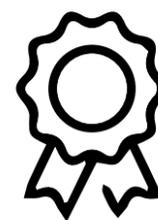


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Congratulations to:
 Anne Clare
 Glenn Cooper
 Andrew Maling
 Hannah Swinnerton
 Local 2 Community

Volunteer of the Year Awards recognise local community heroes

Council has honoured the Volunteer of the Year Award recipients for 2021 — announced during an online ceremony on Tuesday 12 October.

Recipients Anne Clare, Glenn Cooper, Andrew Maling, Hannah Swinnerton and local charity, Local 2 Community, were all acknowledged for their selfless commitment to the Frankston City community.

The online event was attended by Mayor Kris Bolam, Council CEO Phil Cantillon, the Federal Member for

Dunkley, Peta Murphy MP, and the State Member for Frankston, Paul Edbrooke MP.

Mayor Bolam said the awards are a wonderful way for Council and community members to acknowledge volunteer contributions.

“Our volunteers give so much of their time, their passion and their dedication to helping others and to making sure our community is the very best it can be. We would be lost without their hard work and selflessness,” the Mayor said.

“Council is fortunate enough to be home to 436 volunteers, who support the delivery of key Council programs, giving 55,808 hours of their own time and contributing \$1.4 million worth of value as in-kind support.”

Ms Murphy said: “We thank those terrific individuals and organisations who go above and beyond to support our community, in particular over the past 18 months.”

Mr Edbrooke said: “I am humbled to celebrate our local volunteer champions who have stepped up

when our community needs them. “Our community punches well above its weight when people need help and it’s our volunteers who are on the front line so it entirely appropriate that we acknowledge these modest community champions. Congratulations to all our Frankston winners, you thoroughly deserve this award,” Mr Edbrooke said.

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Mayor's message

COVID update

It has been fantastic to see our community come alive upon our emergence from the most recent lockdown. At the time of publication, an incredible 92.3 per cent of Frankston City residents had their first jab, with 84 per cent double dosed. This has been an extraordinary effort between Council, Peninsula Health, other health stakeholders and both the state and federal government to encourage and educate regarding vaccination but most of all an incredible effort from our community to protect their neighbours and to help struggling businesses to reopen. Anyone who is yet to book their first jab can do so at the Community Vaccination Hub at Bayside Shopping Centre. The more people vaccinated, the more safe and resilient Frankston will be against future outbreaks of COVID.

Busy Council

As I have previously reported, Council has had an enormous year of decision making in 2021. The past six months alone have seen many important new projects and plans get off the ground and Council has resolved a number of important decisions. This includes:

- Councillors recently approved a planning application for an \$86 million residential estate for 135 homes to be developed on Pagett Road.
- A permit has been issued for the \$46.4 million Sandford housing estate on Brunnings Road, Carrum Downs. This development will include the construction of 162 new homes.
- The \$82 million nine storey residential apartment building, at 1-2 Plowman Place, Frankston is close to construction commencement.

- A new Domestic Animal Management Plan, which has overturned historic bans of dogs in our city centre and provided for a dog beach in Seaford. Council also increased the rebate for those that train their dogs through accredited obedience trainers from 10% to 50%.
- Council undertaking a comprehensive review of all industrial precincts throughout the municipality to investigate strengthening existing industrial sites and potentially unlock new industrial sites.
- A new Procurement Policy which adds a new 10% weighing for businesses that are local or possess social and sustainable practices.
- Waivers for sporting clubs and community centres to assist with the impacts from the recent lockdowns.
- New committees – such as the Foreshore Advisory Committee, Tourism Committee and Sport and Recreation Advisory Committee – and new networks – such as the Gender Equality Network, CALD Network and LGBTIQ+ Network – to ensure Council is sufficiently engaged.
- Extension of the outdoor dining parklets, designed to support local hospitality and alfresco dining businesses, to 30 June 2022.
- The transformation of the former St Kilda FC facility in Seaford to become a holistic hub for sport, health and wellbeing. Council provided in-principle support for this proposal in September and will make a final decision on the facility in December.
- New 'After Dark Activation Grants' to entice businesses to engage in festive activities to encourage the public to shop and frequent our city centres from dusk.



- Adoption of the Frankston City Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP), and the formation of a new advisory committee, to ensure collaboration with Indigenous residents and organisations. See page 5 for more information.
- Stage 2 of the \$67.6 million Chisholm Institute redevelopment has begun.
- The creation of the Frankston Business and Industry Chamber and the Frankston Job Seeker Alliance which will provide support and upskilling for both job creators and job seekers alike.
- The demolition of three structures at 8, 10 and 12 Davey Street was approved at the 15 November Council Meeting. Council is also assessing a \$90 million application to develop this land into two towers comprising apartments, commercial uses and a residential hotel.
- Council resolved to give formal in-principle support for the \$58 million Vicinity Balmoral Walk eight level office building development adjoining the Bayside Shopping Centre at the 15 November Council Meeting.

Message from the CEO

It's wonderful to see Metro Melbourne finally coming back to life since lockdown ended and we were particularly thrilled to be reopening Council's services and public spaces to our community once again.

I have also been incredibly proud of Council's response, not only to the pandemic but to a number of extreme weather events — even an earthquake — in the past few months. A big thank you to our dedicated Emergency Management and Relief and Recovery Teams who jumped into action to support the community following the recent wind storm in particular, with around 800 households affected in some way. The quickly established

Emergency Management Drop In Centre and swift response from our Customer Service Team and Recovery Call Centre should be praised and thank you to residents who also stepped up to support each other. I would also like to thank PARC and Pines Aquatic Centre for opening their doors to residents without power many days later and to community groups such as Community Support Frankston for their emergency relief efforts. Congratulations to all staff involved in delivering our first Frankston City Stakeholder Group. The online event, held in October, was attended by close to 50 participants, including representatives from a diverse range of community groups. Council presented



briefly on our Advocacy Priorities, Council Plan and Engage Frankston! platform. We were also lucky to have local resident, ABC reporter and author, Paul Kennedy as well as social welfare advocate and resident, Rev Tim Costello, present their thoughts and ideas on how our community can work together to achieve great outcomes. An example of excellent team work and enormous effort, which sets a high standard for similar future events.

Our Community

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Council launches Positive Ageing Action Plan 2021-2025

Frankston City is set to become a healthier and more liveable city for older residents, with the launch of Council's Positive Ageing Action Plan 2021-2025. Locals aged 60 years and older are Frankston City's fastest growing demographic, representing approximately 21 per cent of the municipality's total population or 28,012 people. This is expected to grow to 24 per cent of the local population by 2026.

The Plan will determine how Council will deliver its services, programs and infrastructure over the next four years, with a focus on promoting connection, supportiveness and engagement for locals 60 and older. The Plan will also inform Council's infrastructure and services priorities, to ensure older people feel safe and included, enjoy good

health and stay involved in their communities.

North East Ward Cr Suzette Tayler said: "Across the world, people are living longer, resulting in a change in the make-up of our communities.

Ageing well is about more than just our genes or personal characteristics. Our physical and social environment has a huge impact on our quality of life."

Cr Tayler added: "That means Council and the community as a whole has a responsibility to ensure residents are able to continue participating in local community affairs and engaging in the kinds of activities that enhance physical and mental health throughout their lives." Reducing age-related barriers that stop older people from participating in community life

and prevent the wider community from enjoying the benefits of their contribution is also a focus of the Plan.

Council's *Positive Ageing Action Plan 2021-2025* includes, transportation, housing, social participation, outdoor spaces and buildings, community support and health services, communication and information, respect and social inclusion, civil participation and employment.

"Helping older people remain active and engaged is fundamental for happiness and fulfilment later in life that everyone has the right to expect," Cr Tayler said.

To view Council's Positive Ageing Action Plan 2021-2025, visit: frankston.vic.gov.au/PositiveAgeingActionPlan



Pathway for Carers Program

The Frankston City Pathways for Carers program is a monthly gathering of local carers, aimed at improving their health, wellbeing and supportive connections.

The group meets on the second Thursday of each month, 9.30–11am for a gentle stroll in nature (or pending COVID restrictions will meet online). Meetings are a chance to chat, receive peer support and build friendships. Each catch up includes a FREE morning tea and a guest speaker, to empower participants with information about supports and resources available to them in the community.

For more information about the Frankston City Pathways for Carers program or Council's Disability Action Plan 2021-2025, phone: 1300 322 322 or email: disability@frankston.vic.gov.au

Friday 3 December is International Day of People with Disability.



BIG Summer Read

Join. Borrow. Play. Win!

The #BigSummerRead starts Wednesday 1 December 2021 and registration is now open.

Summer is the perfect time for children to indulge in books and stories and read for pleasure.

This is where we come in!

Join the BIG Summer Read at Frankston City Libraries to complete challenges, earn badges, win weekly prizes and to go in to the draw to win a iPad Mini, proudly supplied by Lions Club Frankston.

