

Frankston City **FIRST**



2026 State Election Advocacy Priorities



Council's role in advocacy

At Frankston City Council, we are committed to delivering the best outcomes for our community.

As we approach the 2026 State Election, we are looking to work in partnership to bring key local initiatives to life. These projects have been identified through extensive engagement, ensuring they reflect the needs of our community.

With the current challenging financial environment, collaboration between all levels of government is no longer optional—it's essential. By working together, we look to secure much-needed funding, and build a stronger, more vibrant Frankston City.

It's time to put Frankston City first. Together, these projects represent more than \$21 million in potential State Government partnership opportunities, delivering a total state investment of over \$48 million in community infrastructure and services across Frankston City. They form a suite of ready-to-deliver initiatives that would provide immediate benefits for local communities.

How the community can help

While Council is advocating directly with candidates on these priorities, the community can also play a role by raising these priorities directly with your local candidates. For more information, scan this QR code.



A bipartisan Council

Council takes pride in our strong bipartisan approach to working with Members of Parliament and political candidates, with the following documents underpinning our solid framework for collaboration:

- Election Signs and Events Policy
- Working with Members of Parliament and Political Candidates Protocol
- Councillor Candidature Policy

A new pavilion for Bruce Park

Project cost: \$10M
State Government ask: \$1.75M

We want to see football (AFL), cricket and tennis thrive at Bruce Park, with a brand-new purpose-built facility for the 1,000 current participants across four clubs and the almost 19,000 locals residing within the local area.

After three decades, the sporting pavilion needs an uplift to accommodate growing participation, especially for young girls and women taking up tennis, football and cricket in rapidly increasing numbers. The current pavilion is limiting clubs' ability to provide a safe and fit-for-purpose facility for participation among girls, with facilities built with only male footballers in mind.

What will be delivered

A two-storey building catering to all three sports now and into the future, providing a multipurpose, female-friendly and accessible pavilion. This includes public amenities for other reserve users.

Council has already committed \$3.33 million funding through its Long Term Infrastructure Plan, while the Federal Government has also committed \$5 million toward the \$10 million project.

Did you know?

Bruce Park is home to four sports clubs — Frankston Rovers Junior Football Club, Heatherhill Football Club, Heatherhill Cricket Club and Bruce Park Tennis Club. Together these clubs have more than 1000 members, and support a local catchment area of 19,000 residents.





Refurbishing Len Phelps Pavilion in Carrum Downs

Project cost: \$6.5M
State Government ask: \$2M

Located in Carrum Downs Recreation Reserve, the pavilion services three football ovals, one synthetic soccer field, two cricket pitches, four multi-use tennis and netball courts for participants from Skye Football Netball Club, Carrum Downs Cricket Club, Carrum Downs Junior Football Club and Carrum Downs Tennis Club. Together these clubs boast more than 580 members.

The refurbishment is the final project in a series of major capital improvements including a new regional-level play space, multi-purpose courts, car park and public toilets.

What will be delivered

New and expansive function room, kitchen and bar, accessible public toilets, two change rooms including toilets and shower, umpires change room and fit-for-purpose storage room.

Council has already committed \$2 million funding through its Long Term Infrastructure Plan, while the Federal Government has also committed \$2.5 million toward the \$6.5 million project.

Did you know?

This upgrade will support a growing population of nearly 35,000 across Sandhurst, Skye and Carrum Downs!



Langwarrin Men's Shed extension

Project cost: \$400,000
State Government ask: \$200,000

People of all ages and abilities from across Frankston City and neighbouring areas visit this vibrant community hub each week to connect with others, learn new skills and participate in range of activities that support physical and emotional wellbeing.

The membership base is now seven times the size of what it was in 2015 and includes people with disabilities who also require additional space for carers and to support accessibility for wheelchairs.

With growing membership and large equipment and materials always in use, the expansion will provide much-needed space for users at this community gem to spread out safely all-year round.

What will be delivered

Extension of the existing building in Cranbourne-Frankston Road (over the existing concrete pad).

Did you know?

Langwarrin Men's Shed offers a broad range of activities from woodwork, painting, cooking, IT, and even a Women in Workshops program! They also have regular guest speakers on topics relating to men's health and well being. Find out more: langwarrinmensshed.org.au



Connecting our neighbourhoods

Project cost: \$11.73M
State Government ask: \$5.85M

We have a significant opportunity to strengthen connections within Frankston City and its neighbouring municipalities by enhancing our walking and cycling network. By closing the missing links between existing paths and improving connections between key suburbs, we can create a more accessible and cohesive region.

In addition to supporting community health outcomes, strengthening social connections and easing traffic congestion and car parking pressure, these projects will boost tourism and stimulate economic growth.

