Council

Local resident Glenn Aitken (pictured) will return as a North-West Ward Frankston City Councillor for 2024.



Following the resignation of former Councillor Steven Hughes, a countback was held by the Victorian Electoral Commission on 15 January 2024.

Glenn Aitken has a long history as a Frankston City Councillor and has served a total of 16 years, including Mayor for 2006/07 and Deputy Mayor for 2014/15.

Carrum Downs — you asked for more and we’re delivering!

Just a few months after celebrating the opening of our fantastic new State Government funded netball and tennis courts at Carrum Downs Recreation Reserve, we’re back to make the reserve even better for the local community and visitors.

Cr David Asker said: “Work is now underway to provide 149 new formalised car parking spaces in the reserve, as well as traffic improvements to improve safety and ease of access to the reserve and its facilities for all visitors, and nearby residents on Wedge Road.

“From February, new public toilets will also be underway near the recently upgraded play space,” he said.

Cr Asker added that funded by Council in partnership with the Australian Government through the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Fund, the \$3 million-plus project will also include:

- New roundabout at Herbert Road/Wedge Road intersection
- Raised pedestrian crossings along Wedge Road to improve pedestrian safety
- Pathway connections within the reserve

- Car park lighting to improve safety
- Landscaping — more than 60 trees will be planted on site

Works are being staged to minimise impacts as much as possible, with car parking works in the reserve to be completed first, followed by traffic improvements in Wedge Road in the first few months of this year.

There will be some impacts to parking and access. The play space remains open. For more information, please scan the QR code.



Proactive approach to tackling graffiti

Council is taking an innovative approach to tackling graffiti in a number of high-profile locations as part of its expanded city-wide beautification program.

The approach will include doubling the number of staff in its graffiti team, with new team members dedicated purely to proactive graffiti patrols and removal.

Until now, graffiti removal from Council property has been driven by community feedback, with staff prioritising the most offensive graffiti and removing this within 24-48 hours of receiving a request.

But from early 2024 — as well as this reactive response — Council's new graffiti team members will be out proactively patrolling key high-profile locations across the city and removing graffiti from Council property.

This is expected to have several flow-on effects — each year we remove a total area of graffiti equal to about two MCGs and this comes at a significant cost to ratepayers, but also affects perceptions of the municipality.

We know this is a great city in which to live, work and play and Council is working hard to ensure this is reflected in Frankston City

presentation. Taking a multi-pronged approach to tackling graffiti is one of the ways we are doing this.

As the new graffiti team will be working to remove graffiti from several high-profile areas before it's reported, that will then mean that the reactive removal staff will be able to reduce response times to graffiti that is reported to Council.

We are also hoping that the graffitists will tire of seeing their tags removed quickly and will stop targeting Council property.

Council is also continuing to engage State Government departments with graffiti affected infrastructure across Frankston City. These include road and rail authorities. Council is unable to remove graffiti from these State Government owned assets in case of potential damage for which Council could be liable.

While we forward community complaints about graffiti on non-Council infrastructure to the appropriate State Government authorities and request action from our local MPs, we recommend community members contact them directly to ensure the relevant bodies take action.



Stiebel Place improvements

We've upgraded Stiebel Place in central Frankston to provide a more welcoming, safe and accessible space for the community.

The new improvements were undertaken by Council in partnership with the Victorian Government's Suburban Revitalisation Program.

The works aimed to enhance safety, amenity and accessibility for all laneway users through the following improvements:

- Improved public street lighting, more appropriate to a laneway; and
- A new creative surface treatment on the road.

Stakeholder feedback and factors such as existing site conditions and uses, access requirements and safety concerns were considered in the final design.



New Year, fresh look!

Several popular buildings across Frankston City Council are receiving mini facelifts.

The Mechanics Hall (pictured) in Frankston, Karingal Place in Karingal, the SES building in Seaford, Delacombe football/cricket pavilion in Frankston South, Ballam Park south pavilion in Frankston, Langwarrin Hall in Langwarrin, Belvedere public toilet block in Seaford, and the Frankston Yacht Club public toilets on the Frankston foreshore, are all receiving a fresh coat of paint during the summer months.

The painting upgrades are part of Council's regular facilities painting maintenance program which occurs every year.

The program covers more than 600+ buildings and structures throughout the municipality.

While the larger projects are often the most visible and talked about, it's the smaller projects like these that happen day in and day out without much fanfare and have a significant impact and are part of our commitment to Frankston City's presentation.

More than just a roundabout

Roundabouts around Frankston City are stopping traffic — but not for the usual reasons!

You may have noticed more than a dozen roundabouts have been transformed with mulch and new plantings over the winter months and are now in full bloom for locals and visitors to enjoy.

The upgrades are part of Council's roundabout beautification program which has been extended to include an additional 60 roundabouts which will be cleared and planted this winter.

The municipality has about 100 horticultural roundabouts and traffic management devices. This means that gardens within them are highly visible, providing a valuable opportunity to showcase Frankston as an attractive and well-maintained city.

The process of upgrading the roundabout gardens requires significant planning to ensure works are seasonally timed and the right plant species are selected for each location. This means that the gardens are cleared, mulched, and planted out in the winter months, ready to add colour and light to the location when spring arrives.

The plant species at each site are determined based on the location, the unique site constraints (including visibility and safety) and the suburb's planting palette, which is designed to align with existing local character.

And of course, because they're in the middle of busy roadways, the plants must also be easy to maintain, hardy and attractive all year round (even when not in bloom).



Guiding the Future: Frankston City's Wayfinding Strategy

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 comprehensive initiative involves the implementation of new signage at key locations, including Municipal and suburb entrances, as well as open spaces, shared-user paths and more as projects are delivered through Council's Capital Works Program.

Our Wayfinding 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 promotes a modern identity for Frankston to reflect the local context and acknowledge Traditional Owners with the inclusion of Indigenous language.

The inaugural gateway sign, located in Seaford on Nepean Highway, exemplifies this commitment. Welcoming residents with local Indigenous language, the sign marks the beginning of a journey towards an integrated and connected city.

This is the first sign of many to be implemented across the Municipality, adding to Frankston City's appeal as the ideal place to learn, live, work, and play.



Vacant shopfront decals

Six vacant shopfront windows in Frankston City have been dressed in local art thanks to a group of Chisholm Arts and Design students!

So far, the artworks can be found on Nepean Highway, Station Street and Wells Street.

The Frankston students have created 16 decal designs to go on windows to help promote shop vacancies and attract potential businesses to the spaces.

The initiative is part of the Frankston City Vacant Shopfront Activation Program and also gives students the opportunity to exhibit their designs publicly.

The decals accompany the name of the student who designed the artwork and a QR code with information about the site such as size and features.

Council's Economic Development Team is keen to engage with other landlords with shopfronts inside and outside the city centre to find homes for the other student's designs and to make this an ongoing program.



Shopping strip upgrades

Local shopping strips are the heart of our diverse communities across Frankston City.

While we do have some great local shopping strips throughout the municipality, we acknowledge that some of them look tired and need some rejuvenation.

This is why Council adopted the Local Shopping Strip Action Plan in 2021.

The plan, which was informed by feedback from the community, has a strong focus on getting people outdoors, attracting visitors and fostering a strong economy, alongside sustainability and social inclusion principles.

As part of the plan, Council has so far completed some great improvements at Beach Street and Excelsior Drive shopping strips. The works included new paving, car parking upgrades, streetscape furniture (seats, bins, bike racks) and landscaping.

It is anticipated that Fairway Street, Frankston is next up, which we are hoping to start in April; followed by Kareela Road, Frankston; Mahogany Avenue, Frankston North; and Railway Parade, Seaford.

Beautification by numbers In 2023, Council:



Planted 20,000 trees.



Removed 26,768 sqm of graffiti.



Invested 882 hours
in foreshore litter
removal.



Undertook 250 scheduled
cleans each day across 66
public toilet blocks, 48 Council
buildings and 56 barbecues.

Supporting Local Business

Think Local Month

Think. Look. Shop. Love. Frankston City.

Introducing Frankston City's Think Local Month coming this March 2024, where we dedicate a month to encouraging Frankston City workers, businesses and the community to focus on thinking local first to support small and medium businesses and help strengthen our economy.

Whether it be suppliers or trades, a place to dine or wine, an event to attend, a professional to engage with, or a product, service or supplier to use, you can find what you are looking for right here in Frankston City.