To get started, visit Frankston City Libraries or check out the Frankston City Libraries BIG Summer Read page: library.frankston.vic.gov.au/BSR

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Artwork featured in the COVID Hero scrolls – honouring those who did us proud during these challenging times – courtesy of Melbourne's Murals

Frankston City honours our COVID-19 heroes

Council is honouring Frankston City's selfless heroes who did us proud during the COVID-19 pandemic. Mayor Kris Bolam said more than 60 organisations, which have supported our community throughout the pandemic, will receive COVID Hero scrolls to honour their contribution, including healthcare organisations, local charities, not-for-profits and more.

In addition to the scrolls, COVID Hero flags will fly in prominent locations across Frankston City including the Civic Centre, Frankston Arts Centre and Peninsula Aquatic Recreation Centre.

Mayor Bolam said: "The past 18 months is a period that none of us will ever forget – a global pandemic, restrictions, lockdowns and significant economic consequences.

But in Frankston City there's been a shining light – our compassionate and ever reliable COVID Heroes.

"Through it all our COVID Heroes have been like a beacon of hope and inspiration, providing vital support when our community needed it most. Our COVID heroes went 'above and beyond' in exceptionally difficult circumstances, giving Frankston City residents a remarkable example of the true meaning of community spirit," the Mayor said.

The flags and scrolls feature the iconic COVID tribute created by prominent street artists Brigitte Dawson and Melissa Turner from Melbourne's Murals. For the full story, visit: frankston.vic.gov.au/COVIDHeroes For available Council supports, visit: frankston.vic.gov.au/COVID



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More CCTV to ensure safe and welcoming community

Council has invested in an extensive CCTV camera network of more than 200 cameras strategically situated across the Frankston municipality, with the vast majority providing a live feed to Frankston Police Station.

Mayor Bolam said: "There has been a significant increase in CCTV over the last two years with an estimated overall 20 per cent increase in cameras across Frankston City. Council's Community Safety Team works closely with local Police to identify sites for the new cameras, based on the location of incidents the police have had to attend.

"The CCTV program has assisted Victoria Police in responding to crime and

improved safety and security," Mayor Bolam said.

CCTV coverage includes Nepean Highway, Frankston, from Davey Street to Fletcher Road and the Seaford waterfront area. Council's CCTV program has been supported by State and Federal Government via grant programs.

Other recent safety initiatives include changes to the Community Local Law to ensure it is more community focused, and increasing patrols by Community Safety officers on the City's beaches over summer. For more information on community safety, visit: frankston.vic.gov.au/CommunitySafety

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16 days dedicated to ending gender-based violence

Council is again proud to join Respect Victoria and Domestic Violence Victoria in recognising 16 Days of Activism (16DoA), with the theme: 'Respect is...' Council will be hosting a variety of FREE engagement activities to promote Frankston City as a safe and inclusive community.

FrankTALK with Jess Hill

29 November, online, bookings essential

Tune in to a live Zoom with one of Australia's leading investigative journalists and writer of SBS docuseries *See What You Made Me Do*. Bookings opening soon.

Something for the bookworms

Our wonderful Frankston City Libraries staff has also handpicked a selection of 16DoA inspired titles, exploring the issue of gender equality, activism and gender based violence suitable for all age groups.

Local Business Champions Kits

Supporting local businesses to participate in 16 Days of Activism with a promotional tool kit, including coffee stamps, window decals and flyers to help spread the message. To register your business or for more information please email: business@frankston.vic.gov.au

Love Shouldn't Hurt community presentation (women-only event)

30 November, 10-10.45am, online, FREE, bookings essential

15 minute presentation followed by Q&A. Join us to listen to experts from the Peninsula Community Legal Centre talk about gender-based violence in relationships and what to look out for when your relationship doesn't feel right. To book, please phone Karingal PLACE Neighbourhood Centre: 8786 6650. Bookings open Monday 25 October and close Friday 19 November 2021.

Walking 16 K's in 16 Days - Steps for Respect

Respecting Seniors Network in partnership with Zonta Melbourne South East and Zonta Mornington Peninsula want you to walk at least 16 K's in 16 Days, to raise awareness

16DoA begins on the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women (25 November) and ends on International Human Rights Day (10 December). If you would like to help us prepare or deliver meals, we'd love to hear from you. Please contact our Volunteer Officer on 9768 1624.

#16DoA #Frankston16DoA

for older victims of family violence. Log your steps on an online 'community pedometer' and make use of the selfie frames installed along popular walking routes.

#CookingWithOrange

All members of the community are invited to create a dish or drink with orange as the key colour or ingredient, share the image on Facebook and tag: [FrankstonSouthCommunityCentre](https://www.facebook.com/FrankstonSouthCommunityCentre) Why the colour orange? As a bright and optimistic colour, orange represents hope and a future free from violence against women and girls.

#ColourMeOrange

Young people aged 15-24 are invited to show their support by creating and sharing their 'Respect Is...' themed art or craft and incorporating the colour orange. Our Youth Services team has an amazing pack of craft supplies ready and

waiting for you. Phone Senior Youth Worker, Kellie to have your pack delivered, phone: 0488 591 421

Not feeling very 'crafty'? You can simply take a pic of an orange object or someone wearing orange.

Local sport goes orange for a good cause

Council will support local sporting clubs to participate in raising awareness by hosting dedicated '16 Days of Activism Rounds' and encouraging players and supporters to wear orange on game days during the campaign period.

Also, keep an eye on the Frankston Arts Centre

16 DoA messaging will be projected onto the Frankston Arts Centre for the duration of the campaign.

To get involved in a 16DoA event, visit: frankston.vic.gov.au/16DoA

Working towards Reconciliation

Council adopted the updated Reconciliation Action Plan 2020-2022 at its 20 September Council Meeting.

Mayor Kris Bolam said: "Council is committed to working with our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and Traditional Custodians on our Reconciliation journey to build friendships, respect and opportunities.

"Through our Reconciliation Action Plan, we hope to work together with our communities to enhance the health, education and employment outcomes with our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, working towards closing the gap between Indigenous and non- Indigenous Australians," Mayor Bolam said.

"Frankston City benefits from the traditional culture of our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, which is resilient and characterised by strong recognition and valuing of the roles of Elders and traditional customs, such as a shared vision of community," the Mayor said.

The Plan provides Council with a formal statement of commitment to Reconciliation and supports the development of strategies and initiatives to enhance Council's ability to connect and engage with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders in Frankston City, building relationships, respect and trust and creating opportunities.

Councillors also voted to recognise the unique role of the Bunurong Land Council as the appointed Registered Aboriginal Party to be the representative corporation that is inclusive of all Traditional Owners in the Frankston City municipality, after working with representatives from multiple Indigenous organisations. For the full story, visit: frankston.vic.gov.au/CouncilAdoptsRAP

Council Reconciliation Project Manager, Grant Lea, at local Gathering Place Nairn Marr Djambana





Joy of the Earth's 'pickers and packers'



Community garden gives fresh gift during lockdown

Your local community gardens might not have been open to the public, but many have been supplying produce to soup kitchens and food banks, who provide for those doing it tough.

Local community garden, Joy of the Earth has been providing Peninsula Christian Care (PCC) with lots of leafy greens, fresh herbs, fruits and flowers since the first lockdown in March 2020, for their community food bank, Pantry Plus.

A group of local residents started Joy of the Earth after driving by four unused tennis courts on Joy Drive, Frankston almost 10 years ago. After applying to Council for a permit, the

garden was developed by volunteers, including Frankston Rotary and current Chairperson, Heather Whitfield. Together, they developed the space into 55 garden plots, as well as plots dedicated to supplying PCC. Lovingly maintained by 70 dedicated volunteers, the plot has grown to include beehives, a small orchard and lavish herb garden.

Since the pandemic shut the garden, a dedicated group of six pickers and packers obtained special permits to allow them to supply fresh food to those in need. The group have provided two boxes a week of assorted goodies for the past 18 months.

Sue Kerr, a founding member, says,

"I love the social side of the garden. I don't actually have a plot at the moment but I love coming to the working bees and the morning teas are lovely. It creates a sense of community connection for all our members."

"We have regular working bees where anyone can sign up on the spot and join in on the day, otherwise we are always open to new members, who all look after one or sometimes two plots." PCC Community Outreach Leader, Deborah Eastman said, "Having this fresh food to offer, in addition to other pantry staples, means we can also provide some healthy cooking tips and advice on how to best use the ingredients, especially the herbs.

"Joy of the Earth really goes the extra mile as well, making up these pretty herb posies of all different herbs that have gone to flower, which we can give to our guests as a gift. It's so lovely for them to know that others in the community are thinking of them," Deborah said.

PCCC also receives donations from OzHarvest and FoodBank, with church members also freezing meals to donate. For more information on PCCC's community support programs, visit: pccc.org/community If you'd like to join a community garden, visit: frankston.vic.gov.au/CommunityGardens

Meet our Jobs Victoria Advocate: Paolo-Enrique Quintanilla

Jobs Victoria Advocate, Paolo-Enrique Quintanilla is originally from Chile. He immigrated to Australia with his family as a baby in the 1970s.