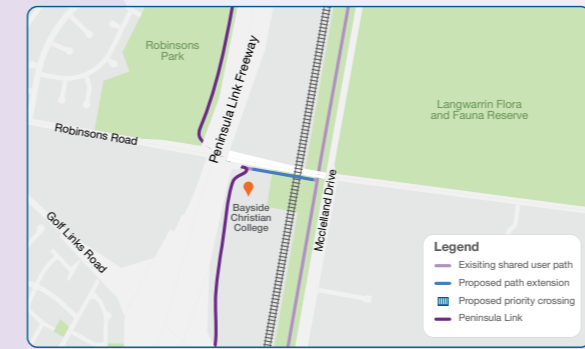
Council has already committed \$5.85M million funding through its Long Term Infrastructure Plan.

Did you know?

Frankston City is one of the most car-dependent cities in Melbourne with 92,000 car trips of under 3km per day. Creating more walkable neighbourhoods and a greater cycling network will help the city grow more sustainability and protect the liveability that makes Frankston great.

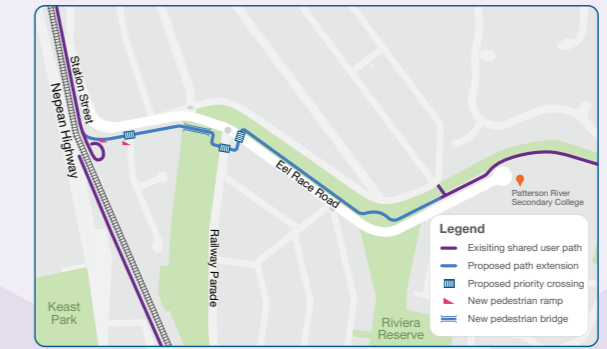
Robinsons Road, Langwarrin

Connect Baxter Trail to the Peninsula Link trail along Robinsons Road, creating safer journeys for local students (Bayside Christian College has more than 500 students), and enabling greater visitor journeys. (seeking \$1.25 million towards a total project cost of \$2.5 million).



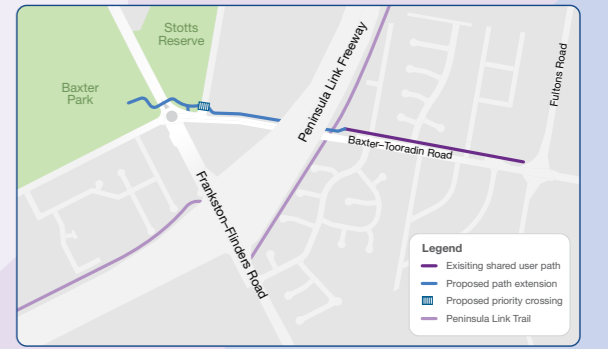
Eel Race Road, Seaford

Upgrade and extend the Eel Race Road path from Station Street to Patterson River Secondary College, providing safer journeys for 1200 students while connecting Frankston City and the City of Kingston. (seeking \$1.8 million towards a total project cost of \$3.63 million).



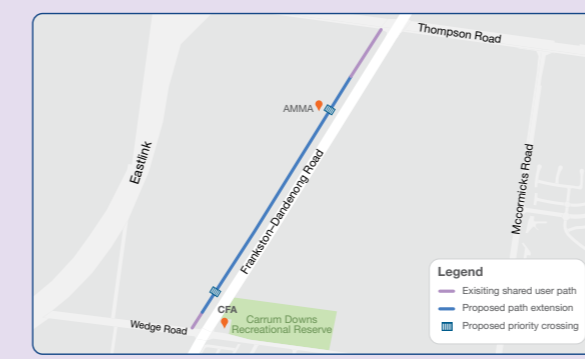
Baxter-Tooradin Road, Baxter

Connect Baxter Park Recreation Reserve to the Peninsula Link Trail along Baxter-Tooradin Road, linking the busy Baxter Park Recreation Reserve, home to sports clubs with more than 1200 members, with the Peninsula Link Trail, a major shared path spine connecting Melbourne to the Mornington Peninsula. (seeking 750,000 towards a total project cost of \$1.5 million).