This city is bustling with 44,000 small and medium enterprises helping to strengthen our economy and make this city the best place to live, work, play, learn and invest.

Get ready for a month of local vouchers, workshops and training, events, activations, business highlights, a small business expo and more! When you think, look and shop local, you're loving local businesses.

Stay tuned on the Business eNewsletter for more details or email us today to be one of the first to find out more and express your interest in having a stall at the expo in late March.

For more information, please visit frankston.vic.gov.au/thinklocal



2023–2024 Facade Improvement and Invest Frankston Business Grant recipients

Council is thrilled to announce the recipients of the 2023–2024 Invest Frankston Business Grants and the Façade Improvement Grants.

This round we had 12 Business Grant and 16 Façade grant recipients awarded.

The Invest Frankston Business Grants aim to support business growth, employment, relocation and innovation throughout the city's retail, commercial and industrial precincts. This year there was \$180,000 available, with grants between \$5,000–\$20,000 on offer to help businesses; expand to larger premises, invest in capital, relocate or expand to Frankston City, move an existing home-based/mobile business to a vacant commercial, industrial or retail space in Frankston City. Congratulations to the following businesses who have been awarded a 2023–2024 Invest Frankston Business Grant:

- Guitar Village
- Makegood Tattoo Removal
- Thread Traders
- Peninsula Paletto
- Madame Tiger
- Sk8house
- Arancini 4 all
- Hoop Culture
- Peninsula Concrete/Outdoor Society
- The PromoDonna
- Frankston Brewhouse
- Co-circular

The Façade Improvement Grants are designed to encourage and facilitate business owners, operators and landlords to enhance the presentation of their building or business across the city. With a funding pool of \$150,000 and between \$5,000 and \$20,000 per application available, a Frankston City Façade Improvement Grant aims to help attract more business or an exciting new tenant to a Frankston City shop.

Congratulations to the following businesses who have been awarded a 2023–2024 Façade Improvement Grant:

- Caravan Chai
- Peninsula Camera
- Christian Paul Floral Studio
- Red Gum BBQ at Home
- Madame Tiger
- Netfocus IT
- DDS Property Development
- Real Estate Champions
- 18-EightyEight
- Le Café
- DB Property Advisors P/L, T/A Biggin Scott Peninsula
- Eeny Meeny
- Baba on Wells
- Colour Collections
- Spanish Bar
- Virgo espresso



Introducing the Economic Development Team

Our vision is to foster a thriving, sustainable and resilient economy by attracting and supporting business success, employment opportunities and growth in Frankston City.

Our team here at Frankston City Council is made up of a Coordinator, a Team Leader, a Business Development officer, an Investment Lead Officer, a Grants and Administration Officer, Business Concierge, and a Business Engagement Officer.

So what can the Eco Dev team do to help you and your business? We can provide you with business support, business growth and investment opportunities and support and business connections. We can help you get your business started in Frankston City, whether home-based or bricks-and-mortar, and guide you on your journey, beginning and beyond.

We offer a range of services such as;

- Free business mentoring
- Business grants
- Business resources
- Workforce connections
- Business workshops and training
- Site sourcing
- Economic data and analysis
- Business eNewsletter
- Investment support
- Outreach and engagement

To get all the latest business news and information about our services, visit frankston.vic.gov.au/Business-and-Growth



Ballam Park play space stage 2 coming soon!

Firstly, on a disappointing note, I am aware of the theft that recently occurred at Ballam Park where multiple newly planted trees were stolen. Rest assured replacement trees will be planted once the weather conditions allow but we're also exploring options to prevent the thieving from occurring again. It's unfortunate behaviour and I encourage residents to please report such thievery where they witness it.

On a more positive note, as the weather warms up, it's great to see even more children enjoying the water play at the new junior play space at Ballam Park. We've received some great feedback about the new play space. Not too far from the play space, you may have also noticed a vibrant new interactive sign highlighting our three international sister city relationships. The \$3 million revitalisation of Ballam Park play space is a significant investment from Council and solidifies Ballam Park as one of the best play spaces in not just Victoria, but Australia! I know that some parents miss the climbing structure that was in the old play space, so I'm excited to share that construction will shortly begin on a new timber play experience.

Stay tuned for news on the night-time safety lighting and 'History Trail', which will celebrate Frankston's history.

Finally, you may have noticed the big holes being dug by heavy machinery on the north-eastern corner Ballam Park near Karingal Drive and Naranga Crescent. This is to make way for the bio-retention system and ornamental lake. The \$2.3 million project is going to not only deliver massive environmental benefits but it is going to be amazingly beautiful and provide residents with a passive space to relax and picnic. The project is due for completion in July and is funded by Council in partnership with Melbourne Water and the Victorian Government through a low interest loan. For more information, see the article on Page 3.

Kananook Creek Gardens Vision delivery

Part of what I love about being a Councillor is seeing community and Council visions come to life. An example of this is the delivery of projects from the Kananook Creek Gardens Vision Plan. As part of this plan, Council completed a walking trail and boardwalk along the creek, from Seaford Road up to Station Street. We also added a 50-metre fully accessible boardwalk at Seaford Road end. This path provides an important link for commuters using Seaford Station and replaces a previously uneven path. In addition to this new pathway, weed removal and revegetation has also occurred. Now we're in the design stage for another part of the vision — a new rotunda, which we hope will become a popular meeting spot. I will provide further updates on this in future columns.

Frankston North reserve and play space upgrades

We are fortunate to have so many great open spaces across our city, including those in Frankston North. However, some of these spaces are looking tired and are in need of a facelift. In the past year I have worked with residents and staff to deliver a number of upgrades in Frankston North:

- Rosemary Reserve — new junior and senior play units, hopscotch area, half-egg spinner, drinking fountain, picnic shelter, swings, paths, seating, and landscaping. And most importantly the iconic fire engine that's been enjoyed by many generations was refurbished.
- Frankston North Community Centre — a new deck area with seating, basket swing, sandpit, new paths, and garden beds.

We will also be undertaking tree planting and seating upgrades at Nodding and Whitewood Reserves during the autumn and winter this year. These projects are part of the delivery of Council's Local Park Action Plan. Please reach out to me if you feel there are other playgrounds and reserves needing a spruce up in Frankston North.



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Rewarding to serve on local committees

Collectively we can all make a difference in our wonderful Frankston City.

Committees are not only a great way to get involved and connect with likeminded individuals, but importantly plant the seeds for transformative action. It was Martin Luther King Jr who famously stated: "Life's most persistent and urgent question is: What are you doing for others?" For me, that goes not only to the heart of community service but getting involved in committees and ultimately acting collaboratively for the benefit of Frankston City.

It's been an honour to serve on multiple committees: Council's Housing Advisory Committee (two years by the end of this term); Audit and Risk Committee (two years in total by the end of this term); Disability Access and Inclusion Committee (three years in total by the end of this term); Reconciliation Action Plan Committee (two years in total by the end of this term); and Metropolitan Planning Advisory Committee (four years in total by the end of this term).

I've also been a member of the Australian Local Government Women's Association (four years in total by the end of this term); and the Association of Bayside Municipalities (one year in total by the end of this term). I also served two years on the CEO Remuneration and Reward Committee.

This involves taking a deep dive into the work required to understand the nuances and often complexities of key issues, which when understood more clearly can contribute to better decision making in the Council chamber. In turn, this supports the delivery of our Council Plan by being inclusive of some groups in our community who may otherwise be overlooked.

I've also enjoyed working in collaboration with Councillors and officers from other Councils to address common issues such as the impacts of climate change and sustainability. Other Councils bring a fresh perspective, with the opportunity to share good news and innovation.

It has been a rewarding experience and I am grateful for the opportunity to endorse and add value to the work of the committee members.

Our Human Library is a novel idea!

It's an amazing worldwide initiative that helps people to 'un-judge' each other, one human book at a time.

Now the 'Human Library' concept is coming to Frankston as part of the 2024 South Side Festival — so could you be one of our first books?



Frankston Library will host a 'Human Library' where readers can borrow human beings serving as open books and enjoy conversations.

The Human Library concept started in Denmark in 2000 and it has since spread to over 80 countries worldwide. As part of the 2024 South Side Festival, Frankston Library will host its own Human Library on Saturday 11 May, from 11am to 7.30pm.

Expressions of interest are sought for people to volunteer their time to be a human book.