Paolo started his career in the retail sector. In 2008, he realised he wanted to pursue a career that allowed him to help others and he commenced a Diploma in Australian Sign Language. After graduating, Paolo commenced work with the Victorian Deaf Society (now known as Expressions Australia). For five years, he worked as an employment consultant, supporting deaf and hard of hearing people into employment and other vocational opportunities in Frankston. "Asking society to better support

people with disabilities is an advocacy role, and I spent a lot of time challenging unconscious biases around the capabilities of deaf people," Paolo said.

During this period, Paolo realised he wanted to move into the youth work space. He began working with headspace as a career advisor for young people, with the focus of his work on reinforcing positive self-esteem, empowerment and building resources to help young people to navigate their challenges.

This year, Paolo joined Council as a Jobs Victoria Advocate. It's his first role in government and he is relishing the opportunity to develop and contribute to a new program and team. During

pandemic lockdowns, a shift to online engagement has allowed Paolo to continue to provide support.

"I see change as a positive opportunity to grow. We are truly in a place of vulnerability when we need a job, or are considering a new career pathway. It can be a scary and hard time for people, but it is also when we grow the most. Our program is here to help make these transitions smoother and assist people with their own unique challenges and barriers" Paolo said. For more information about the program, and to set up a free appointment with Paolo, or one of our Jobs Victoria Advocates, visit: frankston.vic.gov.au/JVA or phone: 9768 1387



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New international relations

Council has enjoyed wonderful Sister City relationships for many decades, with Wuxi, China since 2011 and with Susono, Japan for almost 40 years. The rewarding nature of these two relationships has prompted me to build additional relations with our neighbours in Suva, Fiji. Already, before any agreement was entered into, our two cities are already supporting one another, with Council and our community providing almost \$20,000 worth of urgent COVID aid to Suva and I am thrilled that we have since officially added Suva to our list of Sister Cities. This agreement was assisted with the support of the Victorian Multicultural Sports Association. We have also recently formed a Friendship City relationship with Tenby in Wales, the United Kingdom. The forming of this agreement was assisted by members of the Frankston-based Welsh Male Choir. Inevitably international borders will re-open and Frankston wants to position itself as a City that values both diversity and durable relations with our friends and sisters — close and afar.

Building Frankston's Future together

We have dedicated \$65 million towards our continuing program of infrastructure works. New projects completed, or nearing completion, include:

- We officially opened the \$9.147 million RF Miles Precinct Redevelopment.
- The sod turning for the planned \$35.3 million redevelopment at Jubilee Park, including the stadium revitalisation.
- The impressive \$4.2 million Centenary Park tennis centre revitalisation.
- A new turf wicket has been installed at AH Butler Oval in Frankston, ready for Frankston Peninsula Cricket Club to enjoy, at a total Council investment of \$115,000.
- The new cricket nets at Belvedere Reserve in Seaford are now ready for play, with \$270,000 invested by Council.
- The Belvedere Bowls Club extension is now complete, providing state-of-the-art facilities for the club to enjoy. The \$2.25 million project includes \$250,000 from the Federal Government and \$70,000 from the club itself.
- Council allocated \$666,000 to the recently completed Downs Estate precinct upgrade. This, included construction of a composting toilet, veranda works, a new path network, car parking, rainwater harvesting, solar panels and guttering.
- Completion of new public toilets at Peninsula Reserve and the Frankston Railway Station.

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Master Plan for Monterey Reserve, Frankston North

Monterey Reserve is an important place for community sport and recreation for people of all ages and abilities. Currently the reserve provides grassed open spaces, play equipment, a skate park, a sound shell, a dog free roam area and the Pines Soccer Club sporting facilities. An upgrade to the Soccer Pavilion is currently underway, including a new public toilet, along with a Master Plan for the Pines Aquatic Centre and a project has begun to redevelop the sports lighting. As part of our commitment to deliver a well-planned and liveable city, we are updating the Monterey Reserve Master Plan developed in 2004, with community consultation only just completed in early November. The update comes after the Frankston Draft Play Strategy Playspace assessment identified Monterey Reserve as a priority for District Level Play Space upgrades. Some of the potential improvements include: improved sporting opportunities and infrastructure, improved active recreation opportunities with improvements to the skate park and better use of the community stage and sound shell, reducing anti-social behaviour, better access for people of all abilities, providing more opportunities at the site for young people, especially girls, encouraging continued use by dogs and their owners, creation of better linkages across the site to schools, other parks, activity centres and the community hub and more.

Council supports new Golf Learning Hub

Council is supporting a new Golf Learning Hub planned for Sandhurst, run by the Professional Golfers Association (PGA). Council will contribute \$60,000 toward the project, subject to agreed deliverables and milestones demonstrating tangible progress of the project to Council's satisfaction. Frankston City has eight wonderful golf courses and the Hub will make Frankston a key destination for golf training and education programs. This will no doubt benefit, not only our resident golf enthusiasts but also attract more visitors to the area. The Hub will be accessible for golf industry training and education programs both domestically and internationally. The project involves the refurbishment of existing Sandhurst PGA building to ensure a fit for purpose facility for education and training. Working in partnership with Holmesglen Institute and with financial support from Council and the State Government, the initial intake of students will be welcomed in the first semester of 2022 and will have the flexibility to explore a range of subjects relating to a future career in golf.

Affordable housing as a solution to the homelessness crisis

Putting an end to homelessness in Frankston City has been a focus of Council's for many years. In 2019, Council helped to form the Frankston City Strategic Housing and Homelessness Alliance. Part of the Alliance's focus is also to leverage the partnerships of the Alliance to generate permanent solutions to the issue through increased affordable housing options.

The State Government's announcement in 2020 of a \$5.2 billion investment in social and affordable housing through the Big Housing Build, and its commitment to introduce a 10 Year Victorian Affordable Housing Strategy, and Local Government Compact have created a shift towards increasing the involvement of local government in the planning and delivery of social and affordable housing in local jurisdictions. Through this changed approach, Councils are encouraged to explore ways to work more closely with the State Government, along with Community Housing Organisations and developers to increase the supply of social and affordable housing in local jurisdictions. Cr Harvey, Cr Asker and myself sit on Council's Affordable Housing Subcommittee, which is working towards progressing this goal within our Local Government Area.

Housing is considered a basic human right, and as such is included in Frankston City Council's Community Building Outcomes Framework (CBOF) as the first outcome for the safe community policy domain. We are clear that Council's CBOF framework considers housing as essential public health infrastructure to support current and future populations. Affordable housing is defined as housing that is appropriate to the needs of very low, low, and moderate income households. It is understood that approximately 71% of households in Frankston fit within these income thresholds. We understand that Frankston is not alone in this, and that it has become harder over the past two decades for low income households to find affordable rentals right across South Eastern Metropolitan Melbourne due to rents rising faster than people's wages.

Council's Affordable Housing Sub-Committee are committed to investing time and energy into exploring the multiple opportunities available for Council to support an increase in affordable housing within the municipality, noting that these each require strong and healthy collaborative relationships with the Victorian Government; Community Housing Organisations and developers. This is an area Council will continue to explore, as one of many possible solutions to homelessness in Frankston City.

Outdoor Dining coming to Carrum Downs

In addition to new outdoor dining parklets along Nepean Highway, plans for outdoor dining in Carrum Downs are also underway. The new offering for local hospitality businesses will sit alongside other outdoor encouragement activations such as Council's Yoga in the Park Summer Series, launching in November. To date, Council has helped to deliver 19 additional outdoor dining spaces in Frankston City. The new additions in Carrum Downs will add to this impressive list and provide locals with the opportunity to enjoy the outdoor dining experience closer to home, as we all make the most of eased restrictions.

Vital support for sporting clubs

Sporting Clubs are experiencing very difficult times with unprecedented impacts on clubs financially, in membership and also with volunteers. Councillors voted unanimously at a recent Council Meeting to approve the waiving of \$149,337 worth of winter seasonal sports club tenancy and ground allocation fees for 33 sports clubs for the period 1 July 2021–30 September 2021. Council also waived school and personal trainer ground hire fees (\$9,500) and license fees and charges for licenced occupiers in Council-run community centres (\$26,100) for the same period. The waivers provide significant support following an incredibly difficult period of lockdowns. Sporting clubs are a vital part of our community and play an integral role keeping residents healthy and connected.

A district level playground for Carrum Downs

Carrum Downs Recreation Reserve, on the corner of Wedge Road and Frankston-Dandenong Road is one of the largest and most important open spaces in the Carrum Downs, Skye area. The reserve is incredibly popular with locals and Council has decided to earmark this area as a destination play space, to ensure families are provided the best possible facilities for the kids to play and learn. In 2021, Council was successful in securing a Victorian State Government grant through the Park Revitalisation Grants Programme for this project. A landscape concept plan was prepared to consider: the location of a new play space, how to plan for supporting infrastructure such as car parking, walking paths, and park amenity, planning for future projects including pavilion refurbishments and new multi-use courts. I urge residents to take a look at the Masterplan and have your say by 5pm, 27 November.