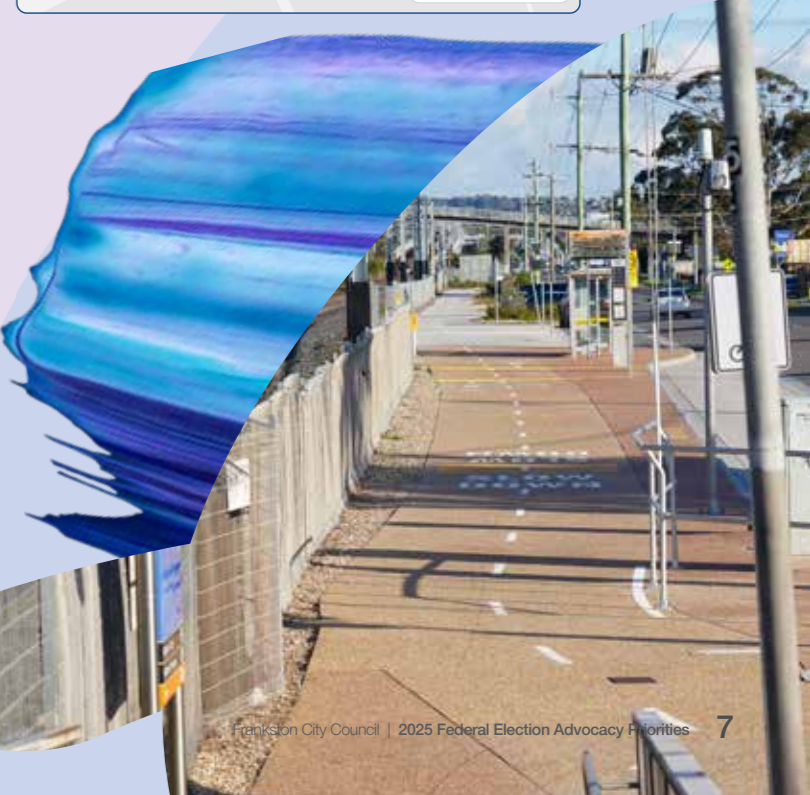
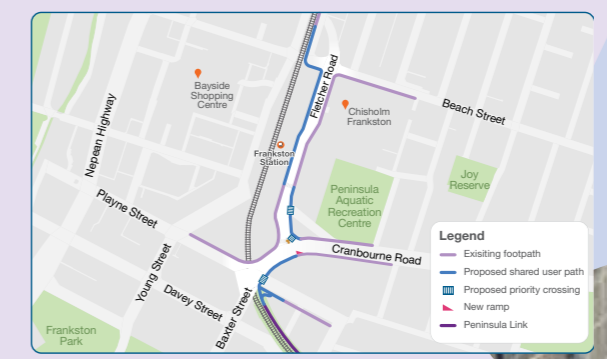
Frankston-Dandenong Road, Carrum Downs

Construct a new path along Frankston-Dandenong Road from Boundary Road to Thompsons Road, servicing two places of worship, the industrial precinct along Boundary Road, Carrum Downs Recreation Reserve as well as the residential precinct south of Wedge Road. (seeking \$800,000 towards a total project cost of \$1.6 million).



Fletcher Road, Frankston

Construct a new path along Fletcher Road from Beach Street to Baxter Trail, connecting the centre of Frankston and Monash University (4000 students), Chisholm TAFE (12,000 students) and the new 12-storey Peninsula University Hospital. (seeking \$1.25 million towards a total project cost of \$2.5 million).



Reducing rough sleeping — Frankston Zero

State Government ask: \$2.5M over five years

Access to safe, secure, and affordable housing is a basic human right, yet the number of people sleeping rough in Frankston City is at a four-year high.

Established in 2021, Frankston Zero is a coordinated local response to rising rough sleeping. It brings services together to identify people sleeping rough early and provide coordinated support until safe and stable housing is achieved. A shared By Name List ensures people are known to services, not overlooked and supported through clear pathways into housing.

What will be delivered

Funding will support additional Frankston-dedicated resources to expand outreach for early engagement, coordinate support services, manage the By Name List, and strengthen pathways into housing.

Did you know?

Homelessness is commonly driven by financial hardship, family and domestic violence, and housing stress. In May 2026, 59 people were sleeping rough in Frankston City, the highest number in four years.

Ongoing Community Connectors in Young Street and Frankston Station

Project cost: \$1.5M

State Government ask: \$750,000

Launched in 2024 as part of our Young Street Action Plan, Council has partnered with Metro Trains Melbourne to fund the Community Connectors program, which is delivered by South East Community Links.

The program has helped to establish a safe and welcoming arrival to Frankston's city centre, while providing support to our most vulnerable where they most need it.

Rather than taking a punitive approach, the initiative uses mental health and social support practitioners to connect those facing complex challenges with services they need, while assisting businesses, community members and passengers who frequent the precinct.

What will be delivered

Through a partnership with the Victorian Government, we can ensure ongoing funding for staff for this important service supporting our most vulnerable where and when they need it, while increasing public safety in the city centre.

Did you know?