We are looking for 15 to 20 local people to represent different topics such as lifestyle, beliefs, disability, economic or health status, sexuality, age, neurodiversity, gender identity, mental health or life experience of discrimination, just to name a few.

For more details about this great opportunity, please scan the QR code.



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Another chapter for our Frankston icon

Our much-loved Frankston City icon — Robinsons Bookshop — has celebrated 60 sensational years.

Philip and Moira Robinson initially made the inspired move to open Robinsons Bookshop in the main Frankston shopping precinct known as Frankston's Central Carpark.

Robinsons has gone from strength to strength and is rightly recognised as Frankston's very own success story as one of the oldest businesses in Frankston and the oldest general independent bookshop in Victoria.

Importantly, Robinsons has stood the test of time as a cultural meeting place in the community thanks to strong family values, personalised service, knowledge of and passion for books and a mission to change lives in the community by getting the right books into the right hands.

Congratulations to the Robinsons team including current owner, Susanne Horman — you have played a critical role in Frankston City's passion for reading and literature. Last year, Frankston City Libraries saw over half a million loans so we know how much our residents love a great read!

Reading has endless benefits. It can help you to sleep, de-stress, escape the everyday and encourage our curiosity. Right now, Frankston City is undergoing a remarkable transformation and revitalisation. The growth and success of Robinsons is yet another compelling example of how Frankston is emerging as the best place to live, work and play in Victoria.

Whether it be celebrating business milestones like Robinsons, attracting and welcoming new business to the area, continuous improvement of business support services, training and engagement or delivering grant programs such as the Facade Improvement Grants or the Invest Frankston Business Grants, your Council is committed to fostering a thriving, sustainable and resilient local economy.



Carrum Downs Secondary School volleyball champs

Congratulations to the Carrum Downs Secondary College Year 10 boys, who won the Victorian Volleyball Schools Cup in their division last year. What a great effort to beat Melbourne Grammar in the Grand Final.

The team travelled to the Gold Coast to play in the Australian Volleyball Schools Cup along with two staff members and competed alongside 5,500 students from all age groups and all states, including Christmas Island and New Zealand.

The boys played eight games against schools from around Australia in a round robin, finishing on top of the ladder. They won all their games without losing a set throughout the tournament. This sent them through to the Grand Final against Melbourne Grammar and they went on to take out the match 25-18, 25-23.

The whole competition was an amazing experience for the boys, one they will remember.

The team was a recipient of a Frankston Council Community Grant to assist with the expense of the eight-day trip.

Well done to the boys, teachers, coaches and everyone involved!



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Another great year for North-East Ward

It's been a pleasure to serve my community in the North-East Ward for another year, working collaboratively alongside Mayor Nathan Conroy and Cr David Asker.

While we are all looking ahead to what's to come in 2024, I wanted to also take the opportunity to reflect on some of the projects delivered in the ward in the past 12 months and others which are currently under way.

It's been a huge year for **Carrum Downs** families. The recreation reserve has a new multi-purpose court for tennis and netball and an impressive play space. Now the new car park, public toilets, and traffic improvements in the reserve and on Wedge Road are under way. These will be complete by the middle of this year. Read more about this on Page 15.

In **Langwarrin**, we upgraded Yarralumla Reserve with a beautiful new play space, landscaping, tree planting and half-court and opened the upgraded netball pavilion at Lloyd Park. Also at Lloyd Park, the football pavilion is nearing completion and will be an incredible asset to the local sporting community.

Skye residents are also benefiting from road improvements, with a new pedestrian refuge on the McCormicks Road/Gamble Road intersection, and some additional improvements at the Edinburgh Drive and Heritage Drive intersection.

At **Sandhurst**, the community is getting ready for its road infrastructure to be transferred over to Council in the first quarter of this year. This will be the culmination of several years of planning and collaboration between Council and Sandhurst Club.

The change means that Council will maintain and replace these assets to the same standards as the rest of the municipality. There will be no impact on rates for Sandhurst residents or residents in other parts of Frankston City. Keep on eye on our website for updates.

I look forward to sharing more details about local projects with you in the coming months. I wish you all a restful and relaxing summer break and all the best for 2024.

Stunning arts line up

Frankston Arts Centre offers a captivating line up for 2024, including Daytime Music and Theatre – the second longest running Morning Melodies style program in Victoria, which features a yearlong curated season of performances, ranging from music to theatre. Don't miss performances by some of Australia's best musical talent. For more information, see the article on Page 14 or scan the QR code.



A slam dunk for Carrum Downs and Frankston South!

I'm excited to advise that work is now underway on two new multi-use courts at Lavender Hill Reserve, Carrum Downs, and Pratt Reserve in Frankston South.

Each court will include basketball hoop with noise reduction backboard; netball hoop; court line markings to international basketball (FIBA) and Netball Victoria standards; and handball line marking.

At Lavender Hill Reserve, the court replaces the existing one but will be in a more central location, away from nearby homes. The old court area will be replanted with grass, along with more trees in the reserve.

I'm aware everyone loves to enjoy their local reserves in summer, but the works need to occur in the summer months as we need high temperatures for the acrylic surface to dry. Only parts of each reserve will be closed during the works.

I look forward to seeing people of all ages enjoying these wonderful new facilities when they open in March. For more information about play space upgrades, please scan the QR code.



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Proudly supporting access and inclusion

The Disability Access and Inclusion Committee (DAIC) has been operating at Council for 35 years critically promoting disability access and inclusion as outlined in Council's Disability Action Plan.

We highly value the DAIC's ongoing advocacy and advice on issues, projects and plans to enhance the access, participation and inclusion of people with a disability in Frankston City.

So it's with great pride that we celebrate and honour Frankston-based not-for-profit organisation and registered



NDIS provider, Connecting2Australia, which has been empowering people with a disability for 70 years! Connecting2Australia has an inspired mission to support people with disability to live their chosen life and to enable full and equal participation in society for people with disability — underpinned with the values of compassion, empowerment and respect.

Commitment to these values has seen Connecting2Australia not only stand the test of time and thrive, but also continue to be a leading provider of Disability Services in Australia, creating unlimited possibilities and brighter futures for people with disability. Frankston City Council staff met with Connecting2Australia during the development of our Disability Action Plan 2021 - 2025, to get feedback on what needed to be included.

True to their name, one of the priorities Connecting2Australia identified was for Council to have a single place online for all the events and activities happening around the City of Frankston so participants here could get actively involved and connect with their community. Thanks to their valuable feedback, our website upgrade enabled any community group to post information about their activity or event on our "What's on" page. This empowers our community members to learn about Council events and programs and find information about school fetes, local markets, trivia nights and come and try sports days — just to name a few!

This is just one example of how we are listening and working together with our community to reduce barriers and improve outcomes for people with disability. For more information about the DAIC, please scan the QR code.



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Our cultural heart beats strong

Did you know that Frankston Arts Centre is the result of a 20-year campaign by passionate residents who had a vision to build a world class culture centre in Frankston? The original community fundraising program was aptly called the Heart of the City and from the day it opened in 1995, the Arts Centre has been filled with heart.

Frankston Arts Centre may be famous for attracting tours of big names such as Jimmy Barnes and Sydney Theatre Company, however it's important to recognise that the community is at its centre. From schools and local businesses using the function centre for their gala dinners or conferences to dance schools and local theatre companies taking centre stage to visual artists exhibiting in the gallery spaces, the centre is an integral part of the lives of many. Other community programs that are offered include:

Artful: Art & Dementia

Artful: Art and Dementia is designed for people living with dementia and their carers. It has been created in response to a need that people living at home with dementia have for creating connections, exercising autonomy and living creative and fulfilling lives.



Artwell: Be Well

Artwell aims to provide a safe, creative, and friendly space for people experiencing mental health concerns, including those living with, or in recovery from mental illness. The program promotes and enables mental health wellbeing through the creative practice of art making.

DialysArt: Art Therapy

In partnership with Peninsula Health, Frankston Arts Centre provides arts classes for patients in the dialysis ward (Frankston Campus). Patients participate in discussions about art, learn new drawing and painting techniques, explore with colour and use recycled materials to create art with a professional arts therapist. For more details, please visit the Arts Centre website.

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Acting on the climate emergency

After declaring a Climate Emergency in 2019, Frankston City Council was one of 60 councils in 2020 that resolved to form Climate Emergency Australia (CEA) and this year has become a paid member.