Visit: engage.frankston.vic.gov.au/lets-play/carrum-downs-recreation-reserve



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Major works begin on Hall Road

Hall Road, Carrum Downs is set for a safer, smoother ride with major infrastructure works commencing in November, to be funded by the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications. The Hall Road upgrade works will deliver much needed road surface and pavement improvements to the area. Hall Road is a major road that moves a large amount of heavy traffic and we've been advocating hard to the State and Federal Governments to make this and other local roads safer for all users. Rehabilitation works include road surfacing along both carriage ways of Hall Road, between Frankston-Dandenong Road and Rowellyn Avenue and will considerably improve traffic flow and local access. I would like to thank the Federal Government for the \$4.25 million in funding that made this project possible. Works are scheduled for completion by March 2022. For more information on road project updates and to receive project updates, please visit: frankston.vic.gov.au/CurrentInfrastructureProjects

Carrum Downs steals the spotlight on ABC radio

A recent segment of the ABC Drive radio program with Rafael Epstein placed the spotlight on Carrum Downs' rich history. The Drive segment has been focusing on uncovering the real history of iconic Melbourne locations by asking for firsthand accounts from past and present residents. It was lovely to hear so many of you phoning in to tell your stories about growing up in the area, of the empty block of land which is now Carrum Downs Shopping Centre, visiting as a newly-arrived migrant, learning to drive in what is now the sewage farm in the 1960s, of hardly seeing any traffic. Such a wonderful initiative from the ABC and so incredible to hear these memories and to realise how much the area has changed over the years.

Station Street Mall shines with national award

Frankston's Station Street Mall, which began a \$2.27 million transformation in 2019, has won in the Civil Landscape category at the Australian Institute of Landscape Architects (AILA) National Awards 2021. The award underscores Council's dedication to the ongoing transformation of the Frankston City centre and creating the best outcomes for residents, visitors and business operators. I would like to acknowledge major contributions of \$360,000 (State Government) and \$100,000 (Vicinity Centres) to the project.



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Revitalising our city centre

You may already have enjoyed the new outdoor dining offering on Nepean Highway, completed just in time for reopening after our sixth lockdown. The new extended dining area caters for up to a total of 188 patrons outside 13 hospitality venues on both sides of Nepean Highway including Seagulls, Cosy and Tasty, Ha Long 2, Non Solo Vino, Olive and Fern and Iron River Bar and Grill.

Council's Invest Frankston Outdoor Dining and Activation Program 2.0 will add to existing parklets on Wells Street, Beach Street and Station Street in Seaford, while planning is underway for further parklets in other areas of Frankston City. Council is supplying all furniture and umbrellas for kerbside dining areas. The outdoor dining along Nepean Highway has been funded thanks to a \$200,000 grant from the State Government's Round 2 Outdoor Dining program and a \$135,000 grant from the Frankston Revitalisation Board, with \$25,000 contributed by Council.

Yacht Club update

The much anticipated internal fit out of new Frankston Yacht Club tenant, Oliver's Corner Café and Bar, is almost complete, with external works expected to wrap up in early 2022. Following the opening of Oliver's Corner, Council will commence an expression of interest process to attract a high end hospitality operator to occupy the first floor restaurant and function space. During this time, the community will also be invited to attend 'open for inspections' to get a sneak peek at the first floor space.

An architect has been engaged to undertake fit-out design on the first floor and it is anticipated the design will be completed and ready for construction in mid-2022. We expect this previously near empty building will be fully occupied and open to residents by the end of 2022. This is a significant win for the Frankston community, who have long requested this prime real estate be activated.

Relaunching events in Frankston City

As we celebrate re-opening, Council is in the process of securing new events and reinventing our existing events to reignite celebration across our city. From food focussed festivals to live music and outdoor cinemas, there will be so many reasons to stay and play and invite your friends and family to enjoy their time in Frankston City. Keep an eye on discoverfrankston.com



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New public toilets for Young Street

Rail users and those visiting central Frankston are now able to access new public toilets after construction was recently completed. The toilets near Frankston Train Station feature four unisex cubicles, including an accessible toilet, an ambulant toilet and a toilet for use by bus drivers. While highly visible on the corner of Young Street and Station Street, the amenity is softened in the urban landscape with a roof design that complements that of the station and distinctive paving that ties in seamlessly with the surrounding area. The works were developed with the Department of Transport and have been jointly funded by Council and the State Government's stimulus program. The new public toilet will be one that commuters, visitors and locals could use with confidence and comfort. Toilets are not necessarily something people rate in their reviews of an area — as opposed to its cafes and tourist sites — but they are definitely an amenity that can spoil or improve an experience. This new amenity for Frankston will improve the working day of our bus drivers, and help people to stay longer in our central retail district, which will provide broader benefits for the whole community.

Ratepayer rewards

We have had fantastic uptake of our Ratepayer Rewards program since its launch in July, as part of the \$3.86 million allocated to COVID recovery in the 2021-2022 budget. The \$1.1 million Ratepayer Rewards initiative enables ratepayers to take advantage of vouchers to enjoy local Council amenities and services. The program was designed to reinvigorate our local economy with the easing of restrictions and its popularity tells me that everyone is keen to get back out there and enjoy everything this city has to offer. The vouchers make it easier for you to enjoy a show at the Frankston Arts Centre, a dip in PARC pool or organise an at call hard waste collection service. To claim your voucher, visit: frankston.vic.gov.au/RatepayerRewards



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Looking back on an interesting first year

This time last year I was just settling into my role as newly-elected South Ward Councillor, for Frankston City. It has been a steep learning curve: here are a few things that I've learned, so far.

Firstly, our community is full of wonderful, generous, unique, talented and compassionate people. These COVID-times have sorely tested our resilience, drawing upon our patience and courage in ways many of us have not experienced before. Locals have demonstrated kindness, community-spirit, and a sense of connection to their neighbourhood in new ways.

Secondly, it is impossible to please everyone all of the time. Whether it is a planning decision, a local law, or budgetary decisions about how to invest ratepayer dollars, our diversity as a community means that we will naturally all prioritise slightly different things. This is precisely why democracy is so important, as it presents the opportunity to have your voice heard and considered.

Thirdly, our wonderful City is full of infrastructure and services that generally serve us really well day-to-day. Just like homes, upkeep is expensive (as are renovations)! While it is often easy to identify things we'd like fixed, we can miss just how much is often working fine. Whether it is nature reserves, playgrounds, roads, footpaths, library or maternal and child health services, or detailed strategy plans giving shape to our City's future, Council Officers have continued to work hard – despite various lockdowns – to help ensure that residents can thrive well into the future.

Finally, I've seen the benefits of strategic collaboration between all three levels of government, of finding ways to work together constructively for the common good. We are anticipating that 2022 will be a big year in politics: as elections approach I encourage you to take time to get to know your local candidates and to call upon them to stand up for matters that are of importance to you and to our city. I'll be doing the same!



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Award winning customer service

Congratulations to our Customer Service and Experience Team and Digital and Data Team, for receiving the Customer Impact award at the recent LGPro Customer Experience Conference. The award recognises their hard work in swiftly implementing a Live Chat solution in less than 48 hours, to stay connected with our community when lockdown first occurred. The two teams pulled together to quickly adapt to change and seamlessly launch an innovative new tool for the benefit of our community. The result in a massive increase in reported customer satisfaction — up to 95%. The project has also empowered staff and created timely digital integration. Thank you to everyone involved who showed spirit in teamwork, capability and flexibility to put our customers and community first.

Jubilee Park Stadium constructions begins

The \$35.32 million dollar Jubilee Park Stadium build is about to kick off, delivering an incredible sporting amenity to our community. Construction alone is expected to provide an approximate \$40 million boost to our local economy, while the finished product will help local netballers, basketballers, footballers and cricketers to better participate in community sport with state-of-the-art facilities. The new stadium includes six multipurpose indoor courts, including a 1000 seat show court, elite training facilities, female-friendly change rooms, a creche for players and spectators plus many other amazing features. The Stadium project has been made possible due to investment from Frankston City Council (\$20.56 million), the State Government (\$10 million), the Federal Government (\$4.56 million) and Cricket Victoria (\$200,000).

We have also heard your concerns regarding protecting native trees and vegetation and have ensured the project will also deliver ecological benefits and enhance the natural environment. A minimum of 100 canopy trees in two metre advanced height will be planted within the carpark and building precinct along with 700 indigenous trees across Jubilee Park. A vegetation management plan has been developed to improve the condition of the remnant indigenous vegetation. Council will also rehabilitate and enhance areas of existing remnant native vegetation largely in the northern portions of the reserve stadium construction works are scheduled to commence from mid November 2021 with completion by June 2023. There will be ongoing community consultation this project. Please visit: engage.frankston.vic.gov.au



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Meet your 2021 Volunteer of the Year Award recipients

Continued from cover

In Frankston City alone, there are more than 17,000 volunteers who donate more than 2 million hours of their time each year, at an estimated value of more than \$90 million to our community.