- Crime in Young Street (disorderly conduct) has dropped by 15 per cent from last year.
- In addition, in 2025 our Community Connectors:
 - Engaged with 1,700 people including:
 - » 700+ engagements where mental health was a concern
 - » 550+ involving alcohol and other drugs
 - » Nearly 600 involving homelessness or at-risk behaviour
 - Provided 200+ referrals into services to get people the help they need
 - Undertook 500+ early interventions — spotting trouble before it started
 - De-escalated nearly 200 high-risk situations using expertise and skill, often alongside partners including Frankston City Council and local police

Better presented city gateways and roads

Estimated investment needed: \$2M and ongoing maintenance

One message we keep hearing loud and clear from our community is this: State-managed roads, gateways and transport assets we all rely on need better maintenance and attention. Not just for safety — but for pride, for first impressions and for the everyday experience of living, working, and moving through Frankston City.

When our major roads and entry points look cared for, our whole city feels more welcoming. It signals momentum. It reflects who we are and who we're becoming.

What could be delivered

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

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

Did you know?

Almost 60,000 vehicles arrive into Frankston via the freeway each day, meaning investment is urgently needed to restore this important entry point to the presentation standards our community expects.



Revitalising Monterey Reserve

Project cost: \$6M
State Government ask: \$2M

Monterey Reserve is a well-loved outdoor destination in Frankston North and we want to see it transformed into a thriving community space for people of all ages through a major precinct revitalisation.

The proposed upgrade is part of the Monterey Reserve Master Plan, adopted by Council in 2023 following extensive consultation with the local community.

What will be delivered

- Upgraded youth space and play space (including the sound shell) for families of all ages to enjoy
- A new multi-generational space offering exercise opportunities for our senior residents
- Upgraded picnic area and car park
- Improved soccer social and spectator areas
- Water sensitive urban design and greening elements, bringing the area back to nature
- Upgraded paths and new sustainable pathway lighting
- Public toilet with a Changing Places facility

Council will match the State Government's contribution to this project, and is also seeking \$2 million from the Federal Government towards a total project value of \$6 million.



A district-level play space for Langwarrin

Project cost: \$4.4M
State Government ask: \$2.2M

Lloyd Park in Langwarrin is one of Frankston City's most popular reserves, offering a range of active and passive recreational opportunities. It has been identified as the most feasible location for a district-level play space in Langwarrin (recognised as a gap in the area in Council's Play Strategy).

What will be delivered

Final designs are still being developed, however the play space could include a range of experiences such as a multicourt, nature play areas, hillside play and spectator spaces, fitness equipment, picnic and BBQ facilities.

Did you know?

Langwarrin has one of the highest population-to-play space ratios in Frankston City (one play space per 1152 people, compared with 884 in Seaford), while almost 20 per cent of households in Langwarrin have young children, higher than the average for Frankston City.

Baxter Park multi-sports and entry safety upgrades

Project cost: \$3.6M
State Government ask: \$1.8M

Baxter Park is a popular district-level reserve, providing a range of formal and informal recreation opportunities including a series of walking tracks in a natural reserve, quality remnant vegetation, native fauna, playing fields for junior and senior soccer, AFL, tennis courts, cricket ovals, netball courts, archery, equestrian facilities, public toilets, playground and a dog free roam area.

A site master plan endorsed by Council following community feedback in 2023 seeks to guide important upgrades for the reserve, but to proceed, essential access upgrades are first required.

What will be delivered

The park's entry will be upgraded with critical safety and accessibility improvements.

New multi-use courts that will accommodate tennis, netball, futsal and pickleball, while also improving accessibility through compliant court layouts, upgraded playing surfaces and supporting infrastructure.

What we need

Council is seeking a \$1.8 million contribution from the Victorian Government to support delivery of stage one of the master plan.

Did you know?

Baxter Park extends across 59 hectares and is home to one of the largest collections of recreation activities in the municipality including football (AFL), cricket, soccer, netball, archery, and equestrian sports. Together these clubs have more than 1200 members participating at the reserve.



About Frankston City

Frankston City falls under three State Government electorates — Frankston, Carrum, and Hastings.

Located on the eastern shores of Port Phillip Bay, Frankston City is recognised for its natural reserves, vibrant lifestyle, diverse community and growing business, arts, education and health sectors.

Home to 142, 826 residents, expected to grow to 162,000 by 2041, Frankston City is strategically placed as the regional centre for the Mornington Peninsula and south east Melbourne region.

Acknowledgement of Country

Frankston City Council respectfully acknowledges the traditional owners, the Bunurong people, as the custodians of this land. We pay respect to all Aboriginal community Elders, past and present, who have resided in the area and have been an integral part of the history of the region.



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