The CEA is a nationwide network of councils collaborating and sharing information to build the capacity of Australian councils to respond to the climate emergency. The CEA provides an interactive online forum (Basecamp), targeted webinars such as getting off gas and provides collective advocacy on behalf of its members to other levels of government to respond to the Climate Emergency.

Being a member of CEA means Council can share its knowledge and learnings from climate emergency initiatives and benefit from the same with others — while also ensuring we develop and implement the most informed and effective projects possible, resulting in much better outcomes for our community. For more information, please scan the QR code.



**Climate
Emergency
Australia**



Our climate change champions

Cr Sue Baker and I joined our Climate and Sustainability Team, along with other local leaders, for breakfast at the Woodlands Golf Club in Mordialloc for the official launch of the South East Councils Climate Change Alliance (SECCCA) strategy SECCCA 2024-28: Working Together for Stronger Climate Action. The breakfast included a keynote speech from Minister for Climate Action The Hon. Lily D'Ambrosio MP, and panel discussions from various climate change champions and leaders.

Climate action is a key focus area for our organisation, with Council employing multiple climate and sustainability officers across the organisation. Council also adopted the Climate Change Strategy 2023-2030, highlighting the importance of collaborating and advocating with organisations like SECCCA. It's great to see us actively working towards the goals set out in our Climate Change Strategy 2023-2030, made possible by our incredibly dedicated and passionate staff working in the space.

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THE WATERFRONT FESTIVAL

2024

FREE ENTRY



YOUR ULTIMATE CELEBRATION
OF SUMMER!

Frankston's Waterfront Festival is back for its epic 25th year, and is coming to you this February with a hot line up of family friendly entertainment. Across two days, the waterfront will come alive with live music stages, cultural performances, beach fun, sporting activities and two licensed bar precincts. Everyone's fave Saturday night fireworks spectacular is returning too!

This year we will also have two special new additions. Friday night will host a 'Dive In' beach cinema presented by Betty's Burgers, just to get everyone in the summer mood. Saturday morning the inaugural Frankston Swim Classic kicks off – so let's dive in and see what's in store!



SUMMER DRINKS AND BREWS

With the food trucks a stone throw away, live music and your favourite summer beverages, these are the places to kick back and relax. This year we'll have two licensed areas, the Garden Bar and the Yacht Club Precinct, that will have a taste of the local beer and spirits trail. Grab a spot, hang with some mates, and soak up the summer tunes while watching the sun set over the bay.



WATERFRONT STAGE

This year, the Waterfront Stage has an incredible line up of artists. Channel your best music festival vibes with *Touch Sensitive*, *The Grogans*, *Sunshine and Disco Faith Choir*, *The Belair Lip Bombs*, *Kylie Auldist* plus so many more, including some of our loved locals. There's really something for everyone with 30 well known and emerging artists taking place across the Waterfront and Ventana Stages.

Check out the full two-day line up via our website and get ready for some incredible free music throughout the festival.



VENTANA

A window into a mosaic of cultures, Ventana will host a vibrant celebration of intercultural entertainment from many nations. Come and experience the vivacity through live music, dance, workshops, creators, makers and amazing food. Full of energy, colour and movement, make sure you don't miss the Ventana experience located within the Yacht Club Precinct.

Betty's Burgers

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Time better spent.

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25
YEARS



FIREWORKS
SPECTACULAR

PROUDLY PRESENTED BY BETTY'S BURGERS

Let's celebrate with a colourful bang. The festival favourite, get your crew together and enjoy the fireworks spectacular on Saturday night, kicking off from 9.45pm from the end of the Frankston Pier. Best viewing spots? Head down to the beach, the Pier Promenade or Olivers Hill.



DIVE IN CINEMA

PROUDLY PRESENTED BY BETTY'S BURGERS

Keen for a little prelude entertainment to the festival? Well let's dive on in!

Friday night, before the festival officially begins, you can enjoy the Dive In Cinema. This experience oozes summer vibes. Enjoy toes in the sand, burger in hand and a fun flick up on the big screen! Stay tuned for more information and ticketing details.



RIDES AND AMUSEMENTS

Calling all thrill seekers and daredevils, prepare yourselves for the adrenaline rush! For games, rides and squeals, this is the place to be. You may even find the best seats for views of the bay, day or night!

FRANKSTON SWIM CLASSIC

Making a new splash to the Waterfront Festival, the Frankston Swim Classic will be held on the Saturday morning, hitting our shores for the first time.

Setting off from the Frankston Yacht Club's doorstep, swimmers can enjoy three event distance options. Best of all, each event will enjoy an exhilarating finish line experience on the sands of the Frankston waterfront. Registrations now open for the 400m, 1.2km and 2.5km swims. For all the event details, head to frankstonswimclassic.com.au



CHILL OUT SPACE

Enjoy some space, that's a little more chilled. This accessible and inclusive space is perfect for children and adults seeking somewhere that's a touch calmer but still brings the fun. With some bean bags and sensory play objects located away from loud noises, it's a safe environment to explore and unwind.



FAMILY FUN

We have you sorted for a weekend full of free entertainment!

Experience joy, curiosity and surprise at one of the colourful shows on offer. Try a new sporting activity or join the circus! You won't want to miss out on the fun!



FOOD TRUCKS GALORE

Excite those tastebuds! Follow the sound of sizzles and delicious aromas coming from the food trucks around the festival. This year you'll find them in Food Truck Square and the Yacht Club Precinct. Treat yourself to all the flavours of the world across 30 trucks. Go on, you deserve it.



BEACH AND BEYOND

Keen for some fun by the water?

There is plenty to see and do with our Beach and Beyond activities on the waterfront that will be sure to get you moving on the sand, creek and bay. Don't forget to pack your bathers, sunscreen, hat and towel!

FESTIVAL INFORMATION

When: Saturday 10 and Sunday 11 February 2024

Times: Saturday 12 – 10pm and Sunday 12 – 8pm

Cost: Free entry with costs for rides, food, some activities and amusements

Location: Pier Promenade, Frankston Waterfront

1300 322 322
waterfrontfestival.com.au

The Waterfront Festival will occupy the north and south Waterfront, Kananook Creek boat ramp and Yacht Club car parks from 12.01am Friday 9 February 2024 until 12.01am Monday 12 February 2024. Visit our website for more details on car park closures and changes to traffic conditions.

Information correct at time of printing, subject to change. Frankston City Council acknowledges and pays respect to the Bunurong People, the Traditional Custodians of these lands and waters.

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Our heroes celebrated at Impact Volunteer Awards

Frankston City's humble and dedicated heroes have been celebrated at the Impact Volunteer Awards.

The Leadership Award was won by Alastair Leaver, from Mum's Supporting Families in Need. A passionate volunteer, Alastair was instrumental in reinvigorating and growing the organisation's volunteer network — both during and following a period of volunteering turmoil due to COVID.

Alastair has improved volunteering numbers by about 60 per cent as well improved volunteer capacity by training volunteers in a wider variety of roles at the warehouse. During and since this time he has volunteered four days per week to ensure that the service is operating smoothly, effectively and is continuing to support the disadvantaged.

The Service to Community Award was won by Nancy Martin from Ebdale Community Hub.

Nancy has been volunteering for two days per week for over 10 years at Ebdale Community Hub. She volunteers in reception at Ebdale Community Hub and creates a welcoming place where people feel accepted, engaged and welcomed into the centre.

Throughout her time at the Hub, Nancy has supported many other volunteers to learn new skills, gain experience and build a sense of achievement — many gained the confidence to seek employment with Nancy's encouragement.

The Youth Award was won by Zoe Tokalahi, from Frankston North Community Centre Playgroup.

Zoe volunteers at Frankston North Community Centre with the playgroup on a Thursday.

The Initiative Award was won by Jaqui O'Leary, from 3198 Seaford Beach Patrol.

Since becoming group manager in August 2018, Jaqui has run dozens of beach cleans, coordinating 1299 volunteers to remove 1,249 kilograms of waste, including 3052 cans and bottles, from our beaches.



Lisa Brown (Teamwork FNCC Cafe), Jaqui O'Leary (3198 Beach Patrol), Liam Bray (Teamwork FNCC Cafe), Zoe Tokalahi (Youth Award), Alistair Weaver (Leadership Award), Jackie Galloway OAM (Judging panel), Carly Moulang, Brianna Neill (Teamwork FNCC Cafe), Cr Sue Baker and Council Director Communities Angela Hughes with judging panel members Karin Hann and Shane Thomas.