Established in 2017, the annual Impact Volunteering Volunteer of the Year Awards aim to celebrate and recognise the valuable contributions that volunteers make to the local community, with an organisation of impact receiving \$1,000 to help them carry on their good work. Impact Volunteering is a Frankston City Council program sitting in the Community Strengthening Department.

Mayor Bolam said: "We have seen just how critical volunteers are to community life during this pandemic, which has meant demand for emergency relief services and assistance has grown exponentially. "We acknowledged and celebrated these outstanding locals, formally recognising the great work they do as volunteers, as well as creating awareness for the work of their volunteer organisation in the wider community."

Organisations or individuals can nominate volunteers, with this year's recipients gaining recognition under four categories: **Service, Leadership, Teamwork and Initiative:**

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Initiative
Anne Clare

Anne volunteers her time two days per week to pre-screen applicants for organisations and Council departments recruiting volunteers. Anne is passionate and committed to finding the right volunteers for each position and also to making sure each volunteer is matched with a role they are passionate about. Anne gives her all to identifying and creating processes to improve and streamline volunteer service programs. She is passionate about community connection, and her resilience and adaptability during COVID's challenges have strengthened her resolve, confidence and flexibility.



Service
Glenn Cooper

"Young People with a Purpose" is a voice advocating for the youth of our future. Glenn co-founded the program, where he uses his background supporting those with disability or mental health issues as part of his That's The Thing About Fishing program. The two programs have seen Glenn work hard within the local community to encourage young people to reach out and find purpose, encouraging them to be a part of a community and to share their stories.



Leadership
Andrew Maling

Andrew is dedicated to getting The Pines Men's Shed on the move and to making sure it will last for generations to come. With men's health his main focus, Andrew is constantly checking up on members whenever he notices their absence, Andrew has created such a welcoming, caring and supportive space, resulting in more members joining, steadily increasing members' attendance.



Teamwork
Hannah Swinnerton

Hannah has been a long-time advocate for youth in the local area. Her main focus recently has been the mental health and wellbeing of young people during the extended periods of lockdown and helping them to continue to access services when many were not able to travel. Prior to the pandemic, Hannah and a group of friends co-founded 'Young People With A Purpose', a Facebook group providing a safe and supportive space where young people can share their stories, connect with local service providers and each other for support and advice.



Organisation

Local 2 Community (also receiving the \$1000 prize money)

Local 2 Community has had a significant impact on the Frankston North community. Supporting residents with a foodbank and material aid service has strengthened relationships, provided support to the most vulnerable residents and created a tight knit, caring community. Committed to continuous innovation and growth, Local 2 Community has increased its services from one day per week to a full five days, with plans in full swing for a cafe run by NDIS participants and a dedicated mentoring space supporting local youth and VCAL projects in the near future.

The \$1000 prize money will be used to start a Christmas Donation Fund (2021) for Frankston North families, enabling 75 family food hampers and 75 toy hampers to be distributed and enjoyed by local families in need at Christmas, especially after such a tough year.

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It's time to ignite your curiosity

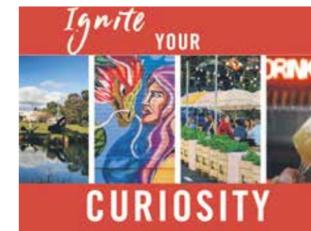
After months of lockdown and social hibernation, it's time to reignite your curiosity, awaken your senses and spark your sense of discovery.

Frankston is brimming with new energy, you can feel it in the eateries popping up in the City's streets and the renowned artists etching out stories on the walls.

Regular street art tours, revealing 30 epic murals, are now part of every weekend's fixture in the City Centre. Every Friday night and Saturday and Sunday morning, local guides share the secrets behind the artists' stories.

Frankston's foodie scene is coming alive again. The sidewalks, streets and neighbourhood shopping strips are humming with revived outdoor dining. The fairy lights are up, there's live music and people arrive with new energy that will make you want to stay a while and enjoy the local vibe.

Among the City's growing restaurants and café scene, creators and crafters can be found. A trail of boutique and award-winning beer, cider and spirits has emerged. No matter your style, you can be sure that in Frankston the beer is fresh, original and delicious. If you haven't yet, make sure you discover *Biersal Brewery, Mr Banks Brewing Co, Dainton Brewery, The Hop Shop, Frankston Brewhouse or Cheeky*



Squire. If gin is more your tippie, take a tour with *That Spirited Lot Distillers* to discover the inspiration behind their flavours.

On those magical days, when the sun is shining and you just want to get amongst it, the waterfront is the place to be. Boating, water bikes, stand up paddle boards and kayaking are all there. And if you just want a lazy day by the water, our beaches are perfect for that too. For those who don't want to get your feet wet, immerse yourself in the pockets of our native bush and natural wetlands.

Frankston is a place for authentic creativity, vibrancy, and nature that allows you to pick your pace, smile and exhale all at once. It's an evolving city with multiple layers to explore.

If you're keen to ignite your curiosity, let us show you how. Head to discoverfrankston.com/igniteyourcuriosity

FRANKSTON'S
Magical Christmas

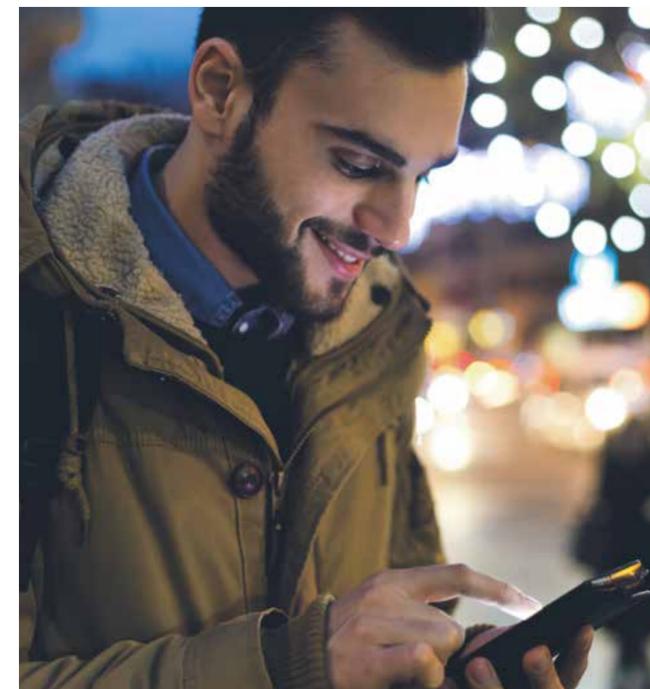
Saturday 27
November -
Friday 24
December 2021

Experience the magic of Christmas with a festive program full of wonder and surprise

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Frankston City Council acknowledges and pays respect to the Bunurong People, the Traditional Custodians of these lands and waters.



Augmented reality and digital art transforming Frankston

Central Frankston has transformed to become a vibrant and modern city centre, home to an inspiring and eclectic street art, entertainment and dining scene.

It is now home to an inspiring and eclectic street art and dining scene. To help you explore and discover the secrets of the city, Council has recently created two digital experiences you can access at your own leisure.

Digital Walking Tours of the City's street art and Coastal Arts Discovery Trail are now available on the Discover Frankston mobile app (GooglePlay and the AppStore). Through iBeacon technology, the tours use Bluetooth signals to activate videos, photos and voiceovers telling the story behind each artwork before leading you to the next location.

If you're looking for a challenge, get your heart racing in the city's first Augmented Reality scavenger hunt, ENCOUNTER. Search for seven iconic locations; buildings, artworks, cultural attractions, history are all amongst the mix. Assemble a team or take a personal journey to test your wits, collecting photos and videos, unlocking riddles, solving clues and experience virtual reality as we reveal a side of the city you've never seen. Let your curiosity be rewarded with an opportunity to win once you've completed the hunt (for a limited time).

ENCOUNTER will become available mid November. Follow @discoverfrankston on Facebook and Instagram for the release or head to discoverfrankston.com/encounter for more information.

FRANKSTON ARTS CENTRE

2021 program

Bookings: 9784 1060 or thefac.com.au



Music

Daytime Music + Theatre

A Very Merry Christmas Variety Special

Friday 3 December, 10.30am & 1.30pm, FAC Theatre, Tickets: \$19-\$21



Music

Melbourne Creative Music Company

Christmas with Silvie Paladino

Saturday 4 December, 7.30pm, FAC Theatre, Tickets: \$69-\$89



Family

BBCS and Andrew Kay in association with QPAC's Out of the Box and Windmill Theatre Co

Bluey's Big Play

Sat 29 & Sun 30 January, various times, FAC Theatre
Tickets: \$51.90-\$55

Event changes and refunds: If your event is cancelled or rescheduled due to COVID restrictions, you will be entitled to a refund.

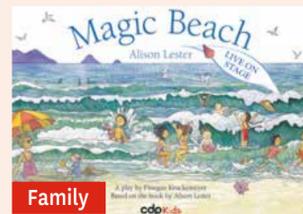


Music

Ostavocal Pty Ltd

The King of Rock & The Prince of Pop

Friday 17 December, 8pm
FAC Theatre
Tickets: \$69-\$75



Family

CDP Dids

Magic Beach

Tuesday 25 January, 12pm
FAC Theatre
Tickets: \$23-\$25 (Family of 4 \$95)



Workshop

Free workshop for seniors!

Comedy & Connection Series Taster

Monday 24 January 2022, 10am
Cube 37
Tickets: Free

Frankston City Libraries

What's on



Storytime
Face-to-face Storytime is back!
Thursday 25 November, 2 December
Special Christmas Editions
9 & 16 December, Seaford Library
FREE, bookings essential

Storytime in the Sunshine will take place on the grass by Seaford Library with a session for Tiny Tots at 9.30am and a session for our preschool kids at 10.30am. Bring a blanket and enjoy stories and songs with the Storytime team! This is a free event, however bookings are essential.



Online FrankTALK
Jess Hill in conversations with Paul Kennedy
Monday, 29 November, 7pm
Online, via Zoom
FREE, bookings essential
Join Jess Hill, author of See What You Made Me Do in-conversation with Paul Kennedy, local author and acclaimed ABC reporter. Frankston City Libraries invites you to this special event for 16 Days of Activism.



Online FrankTALK
Paralympian Geoff Trappett OAM
Wednesday, 1 December, 6pm
Online, via Zoom
FREE, bookings essential

Join gold medal winning Geoff Trappett OAM, as part of our International Day of People with Disability events, to discuss how life after Olympics has seen him now run his own organisation, speaking out on human rights and disability inclusion.

Workshop
Creative Arts Workshop
Thursday, 2 December, 6-7.30pm
Carrum Downs Library
FREE, bookings essential

Peter Fanton, creative arts and therapeutic arts practitioner will undertake a creative arts workshop, to 'reinvigorate' your focus towards self-care, meaningful connections, and well-being.

FrankTALK
Julie Fisher
Friday, 3 December, 11am
Frankston Library
FREE, bookings essential

As a mum of a young boy with Down syndrome, Julie Fisher knows firsthand the heartbreak of seeing your child be made to feel they don't belong. Julie has made it her passion to educate others on the profound impact even the smallest acts of inclusion and acceptance can have.

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

Invest Frankston



Do It Outdoors: Destinations update

Summer is sizzling in Frankston City with new entertainment and activations popping up all over the place as part of our Do It Outdoors: Destinations campaign.

Whether it be the coffee vans and food trucks at Sandfield Reserve in Carrum Downs and Southgateway Reserve in Langwarrin, adventure

activities and entertainment at the Frankston Foreshore or activations happening at Broughton Street Reserve in Seaford, there's something outdoors for everyone to enjoy. IF it's happening outside, Frankston City is the destination. Visit: frankston.vic.gov.au/DoItOutdoorsDestinations



Active Summer Series

Brought to you by Council and Invest Frankston, the latest activation to hit our parks and gardens is here: starting 25 November 2021 to 26 February 2022.

Get active this summer and join us in some FREE:

Rise & Shine Yoga

Every Saturday 9-10am (not including Christmas Day and New Year's Day)

Morning Zumba

Every third Saturday of the month, 10.15-11.15am

Twilight Yoga

Every Thursday 6-7pm

Happening in the following locations:

George Pentland Botanic Gardens, Frankston (entrance gate on the corner of William Street and Yuille Street opposite Bowls club)
Broughton Reserve, Seaford
Monterey Reserve, Frankston North
Southgateway Reserve, Langwarrin
Sandfield Reserve, Carrum Downs

Registrations are not required (QR code check-in essential), just bring your good vibes and have a blast!

New Business Mentors

Our FREE Business Mentor Program has expanded to include a number of new mentors!

In September the program went out for expressions of interest and new industry experts with a wide range of skills have joined the experienced panel. From accounting and finance, business management, planning and operations to digital marketing and eCommerce, our mentors can provide advice to those in industries such as hospitality, retail, services, manufacturing, building and much more. Businesses can access the program for free, receiving free two hour one-on-one sessions with a mentor matched to the needs of the business owner. Contact our Business Concierge today: business@frankston.vic.gov.au



Business Networking Nights

IF face-to-face networking with fellow Frankston City business owners or entrepreneurs is your jam, our Invest Frankston Business Networking Nights are for you!

With collaborations and connections being formed left, right and centre, our regular Business Networking Nights are a safe and casual space, offering entertainment, food, drinks, a goodie bag and insight from a guest speaker. Join us on 25 November from 5pm to 8pm at Frankston Bowls Club for some music, bowling and lots of fun. Tickets are \$20 and numbers are limited. Details: investfrankston.com/news



Business Basics Workshop Series

More than 25 eager business owners and entrepreneurs took part in our inaugural six week Business Basics Workshop Series which covered topics; Getting Started, Business Mapping, Finance and Cashflow, Branding and Website, Digital Marketing and eCommerce and Resources and Networking.

Designed to help aspiring, new or established businesses learn the fundamentals of owning their own businesses and helping them grow, the workshops were held by six local industry experts and run online on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. If you would like to be a part of next year's workshops, email: business@frankston.vic.gov.au



Beach Street, Frankston

Invest Frankston Business Grants opening soon

IF the future is yours for the taking, our Invest Frankston Business Grants could be the boost you're looking for.

After eight years of business grants, Council has stepped up its commitment to support business growth and attract new businesses and start-ups to our city by increasing the business grants

pool to a total of \$350,000. Grants of up to \$30,000 will be available to successful businesses showing employment growth or development, street activation, relocation plans and more.

The next round of Invest Frankston Business Grants open soon. Visit: frankston.vic.gov.au/business



Council exploring ways to bring forward net zero emissions target

Council is investigating ways to accelerate the organisation's net zero emissions target, for Council's 2023-24 operational budget.

The current target commits Council to achieving net zero emissions by 2024-2025.

To achieve 'net zero emissions' Council must reduce its greenhouse gas emissions as much as it can through energy efficiency and renewable energy initiatives, and then offset any remaining emissions by investing in carbon offset projects.

South Ward Cr Claire Harvey is Council's representative on the South East Councils Climate Change Alliance (SECCCA), who is calling on both the Federal and State Governments to support their communities to take

urgent action and protect them from the impacts of climate change.

Cr Harvey said that Council is being called on by Frankston City residents to lead by example on climate action. "Local Government and taxpayers all share the burden of climate change - increasing natural disasters like bushfires and heatwaves will cost us financially, above and beyond the very obvious impacts to our environment and to our health and wellbeing."

Over the last year, landmark legal cases at the Australian Commonwealth and State level have demonstrated that the community believes the Government can and should be doing more. For more information, visit: frankston.vic.gov.au/EnergyandClimate

Upgrade your electrical equipment and save money on energy bills

Many businesses have been heavily affected by restrictions and are looking to save on bills.

Your business may be eligible to receive large discounts on energy upgrades thanks to a joint initiative between Council and South East Councils Climate Change Alliance (SECCCA).

Through the Small Business Energy Saver Program, businesses in a range of industries including hospitality and retail, arts and recreation, accommodation,

manufacturing and warehousing, sporting clubs and facilities and professional services (i.e. allied health) can receive a discount on the upfront cost or rebate to upgrade equipment (up to \$2,000 per business) and subsequently save on energy bills.

This project is made possible through funding from the Victorian Government, through the Victorian Energy Upgrades program. For more information, visit: <https://www.sustainability.vic.gov.au/small-business-energy-saver>

Environmental Sustainability Grants program now open

Do you have a project that will help our community to live more sustainably or improve our natural environment? You may be eligible to apply for a grant to help move it along.

Council's Environmental Sustainability Grants program provides funding up to \$1,000 to support community groups and organisations with environmental and sustainability projects. Projects must align with the themes of Council's Greening Our Future Environment Strategy.

The four key themes are:

- Protecting and enhancing natural assets (including biodiversity, trees, bushland, open space, waterways and beaches)
- Wise use of natural resources (including energy and greenhouse

gas emissions, water and waste)

- Minimising environmental impacts (including litter, climate change, transport and the built environment)
- Educating and engaging the community (including households, schools, businesses and volunteers).

Applications must contribute to at least one positive environmental outcome (themes 1, 2 and 3) and include an aspect of community education and engagement (theme 4).

Applications close 5pm, **Tuesday 30 November**. For more information contact Council's Community Programs team on 1300 322 322 or visit: frankston.vic.gov.au/CouncilGrants

Council's 'green light' for environmentally friendly upgrades

A Frankston City Council Environmental Upgrade Finance (EUF) loan, facilitated through Better Building Finance, will enable businesses to upgrade to environmentally friendly equipment, whether it be installing solar panels, electric vehicle charging stations, water efficiency initiatives, replacing lighting or other improvements.