Jaqui's successful grant applications have secured \$5,754 for 3198, enabling the purchase of new equipment and hosting the first-ever end-of-year social event for volunteers.

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.

In the 2021–22 financial year, MSFIN supported over 4500 individuals to ensure that no child or family lives without essentials. This incredible free service provides families in crisis with essential aid, which includes nursery essentials, clothing, footwear, linen, toiletries and food. Since 2012, MSFIN has supported over 100,000 people.

Deputy Mayor Liam Hughes said: "We are fortunate to have over 16,800 volunteers in Frankston City, who contribute more than 46,000 hours of their time each year to Frankston City.

"It's an outstanding contribution that is equal to \$1.3 million worth of donated time annually ... a contribution that I and Council deeply value. The inspirational people we're recognising are committed to supporting others in need over a long period of time."

"From providing Meals on Wheels, to helping out with a local sporting club, and even in keeping our local beaches free from rubbish — we rely on the work of our volunteers to keep the City running.

"Congratulations and thanks to all the volunteer nominees, organisations and award winners. Thanks to all volunteers for making a such a wonderful impact in Frankston City!"

Cr Hughes also acknowledged the judging panel for the Volunteer Awards including Jackie Galloway OAM, Karin Hann and Shane Thomas.

For volunteering opportunities, please scan the QR code.



Peter scores prestigious Meals on Wheels award

In a resounding acknowledgment of his 26 years of unwavering dedication, Peter Ward, Team Leader of Frankston City's Meals on Wheels program, has received the prestigious 'Outstanding Contribution Award' from Meals on Wheels Australia.

This national recognition, awarded to individuals at the grassroots level of Meals on Wheels services, recognises Peter's exceptional leadership and commitment.

Peter's journey with Meals on Wheels began in November 1997 when he joined as a chef, a role that eventually evolved into his current position as Team Leader in 2015.

Nominated by his supervisor, Peter's outstanding contributions have earned him a \$5000 prize, with half dedicated to supporting the Meals on Wheels service and the other half allocated for his personal use.



Peter said: "I have always thought of myself as 'the quiet achiever', working behind the scenes and not seeking publicity. While this award may have my name on it, for me, it's more about recognition of the team, all of the devoted volunteers and the dedicated staff."

The allocation of the prize money reflects Peter's commitment to enhancing the Meals on Wheels service — \$2500 will contribute to the local

service, funding improvements such as new eskies and a coffee machine for volunteers. Peter emphasised that the heart of his role lies in "helping people stay in their own homes to be independent and live with dignity".

He underscored the vital role Meals on Wheels plays in the community, extending beyond providing meals to include essential health checks and personalised service options.

Cr David Asker said: "Meals on Wheels remains a crucial program ensuring individuals can age in place with dignity while receiving nutritious meals. Peter's recognition serves as a shining example of the profound impact one individual can have on the wellbeing of a community."

If you're interested in volunteering for the program, please scan the QR code.



Delivering city-shaping projects

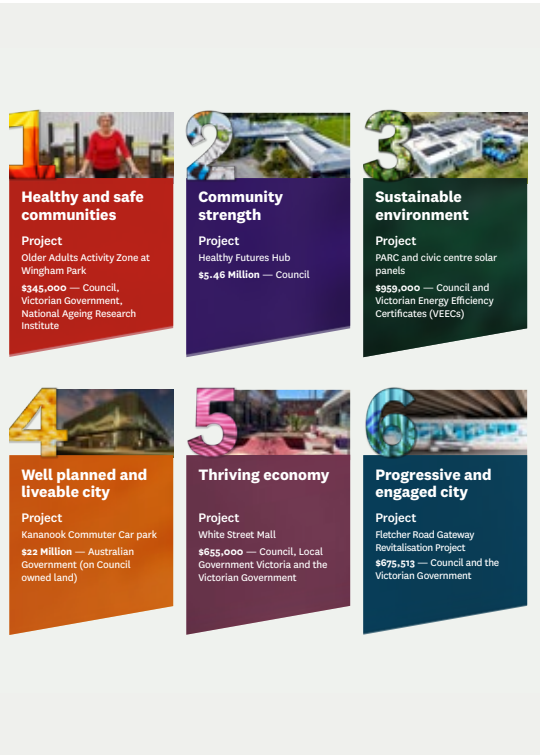
Frankston City Council’s annual budget 2022-2023 included the largest investment in capital works to date (\$91.6 million) highlighting a commitment to delivering city-shaping projects to drive Frankston as a destination of opportunity, growth and change.

The 327 projects in our program included significant investments in drainage, roads, footpaths, sporting, and recreational facilities and more.

Some of these projects include a new regional play space at Ballam Park, upgrading pavilions at Jubilee Park (Kevin Collopy) and Lloyd Park, and Barretts Road construction in Langwarrin.

Despite some significant challenges, including the collapse of the builder of four of our largest projects, and escalating construction costs, Council has continued to deliver projects for our community. And what we are delivering is more than ‘bricks and mortar’. These projects are also opportunities for our community to feel safer, stronger, healthier, and more connected.

We have created opportunities for further growth, investment and learning, and always with innovation and the environment in mind.



The infographic demonstrates just this by providing examples of capital works projects that align with the six priority areas from our Council Plan.

It’s a delicate balancing act but one we feel proud to have achieved through the 2022–23 capital works program and will continue to work hard to main in 2023–24 and beyond.

Body Worn Cameras to enhance safety

This summer, Body Worn Cameras (BWCs) will be introduced to our community, aiming to bolster transparency and accountability in our interactions with the public.

These cameras will be exclusively used by authorised personnel, such as law enforcement officers and Council representatives.

It’s important to note that BWCs are not intended for monitoring residents, but rather, their primary purpose is to record interactions between authorised officers and the public while upholding privacy rights. BWCs will be utilised at various scenarios, including public events, routine patrols, emergency situations, investigating complaints against officers, in training and when de-escalating potentially volatile encounters.

Our goal through BWC implementation is to foster

safer communities, promote accountability, and maintain a transparent and professional approach to compliance and enforcement activities.

Cr Kris Bolam said: “As we know from their use by other Councils and Victoria Police, the presence of BWCs acts as a powerful deterrent against offenses and anti-social behaviour, providing an additional layer of protection and facilitating de-escalation in potentially volatile situations.

“Furthermore, BWCs offer objective evidence for legal proceedings, improving the efficiency and effectiveness of enforcement processes.

“They play a vital role in investigations involving incidents, ensuring thorough and fact-based inquiries,” he said.

For more on BWCs, phone Council on 1300 322 322.

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April 5th to 20th Frankston Waterfront



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Sparkling line up for Frankston Arts Centre's season 2024

Frankston Arts Centre has unveiled a sparkling line up for season 2024 with a focus on compelling, world class entertainment to provide something for everyone.

The impressive new program was unveiled to 2024 members at an event, hosted by Head of Programming, Heidi Irvine, and featuring performers Claire Warrillow and Rune Nydal (The Sunshine Club), Jordan Pollard (The Tap Pack), Nina Ferro, Fem Belling and Belinda Parsons, accompanied by Stella Anning (A Very Big Band Christmas), and Brenda Bressed (Drag Bingo Brunch with Brenda).

Ms Irvine said when assembling the 2024 program, at the heart of it all was connection, adding: "Here, in this very special place — we can take a moment to escape. To learn more, to laugh, to cry. And with that human being onstage in front of you, and those around you — to connect."

Cr Suzette Tayler said the Centre's 2024 season has something for everyone, adding: "About 160,000 people visit Frankston Arts Centre annually with over 50 per cent of visitors from outside Frankston City. This year features a quality program that is vibrant, stimulating and enriching. Be sure to get your tickets early so you don't miss out."

Season highlights include:

The Sunshine Club — a radiant and joyful Australian musical — where everyone is welcome and romances bloom. It's the summer of 1946 and the war is over. Aboriginal soldier Frank Doyle has spent years fighting shoulder-to-shoulder with troops from all over Australia, but when he steps onto the Brisbane wharf, he finds some things haven't changed. But Frank knows how to fight for his country. On Tuesday, 5 March 2024.