Council's involvement means businesses can upgrade buildings sooner all while accessing affordable finance terms and savings along the

way. Frankston Council joins more than 40 existing council partners in Victoria after the program received support from the Australian Renewable Energy Agency (ARENA). To date, Better Building Finance has worked with local councils to facilitate more than 100 environmental upgrade projects at an investment of more than \$40 million, generating almost 10,000kW of solar power, which will reduce carbon emissions by around 500k tonnes over the life of the projects. For more information, please visit: frankston.vic.gov.au/



Major upgrade planned for Skye's Lady Emily Reserve

Fun and recreation are the main game when it comes to a proposed play space and whole of park improvement concept for Lady Emily Reserve, Skye.

Deputy Mayor Nathan Conroy said the proposed upgrade at Lady Emily Reserve will be undertaken thanks to a \$300,000 investment from Council. "The play equipment at Lady Emily Reserve has reached its end of life, so we're investing in new equipment and improvements to meet community expectations and Council's Play Strategy recommendations.

The draft concept plan features a tree-house style play area with shelter, additional swings and nature play area. Imaginative play will be prompted by fun sculpted chickens, nests and eggs that link back to the history of the site. A path and open area will provide a space for scooters, small bikes and skaters. Community feedback on the draft plan closed in October. Across the city, Council is working to improve recreational open spaces with more path connections and tree plantings, shaded picnic areas with a focus on improved biodiversity and habitat. Follow [@FrankstonCityCouncil](https://twitter.com/FrankstonCityCouncil) for an expected construction date.



Council supports After Dark Activation Grants to boost night-time economy

Invest Frankston After Dark Activation Grants will be lighting up Frankston City in 2022, with funding to provide night events, activities and attractions.

Councillors voted to adopt the grant guidelines and commit funding of \$120,000 at the 20 September Council Meeting.

"The Invest Frankston After Dark Activation Grant is a new grant program aimed to support Frankston City's transformation into a vibrant, diverse, inclusive and safe destination after dark," Deputy Mayor Nathan Conroy said.

Cr Conroy noted: "A thriving and dynamic night-time offering comprises a range of experiences including dining, performances, live music, events, shopping, nightclubs,

twilight markets, sporting events and delivered by a range of diverse businesses and community groups. In turn, this attracts visitors and entrepreneurs, creates jobs and drives economic development.

"With a funding pool of \$120,000, matched-fund grants of up-to \$30,000 will be available to financially assist local businesses, creative agencies, community groups and entrepreneurs build a vibrant night time economy by developing new and interesting experiences and destinations that encourage 'a good night out' in Frankston's City centre," Cr Conroy said.

Cr Conroy said the anticipated outcomes of the grant program include greater diversity of business offerings at night, a safer, more

vibrant and engaging City centre after dark, a greater range of cultural activity offered in unexpected ways in new venues and spaces, and an increased quantity and quality of live music and performance venues and programming.

Cr Conroy said Council is dedicated to proactively assisting Frankston City businesses emerge from the COVID-19 pandemic, adding: "Enhancing Frankston City's night-time economy through the establishment of a night-time activation grant will make an important contribution to the City in terms of economy, image, reputation, and in improving the experience of residents and visitors.

Applications for Invest Frankston After Dark Activation Grants are scheduled to open in July 2022.

Cr Conroy said Frankston City Council's Invest Frankston campaign is attracting business and investment to the municipality, adding: "The campaign is reaping rewards, with Council currently facilitating over 100 business and investment enquiries through both the Business Concierge and Investment Attraction specialist services."

For more information about Invest Frankston, please visit: investfrankston.com

Some Council Community and Business Support Grants are currently open for applications, visit: frankston.vic.gov.au/CouncilGrants

To note: this image was taken prior to the pandemic. Council encourages social distancing.



Street Art at Twilight has arrived

As the daylight stretches a little longer, and the days become a little warmer, this is your chance to do a street art tour a little differently.

From November 26, Street Art Walking Tours will be happening every Friday night at twilight. Running from 6.30-8pm, why not grab a cheeky

drink before the tour starts? If you're bringing the kids along, you've got time for an early dinner. Perfect! Frankston City has truly become an iconic street art destination. For the past four years, *The Big Picture Fest* has transformed our buildings and laneways into an epic display

of colour, creativity and movement. Now home to almost 30 artworks from local and international artists, the tours reveal the inside story on the artists' reflections on moments in history, childhood characters and messages for future generations. It's a great way to experience this epic

outdoor gallery. For more information, give the Visitor Information Centre a call on 1300 322 842 or head to www.discoverfrankston.com.au/things-to-do/street-art-walking-tours



Celebrating seniors with a cuppa

Locals Dianne and Robert Thurley enjoy a cuppa on Council as part of the Frankston Seniors Festival, which ran throughout October.

Thank you to all the local cafes who generously donated coffees, including: 38 South, Ducky Brown, Frankie's Coffee + Eats, Little Olly's Caravan Café (pictured) and Two Boys One Beagle and a Coffee Shop.

The festival was again shifted online this year due to pandemic restrictions and included cooking and tango workshops, a downsizing Information Session and a full calendar of video and radio entertainment from Seniors Online, as part of the State Government's Victorian Seniors Festival. For more information on other activities for seniors, visit: www.seniorsonline.vic.gov.au



Interested in shaping the future of events in Frankston City?

We want your feedback on the existing events season as well as the events YOU would like to see in Frankston City in the future!

There's two ways to get involved: complete a 10 minute survey or add your bright ideas to our vision wall. To be in with a chance to win a The Waterfront Festival 2022 prize pack (valued at \$100), simply enter your

details at the end of the survey – it's that easy. Survey closes 5pm Sunday 21 November. Have your say today: engage.frankston.vic.gov.au/council-run-events

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Gillian and Ruby enjoy participating in the Connecting Lines arts initiative at the Frankston North Community Centre

Arts initiative adds colour to community connections

Members of Frankston North Community Centre have participated in an important arts project, to build community connections and break down isolation during lockdown.

North West Ward Cr Sue Baker said Frankston City's vibrant community centres and neighbourhood houses are at the heart of our diverse communities.

Cr Baker added: "Our Community Centres both offer and host an amazing range of programs and activities to support, enhance and strengthen community connections. While we haven't been together in recent times due to lockdown restrictions, our Community Centres have maintained strong connections online."

Run by the Big hART organisation, the arts initiative was run both at Frankston North Community Centre and Monterey Secondary College this year and remotely in line with COVID safe practices.

Gillian, who participated in the initiative at Frankston North Community Centre, said: "It's been a privilege to be a part of this, I can't tell you how much I've loved it. I loved being part of a community. This is a wonderful community here and it's been exciting to do the kind of work we've been doing. "Because COVID has made a more intimate friendship difficult, right now I'm happy that the girls know that there are many of us who have something to contribute to the life of our community," Gillian said.

Lucy added: "I get to connect with young girls in my community and hopefully empower them to find their voices and passions."

Big hART's Connecting Lines has been running since December last year supporting social connection and community engagement between young people and the senior community in Frankston North, using the arts as a vehicle to deepen intergenerational understanding and bring the community together through unique creative collaborations.

Connecting Lines is an extension of the Big hART initiative Project O, which works with young people in Frankston North to build their skills, confidence and capabilities and deepen their connections within their community. Connecting Lines is supported by the State Government of Victoria through the 'Let's Stay Connected Fund', an initiative of the Office for Suburban Development, Department of Jobs, Precincts and Regions, the Crown Resorts and Packer Family foundations, The Angior Foundation, Australia Council for the Arts, Monterey Secondary College and Mahogany Rise Primary School.

To view a video of the art project, visit: vimeo.com/515630365/cbf8269e5b For more information on Big hART, visit: bighart.org

For more information about Frankston City's community centres and neighbourhood houses, visit: frankston.vic.gov.au/CommunityHouses

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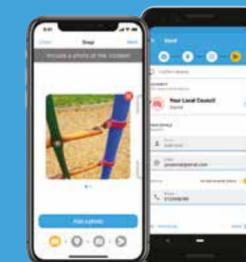
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Council supports our Fijian neighbours with urgent aid

Council is extending a helping hand to Fiji to provide critical humanitarian assistance, particularly with the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Mayor Kris Bolam, who initiated the assistance, was approached by the Victorian Multicultural Sports Association Inc seeking a contribution from Council for humanitarian support, noting the Frankston and Suva (Fiji) are now officially Sister Cities.

Mayor Bolam reached out to business and community contacts, raising \$8400 within two weeks on top of a \$6000 contribution from Council.

The Mayor added: "There's been significant corporate stewardship with community organisations and individuals providing support. It's been a marvellous effort with many providing items and businesses providing discounts for the purchase

of essential aid for what is an important cause."

Victorian Multicultural Sports Association Inc President Victor Kumar said the assistance will provide a boost, adding: "This vital support will make a huge difference in Fiji, particularly to mothers and babies. It means a lot to the people of Fiji during these difficult times."

Donations include sanitary products for women and baby products for newborns, together with donations of children's clothing, sanitiser and personal protection equipment. Council has also provided \$5500 for the delivery of hospital beds as part of the assistance to Fiji to assist with their response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Excess goods have also been donated to Community Support Frankston and Mums In Need. For the full story, visit: frankston.vic.gov.au/FijiAid



Council adopts Play Strategy and Local Park Plan

Frankston City's Play Strategy and Local Park Plan have been adopted by Council following extensive community consultation.