An Evening with the MSO: Jaime Conducts Enigma Variations — experience a captivating program of beloved English charmers, featuring some of the most popular orchestral music ever written and conducted by MSO's Chief Conductor — Jaime Martin. On Saturday, 4 May 2024.

Simply Brill: "The Teens Who Stole Rock N Roll" — acclaimed entertainers Amelia Ryan, Michaela Burger and Michael Griffiths shine in this joyous, triumphant and awe-inspiring celebration of the songwriters who



Fem Belling, Nina Ferro, Belinda Parsons, Stella Anning (A Very Big Band Christmas) with second from left Brenda Bressed (Drag Bingo Brunch with Brenda).

transformed 1960's rock 'n' roll forever. On Thursday, 7 November 2024

Emma Donovan: Songs, Stories and Soul from Family and Country — witness the talent of ARIA-nominated, award-winning Indigenous singer and songwriter Emma Donovan and her band. Join us for this incredible concert where she will share stories, providing an understanding of Country and community. On Tuesday, 14 May 2024.

The Visitors — it's January 1788 and a mysterious fleet is amassing in the harbour. Seven clan leaders must make a momentous decision: to send these strangers on their way or welcome them? An unmissable Moogahlin Performing Arts and Sydney Theatre Company production, written by Jane Harrison and directed by Wesley Enoch. On Tuesday, 6 August 2024.

Guards at the Taj — at the grand opening of the Taj Mahal, the most beautiful building in the world, the Emperor decrees that nothing more beautiful shall ever be built again. Featuring a heart-breakingly funny friendship put to the ultimate test and existential banter reminiscent of Beckett and Stoppard, Guards at the Taj mixes witty black comedy with the bloodiest deeds of Greek tragedy. On Tuesday, 3 September 2024.

Humans 2.0 — a symphony of acrobatics, sound and light, this is next level circus by Circa. On Thursday, 18 April 2024.

Dirty Laundry — after 10 years of selling out festivals worldwide, the Briefs boys are touring to Frankston with their hills hoist poised ready to air their Dirty Laundry in this brand-new party cabaret. On Friday, 10 May 2024.

The Tap Pack — following sold-out shows and rave reviews on London's West End, at Sydney Opera House and around the world, Australia's hottest tap dance sensation, The Tap Pack is coming to Frankston! On Wednesday, 11 September 2024.

Melbourne International Comedy Festival Roadshow — showcasing the finest talents from the 2024 Melbourne International Comedy Festival, we're delivering a dose of laughter right to your doorstep! On Sunday, 28 April 2024.

A Very Big Band Christmas — swing into the festive season with this enchanting holiday extravaganza. Starring the dynamic trio of Nina Ferro, Fem Belling and Belinda Parsons backed by the electrifying energy of a full Big Band. On Thursday, 19 December 2024.

Kids entertainment includes Polite Mammals (Sunday 7 April), The Listies: Make Some Noise (Friday 5 July), The Peasant Prince (Tuesday 13 August), You Are a Doughnut (Thursday 26 September) and Bon Appetit (Saturday 5 October).

For more information, please phone 9784 1060 or scan the QR code.



Artist captures light, colour and atmosphere



Full of life and delicate light, Maria Radun's still-life compositions, landscapes and elegant portraits explore an intricate link between the gentle beauty of nature and the intricacies of our emotional worlds.

Her artworks aim to evoke a serene sense of wonder, capturing a moment of everyday splendour.

A full-time painter based on the Mornington Peninsula, Maria anchors her technique in tonal realism.

"This gives me a strong foundation to explore various subject matter and

bring emotion into every piece. Currently, I am drawn to representations of local natural elements and florals, which I paint from life, as well as portraiture and landscape," she said.

"I value beauty and good design. I love a harmonious colour palette, interesting brush work, a sense of depth and light and balanced compositions. I seek to create timeless and emotive paintings that delicately capture light, colour and atmosphere."

As well as oil painting, Maria is also passionate about sketching and

drawing, adding: "A lot can be captured and communicated with line and minimum colour."

"Overall, I believe that art gives us a deeper understanding of the world around us and our place in it, no matter if you're the one making it or looking at it."

See Maria Radun's Present Sense exhibition at Frankston Arts Centre's Curved Wall Gallery until 2 March. For more information, please scan the QR code.



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Witternberg Reserve is a winner!

Families are flocking to Witternberg Reserve to enjoy the new facilities including an upgraded play space and new BBQ area —and soon they'll also be able to safely cycle or walk there from the Peninsula Link Trail!

Council has just started work on a new 160m shared user path (SUP) linking the reserve with the trail. The new link will include a raised boardwalk over the ephemeral wetlands. We're carrying out the project in the warmer months as we need to work while the wetlands are at their driest.

The path is one of the priority projects in Council's Witternberg Reserve and Robinsons Park Master Plan. As well as the recently completed BBQ area and play space, Council is also completing a detailed design for a car park in the reserve to assist in seeking future funding.

The new shared path connection also aligns with Council's Integrated Transport Strategy, Connecting Communities, which supports delivering active transport connections to our public open spaces.

It's one of several shared user paths under way or in the pipeline in Frankston City. Others include:

- Dandenong Road East SUP (to be complete

by February 2024) — connecting existing paths at Cricklewood Avenue and Fletcher Road, providing a safe continuous link to Frankston Station. This is also an important link in a much longer cycling network connecting Melbourne to the Mornington Peninsula via Frankston.

- Kananook Creek Gardens path and board walk (completed in August 2023) — providing a continuous concrete pathway along the creek from Seaford Road to Station Street and enhancing access to the Seaford train station for commuters.

Once complete in May 2024, the new path will provide an important connection to the Peninsula Link Trail, which extends from Patterson Lakes and connects the EastLink and Baxter Trails and ends at Moorooduc. The route takes in wetlands, parklands, and natural bushlands.

The \$360,000 project is fully funded by Council.

For more information about the Witternberg Reserve and Robinsons Park Master Plan, please scan the QR code.



Charlie has fun on the slide at Witternberg Reserve.

New youth-designed space coming to Carrum Downs

You told us you wanted a more functional and diverse youth space where you could safely hang out with your friends — and now it's happening at Sandfield Reserve, Carrum Downs!

Work kicks off on 22 January and once complete in April/May, you can look forward to:

- New multi-sports court for basketball and netball;
- New rebound and climbing walls;
- New parkour equipment;
- Upgraded and new sections of the skate park;
- Seating, tables, and shelters;
- New paving and landscaping; and
- Integrated public art.

We hope it will be an inclusive space free from graffiti, vandalism, and anti-social behaviour.

Engagement activities to inform the youth space design were run in person and online as part of the Sandfield Reserve Master Plan development in 2021 and the Sandfield Reserve Precinct Revitalisation in 2023.

The youth space is stage one of the roll out of the \$4 million precinct revitalisation project funded by a tri-level partnership between Council, Victorian and Australian Governments.

Details about the remaining stages — an upgraded play space, new public toilets, and improvements to enhance safety and amenity — are expected to be available in early 2024.

Council has been advocating strongly for the project and is excited to see it come to fruition.



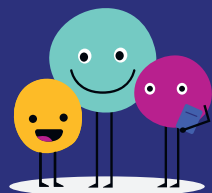
Families are relocating to Carrum Down for the lifestyle and services and this precinct revitalisation is another way Council is supporting the needs of this growing community.

But our support for the Carrum Downs community doesn't stop here — we recently completed a multi-sport court and district level play space at Carrum Downs Recreation Reserve, and just started work on a 149-space car park, traffic improvements and public toilets also in the reserve.

Not too far away at Lavender Hills Reserve we're building a new multi-sport court for netball, basketball, and handball, following requests from the community.

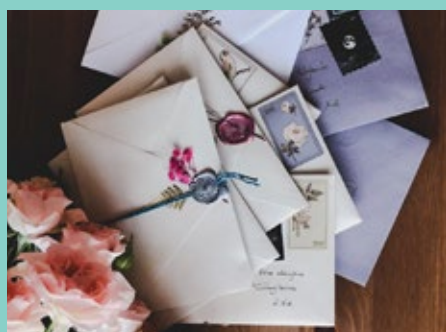
The \$800,000 youth space is supported by Council and the Victorian Government.

What's On



Frankston City Libraries What's on

Scan the QR code to
check the full list of
upcoming events



Workshop

The Art of the Love Letter

**Thursday 1 February, 6.30pm
Carrum Downs Library — FREE**

Letter writing is almost a lost art, but there is nothing more personal than a handwritten love letter. This workshop will teach the basics of letter writing and then add in the element of love or romance. We'll write a letter draft you can refine just in time for Valentine's Day.