North West Ward Cr Steven Hughes said: "The Play Strategy provides a framework to assist Council with the prioritising and delivery of play improvements for the community for the next 15 to 20 years."

"It aims to connect communities better through play; provide better integrated, inclusive and accessible play spaces; provide more diverse and better distributed play spaces; introduce new types of play; and improve the design, delivery and maintenance of play spaces across Frankston City."

"The Local Park Plan provides a framework to assist Council with prioritising and delivering open space improvements for local-level parks that do not contain play spaces."

"The Plan focuses on local parks in Carrum Downs, Frankston North and Langwarrin as high priority neighbourhoods, primarily due to local population densities, growth and demand. Local-level parks in remaining suburbs will be reviewed in 2022," Cr Hughes said.

The Play Strategy prioritises safe and well maintained play spaces, inclusive and accessible experiences, diverse play, sustainable facilities, valued open space, and flexible community infrastructure and community awareness.

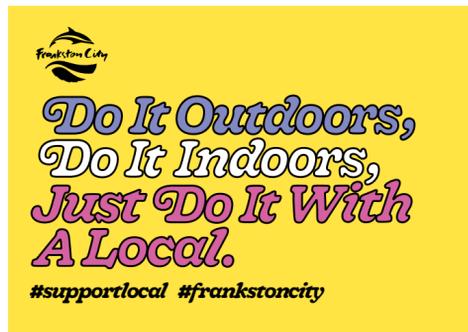
As part of the strategy, Council will renew 15 existing play spaces, upgrade 103 existing play spaces and build 16 new play spaces and play experiences. For the full story, visit: frankston.vic.gov.au/PlayStrategyAdopted

Frankston City is all about keeping it local and we are encouraging everyone to choose local first.

Whether it be dining in or out, buying produce, retail shopping or purchasing supplies for your business, supporting our Frankston City businesses will help our economy to thrive.

Keep an eye out for the bright floral decals on window fronts across the city centre and surrounds, as a reminder to 'Do It With A Local'.

Follow @InvestFrankston for all the latest competitions, activations and other incentives to make it easier to stay local.



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Securing funding for Frankston City

As the level of government closest to the community, Council is committed to doing everything we can to help Frankston City achieve its vision and aspirations as a vibrant place to live, work, study and enjoy now and into the future.

Council-led advocacy to state and federal governments is a vital tool for building awareness and support for matters that impact our city and to help secure the essential funding necessary to drive change and deliver on priorities that benefit our community.

Here's a snapshot of just some of Council's advocacy efforts these past few months:

Total funding sought for 2021 so far \$1.1M

Total applications for 2021 so far 5

Total funding secured in 2021 so far \$1.5M

July

Applied

- One application made
- Funding sought \$100,000
 - TAC grant for the implementation of the McCormicks Precinct LATM
- Awaiting outcome

Outcomes

- Two outcomes known
- Successful outcomes totalling \$1.5 million
 - Cricket infrastructure at Jubilee Park
 - Community Infrastructure Loan Scheme for Ballam Park Lake

August

Applied

- Zero applications made

September

Applied

- Four applications made
- Total sought is \$1 million
 - Frankston Housing Strategy
 - Empowering Communities
 - Cricket Nets at Peninsula Reserve
 - Trotting Track at Jubilee Park

• Awaiting outcome

Outcomes

- Awaiting outcome



Councils come together for our environment

Frankston City Mayor Kris Bolam and City of Kingston Mayor Steve Staikos have joined forces to advocate for recycled water projects and spread the message about the need for more efficient and sustainable use of our most precious resource — water.

Mayor Bolam said: "By using recycled water, Council is reducing demand on Victoria's drinking water supplies and contributing to the sustainable use of water. With average rainfall expected to decrease across Victoria as a result of climate change, saving water is essential to building community resilience."

When recycled water is used for irrigating sports reserves, it helps to drought-proof the site, particularly during times of water shortages as recycled water is not subject to water restrictions. This ensures ongoing access to an important asset for community health and wellbeing.

Mayor Staikos said our valuable drinking water supplies are becoming increasingly scarce, and expensive so it is imperative we find new and sustainable ways of sourcing water for our local food producers, garden industry and parklands.

"More efficient water use and alternative water sources are needed

to ensure the long-term sustainability of the local food production industry, not only in Kingston but also in the entire South East region.

"Council's target to increase the use of alternative, sustainable water sources to 60 per cent by 2026 relies on the Victorian Government investing in recycled water infrastructure. Council has been working in partnership with South East Water to explore the possibility of connecting recycled water to additional highly valued community-use sites throughout Frankston City," Mayor Bolam said. To read the full story, visit: frankston.vic.gov.au/RecycledWaterAdvocacy



Make your voice heard at Victoria's Youth Parliament

Victorians aged 16–25 are encouraged to have their say on issues that matter to them at next year's YMCA Victoria Youth Parliament.

Participants will draft, debate and vote on bills in a three-day intensive sitting held in the chambers of the Victorian Parliament. Bills that pass Youth Parliament are presented to government for consideration.

Applications are open until **9 December**. For more information to apply, visit vicyouth.ymca.org.au/learning-and-leadership/youth-parliament/get-involved

Sports and Recreation



From left: Frankston City Council CEO Phil Cantillon, Cr Nathan Conroy, Ian Smith, Mayor Kris Bolam, Rod Atherton, Member for Dunkley, Peta Murphy MP, Mal Richardson, Warren Griffin (Bowls Victoria)

Lockdown ends with a revitalised clubroom for Belvedere Bowls

The \$1.6 million Belvedere Bowls Club revitalisation is now complete. Club members are thrilled with the new facility, which will finally get a work out as restrictions ease.

Improvements include:

- Demolition of an existing single storey office building on the site
- Extension of the existing single storey clubroom building including new change room amenities, match committee room, entry foyer, office, storeroom and cleaner's room
- Refurbishment of the existing social room, kitchen and pantry
- Alterations to the existing car park

Belvedere Bowls Club was created following the amalgamation in 2016 of Frankston RSL and Seaford Bowls

Clubs. It became evident the facility at East Rd, formerly Seaford Bowls Club, was no longer functional or fit for purpose following the merger.

Former President Rod Atherton, who was responsible to the Board to work with Council on the project, said, "There was an obvious need to upgrade the toilet and the disability facilities, improve energy efficiency with facilities like solar panels and water tanks as well and increasing the size of the clubrooms.

"This work has exceeded expectations and there has been very positive feedback from members and guests and we are already experiencing an increase of interest from the local community about joining the club," Rod said. An official opening was held Tuesday 16 November.



Council and St Kilda Football Club kick goals for a healthier future

Plans for a community Healthy Futures Hub at Seaford have taken a step forward.

Developed in partnership with the St Kilda Football Club, the Hub will be a dedicated spot for local sport, health and wellbeing, with specific benefits for vulnerable groups in Frankston City. Councillors voted to support in principle the leasing, under new terms, of the Linen House facility at Belvedere Reserve, Seaford, to St Kilda Football Club for the development and use of a community health and wellbeing hub. Mayor Kris Bolam said St Kilda propose to run the facility as a Healthy Futures Hub with sub tenant partners.

"I want to thank St Kilda for the good faith they have demonstrated during this process. St Kilda are to be commended for their approach. It's

now over to the public to provide their feedback and I am looking forward to receiving that input."

Other partners also intended to operate as sub tenants, include leading disability service providers Wallara, Everyday Independence and Pathways to Care in addition to Chelsea Longbeach Physiotherapy.

Arrangements are also being finalised with some other community football organisations along with industry leaders in education, research and community health.

Community feedback closed 1 November, follow @FrankstonCityCouncil for further updates. For the full story, visit: frankston.vic.gov.au/HealthyFuturesHub



A home run for softball this season

Frankston Softball Association is excited to announce training for the 2021-2022 softball season will be starting on Wednesday 3 November! These training sessions are for returning players, new players and those who had registered interested in the Association's Come and Try days that were cancelled. Everyone is welcome.

Registration and training

Under 12s: 4.30pm

Under 15s/Under 18s: 5pm

Seniors: 6pm

Robinson's Park, Robinson's Rd, Frankston

Frankston Softball Association has competition teams for Under 12s (mixed), Under 15s (girls and boys), Under 18s (girls and boys) and Open Women and Men's.

The club has had success in all age groups through the SEMR

competition, at State Championships with representative teams. They have hosted State Championships over many years and are looking forward to hosting some Men's State League games in the 2021-2022 season. Many players and officials over the years have been selected in Softball Victoria state teams and Softball Australia teams, playing, coaching, umpiring and managing at the highest level.

To join in the fun, contact the Frankston Softball Association today: frankstonsoftball@hotmail.com

To keep up to date with local sports project milestones, follow @FrankstonCityCouncil or visit: frankston.vic.gov.au