Music

Joe Matera @ Late Night Library

**Thursday 8 February, 6.30pm
Carrum Downs Library — FREE**

Joe Matera will be joining us for an evening session as part of Late Night Libraries, performing an acoustic set, covering a wide range of genres and eras. Joe Matera is an Australian singer/songwriter, guitarist and author.



Workshop

Poetry Writing

**Monday 12 February, 5.30pm
Frankston Library — FREE**

This is a nuts and bolts writing workshop where you'll learn what poetry is, its literary devices, emotive nature, visual patterning and forms. We'll write a couple of short poems and share them with the group.



Workshop

Seed-Saving with Jaclyn Crupi

**Saturday 2 March, 11.00am
Frankston Library — FREE**

In this talk, Jaclyn shares their knowledge. She will explain how to save seeds from your own vegetable plants to use next season, germinate seeds, plant seedlings and protect them until they are laden with produce. This talk is to complement the launch of Frankston Library's Seed Library.

To book: library.frankston.vic.gov.au/whats_on or phone: 9784 1020

FRANKSTON ARTS CENTRE

DAYTIME MUSIC + THEATRE

TOM BURLINSON: NOW WE'RE SWINGIN'

Friday 2 February

10.30am & 1.30pm

Tickets: \$22-\$24

This dazzling salute to the masters of swing features a montage of swing classics from the likes of Tony Bennett, Sammy Davis Jr, and Nat King Cole through to the songs made famous by supercool swingers of the current era.



DANCING IN THE SHADOWS OF MOTOWN

Friday 9 February 8pm

Tickets: \$48-\$78,
Family (2Ad + 2Ch) \$240



THE PIANO MEN: THE SONGS OF ELTON JOHN & BILLY JOEL WITH SPECIAL GUESTS INVICTUS QUARTET

Saturday 17 February 7.30pm

Tickets: \$59-\$65

THE BLACK SORROWS IN CONCERT

Sunday 18 February 4pm

Tickets: \$64-\$69

The Black Sorrows are one of Australia's most prolific and enduringly popular bands, renowned for their high-energy live shows, musicianship and infectious, roots-soaked blues rock.



IAN MOSS RIVERS RUN DRY ACOUSTIC TOUR 2024

Friday 23 February 7.30pm

Tickets: \$75.85, VIP \$106.60



SOUTHERN SONS

Saturday 24 February 8pm

Tickets: \$75

Book at thefac.com.au or 03 9784 1060

A new chapter for Frankston Library

Frankston Library is scheduled to reopen early February 2024 following the completion of major upgrades.

Cr Sue Baker said the new look library will include a new service desk and the addition of a glass enclosure for an innovative book sorter.

“This builds on the successful improvements made last year, which featured new carpeting, enhanced shelving for the cherished library collection and a refreshed layout,” she said.

Libraries Manager Laura Antoniak said: “The addition of a state-of-the-art book sorter and a modern service desk brings a new level of efficiency and service to our community.

“This refurbishment not only enhances the library’s functionality but also elevates the overall experience for our patrons. We are excited to reopen the library doors in early February,” she said.

Library volunteer, Ineke, said she loved being part of the Home Library Service, adding: “It’s rewarding and a great way to give back.”

Frankston City Libraries will continue to offer services at a Pop-Up library in the Frankston Art Centre Foyer Tuesday,



Wednesday and Thursday, 10am–3pm until Frankston Library reopens. Patrons can also visit the Beach Library at the Visitor Information Centre. In addition, the community will be able to access library services at Carrum Downs and Seaford libraries to browse, borrow, speak to a librarian, use the public computers, print, scan and access the free WiFi, and the limited library collection at outreach locations. Services at other library locations including Carrum Downs and Seaford libraries, and the pop-up locations at Langwarrin Council Customer Service Shop, Frankston North Community Centre, Frankston South Community Centre and Karingal Place are unaffected.

For more information, please scan the QR code.



Win prizes by having your say!

Don’t miss out on the projects that interest you in 2024. We’re working on some big projects this year, and we need your feedback! We’ve got our **Community Vision 2040** review, a new **2024–2028 Council Plan and Budget**, and many other projects on the horizon — and we can’t do it without you!

Sign up to Engage Frankston to stay up to date on the latest projects and have your say on the things that matter to you.

If you sign up before 29 February, you’ll also go in the draw to win a double pass to one of three Frankston Arts Centre shows or one of four passes to Peninsula Aquatic Recreation Centre.

Scan the QR code and ‘join’ Engage Frankston for your chance to win!





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Have your say on the Frankston City Coastal and Marine Management Plan

Frankston City Council is proud to unveil the much-anticipated draft of our Coastal and Marine Management Plan, a testament to the collaborative efforts that have spanned the past two years.

This comprehensive plan, rooted in the invaluable feedback gathered from our vibrant community and stakeholders, is poised to protect and enhance the iconic Frankston and Seaford coastal and marine areas.

From the picturesque Olivers Hill to the serene Seaford North, the plan navigates six key precincts with actions listed for each area. South Ward Councillor Claire Harvey said: “This plan is a commitment to preserving our pristine coastline, embracing sustainable practices, and strengthening local resilience.”

In response to community feedback, the Draft Plan introduces strategic actions that echo the desires and concerns voiced throughout the consultation process.

For instance, prioritising pedestrian connectivity across coastal precincts underscores our commitment to creating accessible and safe pathways.

Council is dedicated to promoting low-impact, nature-based recreation, and tourism opportunities that celebrate our unique coastal environment.

Cr Harvey said: “We’re not just planning — we’re actively adapting to climate change, minimising development impacts and enhancing connectivity. This plan is a testament to our commitment to future generations.”

Actions listed throughout the Draft Plan highlight Council’s focus on sustainable development. Whether it’s the promotion of climate-resilient structures at Olivers Hill, advocating for safer access, or reviewing marine recreational zones, every action is a step toward a more vibrant and resilient coastal community.

Crucially, the plan explores universal access to the beach at Frankston Waterfront, emphasising inclusivity. “Everyone should have the opportunity to enjoy our beautiful coastline,” Cr Harvey said.



“This plan reflects our dedication to making that vision a reality.”

As we enter the final round of community engagement, we invite you to explore the Draft Plan, share your thoughts, and be part of shaping the future of Frankston’s coastal and marine areas. Together, we can ensure a sustainable, accessible, and thriving coastal community for generations to come.

To follow the Coastal Marine Management Plan project, please scan the QR code.



Nominations Open for 2024 Trim Your Bin Program



Frankston City Council is leading the charge towards sustainable waste management with its recently endorsed Waste Circularity Plan 2023–2030.

The eight-year plan aims to divert 80 per cent of waste to landfill by 2030, marking a pivotal shift toward a circular economy.

One of the initiatives to come out of the plan is the Trim Your Bin program, a collaborative effort with Mornington Peninsula Shire Council and the City of Casey. This innovative program

offers businesses in the Frankston, Mornington, and Casey regions an opportunity to measure and reduce commercial waste. Participants receive an onsite waste assessment, a tailored action plan, and ongoing support to foster sustainable practices.

Other Council initiatives in the Waste Circularity Plan include advanced waste processing, glass recycling, and improvements to the Food Organics and Garden Organics (FOGO) bin system.

This year, Council plans to implement a reusable nappy and sanitary product rebate program and invest in repair and repurposing skill-building programs. More recently, Council engaged the community through waste circularity events like the Garage Sale Trail, National Recycling Week and our seasonal low waste decoration making workshops.

Nominations for the Trim Your Bin program close soon, so scan the QR code below to register your interest.

If you don’t have a business, but you’re keen to Trim Your Bin at home, search ‘5 easy steps to reduce waste’ on our website frankston.vic.gov.au

Honouring Coralie Davies



Environmental warrior Coralie Davies has been honoured by Frankston City Council.

Cr Claire Harvey presented a Letter under Seal to Coralie’s husband, Bruce, and son, Will, to honour and recognise her contribution to the local community and natural environment posthumously.

Cr Harvey said: “Coralie was, quite literally, an environmental warrior. She was effervescent, energetic and inclusive, making everyone feel valued by creating a welcoming, warm and nurturing culture in all the groups that she supported. And of those there were many!”

Cr Harvey said Coralie poured her energy, time and talents into a remarkable number of groups including, Mount Eliza Association for Environmental Care, Gardens for Wildlife, Frankston Beach Association, Peninsula Field Naturalists, Kananook Creek Association, The Frankston Environmental Friends Network, The Friends of Williams Road Beach, The Friends of Baden Powell Bushland Reserve, Friends of Edithvale-Seaford Wetlands, AWARE Wildlife Rescue and The Baden Powell Park Scouts Green Group.

Cr Harvey added: “Coralie loved learning and sharing her wonder for the natural world freely and with patience. She was extremely intelligent, knowledgeable and caring with a great sense of humour.”



Coralie Davies

Lioness of the Environment honoured

Long-serving Frankston Beach Association (FBA) member and passionate Frankston environmentalist, Kath Hassell, has been honoured.

Family, friends and environmentalists gathered for the unveiling of a commemorative plaque honouring Kath on artist Bruce Armstrong’s Sentinel sculpture near Cliff Rd, Frankston.

Frankston Environmental Friends Network President David Cross lauded Kath as a leading worker in the preservation of the natural environment, adding: “She set an unequalled standard in conserving Australia’s coastal environment and she was greatly admired by all who knew of her outstanding work.”

Kath’s daughter, Jennifer Hassell, reflected on the Sentinel bird sculpture, adding: “While I think of this as mum’s bird this bird, the Sentinel is about all of us — about community and the love of nature and a reminder of what we need to do to protect this.

“We love the way the bird looks out across the foreshore and beach and on towards the creek — where you have all worked so hard.”

FBA Secretary Joan Cavanagh said: “We are grateful for Council’s installation of a memorial plaque in memory of lifetime environmentalist, dear friend and FBA member, Kath Hassell. Our thanks to Council for their recognition of those who have contributed to protecting and preserving the environment.”

Kath, who was in her 90s when she passed in 2021, was once described as a “Lioness of the Environment”. A remarkable woman, Kath worked tirelessly with FBA over four decades to ensure the preservation of her beloved Frankston Beach and Olivers Hill.



Kath Hassell.



Adele Pignolet with Kath Hassell's daughters, Jennifer and Liz, and FBA Secretary Joan Cavanagh at the Sentinel.

Aside from receiving the Order of Australia Medal in the 2017 Queens Birthday Honours List, Kath was also honoured locally when in 2000 she was recognised as Frankston City’s Citizen of the Year Award.

She was also honoured with awards including, Outstanding Individual Achievement Award (Victorian Coastal Awards for Excellence) 2013; Dame Phyllis Frost Award (Keep Australia Beautiful Awards) 2011; and Frankston City’s Environmental Pioneers Award 2000.

Attendees at the plaque unveiling included prominent environmentalist Jenny Warfe, Cr Claire Harvey, former Mayor Glenn Aitken and Adele Pignolet (daughter of late environmentalist Pat Bentley).

Help stop tree theft

Council has an ambitious plan to plant 80,000 new trees by the end of 2024-25, helping to keep our city cooler, greener and support biodiversity.

We’re already half-way towards that target, but we need your help.

Council is currently investigating several incidents involving the theft and vandalism of newly planted trees, particularly in the Ballam Park area.

It’s an offence under Council Local Law to damage or remove street and park trees and Council is working with Victoria Police to identify those responsible.

If you see any suspicious behaviour, please report it to the Police Assistance Line on 131 444, or Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.

Council will replace damaged and stolen trees when weather conditions are cooler and more appropriate for planting.

In the meantime, thank you to everyone for steering clear of newly planted trees, allowing them to become established and make our city even more beautiful.

Healthy Futures Hub: Where health, community and opportunity meet

Have you visited the new Healthy Futures Hub? Seaford is now home to a new health and wellbeing destination, bringing together a variety of health professionals under one roof for a truly integrated approach to health care regardless of age or ability.

The opening of the Hub is monumental for Frankston City, further cementing us as a health and wellbeing hub for the southeast. Project partners have worked collaboratively to open this world-class facility to benefit the whole community.

With physios, dentists, occupational therapists, personal trainers, and NDIS providers all based at the hub, locals and visitors can access a wide range of services to support their physical, mental, and emotional wellbeing. We catch up with a few of our providers to learn why they're proud to call the Healthy Futures Hub home.

Wallara

Local NDIS provider Wallara operates a social enterprise café at the Healthy Futures Hub that offers employment opportunities to participants. CEO Phil Hayes-Brown said the café "serves as more than just a place for dining; it's a welcoming and inclusive space that promotes awareness of disability in the community".

Mr Hayes-Brown added that employment brings purpose and financial independence to individuals, including those with disabilities, who, like everyone else, seek opportunities to develop skills and earn income for a better quality of life.

"I look forward to the community engaging with the café, interacting with clients, and fostering social change one cup of coffee at a time," he said.



Belvedere Community Centre

Belvedere Community Centre, a long-standing Frankston organisation, joins the Healthy Futures Hub to provide low cost community activities and adult education programs. Belvedere Community Centre Manager Meredith MacKenzie (pictured) said this partnership will offer convenient access to holistic health services and foster collaboration among service providers, enhancing community wellbeing and connection.

"Our service strengthens community spirit, pride and connection. We combat social isolation and loneliness by being accessible, non-threatening and inclusive spaces that welcome people from all walks of life, regardless of age, gender, ability or economic status."



Monash University

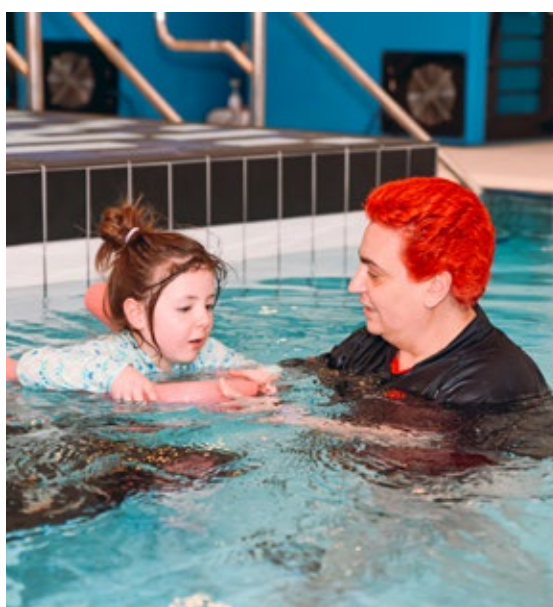
Monash University has partnered with the Healthy Futures Hub to offer education and training for health professionals through its Faculty of Medicine, Nursing, and Health Sciences.

This initiative aims to improve patient care and promote healthy lifestyles by providing access to the latest research and knowledge. Monash is committed to enhancing community health outcomes through research collaboration and the development of innovative health solutions, emphasising the importance of working together to benefit everyone in the community.

Associate Professor Libby Callaway said partnership is key to a truly multi-disciplinary approach: "Parents attending the Belvedere Community Centre playgroups can now easily access swimming lessons (run by PhysiPro) for their children at the same site and vice versa.

"We've also seen a true integration of our services, with Monash University Occupational Therapy Students undertaking fieldwork and research projects addressing real community issues through hub partners such as Guide Dogs Victoria, Wallara and Everyday Independence."

The Healthy Futures Hub is located at 151 East Rd, Seaford. For more information, scan the QR code.



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Host a party this Neighbour Day!

Neighbour Day will be celebrated on Sunday, 31 March 2024.

It's Australia's annual celebration of community, encouraging people to connect with those who live in their neighbourhood.

Frankston City Council is offering fifteen \$140 Woolworths vouchers to assist in hosting a Neighbour Day event in 2024.

Five lucky winners will also receive a life-sized street sign to be used for their Neighbour Day celebrations.

Whether it be through a cuppa or street party, helping an older person down the road or baking for your new neighbour, it is the perfect day to show appreciation for those who live near us.

For more information, please scan the QR code.



Volunteering session

A volunteering information session will be run by Volunteering Victoria at Frankston on 26 February from 10.30–11.30am (room advised on RSVP).

Topics covered include health and wellbeing benefits, active ageing and social connectedness and more. Information for Council Volunteer Opportunities will also be available following the session.

RSVP essential via phone 9768 1407 or email impactvol@frankston.vic.gov.au by midday, Monday 19 February.

