

Frankston City News

March–April 2019

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Big Picture Fest returns this March

Local and international artists leave their mark on Frankston City

The Big Picture Fest is returning from 22–24 March, bigger and better than ever with an all-star line-up, including five of the world's best contemporary street artists from Germany, Italy, New Zealand and France, together with local artists.

The three-day festival is designed to bring our creative community together and raise awareness of our thriving city centre as new large-scale walls are painted live around the CBD during March. Explore Frankston City's street art scene by joining one of the free Street Art Walking Tours taking place, held in conjunction with

The Big Picture Fest. The FREE tours will run two times a day from Thursday 21 to Sunday 24 March. During the tour you will be able to watch these amazing artists at work, showcasing their diverse artistic talent and style. See page 4 for more detail. The event is one of many festivals and events coming to Frankston in 2019.

Party in the Park is a wonderful day out for the family, soak up some amazing local music at the Frankston Music Festival or enjoy the outdoor cinema experience while the weather is still warm at Botanika Cinema. To learn more visit: frankston.vic.gov.au/whatson

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Civic Centre

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

Seaford Customer Service Centre

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

Langwarrin Customer Service Centre

Shop 6, The Gateway, Cranbourne-Frankston Road, Langwarrin
Monday to Friday, 9am–5pm
Saturday 9am–12pm

Carrum Downs Library and Customer Service Centre

203 Lyrebird Drive, Carrum Downs
Times vary

Visitor Information Centre

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

Hoon Driving

1800 333 000 (Crime Stoppers)

Graffiti Removal

1800 66 8247 (1800 NO TAGS)

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Mayor's message

Hard rubbish is coming

I would like to thank everyone for their patience with the delay to our annual financial year free hard waste collection service. The service will now begin in April, with specific collection dates mailed out to residents two weeks prior. The introduction of a new provider in 2018 meant we would need to alter the usual collection dates, to avoid a non-recurring cost of \$500,000. Council felt the additional cost to keep the collection in November was an unreasonable use of ratepayer funds — better spent on providing other community services. The annual financial year collection is a wonderful free service and I urge everyone to take the opportunity to declutter responsibly. See page 16 for more information.

Building on our reputation as a holiday destination

Council is continually investing in local tourism, to ensure everyone knows just how much there is to see

and do in our wonderful city. Recently, we purchased a mobile visitor information van to attend major festivals, events, markets and trade shows both within and outside the city. Since September last year, we have also had 35 business from Frankston City and the Mornington Peninsula sign on as Visit Frankston Tourism Partners.

Quite often it's our residents who are unaware of the hidden treasures within their own neighbourhood, so we ensure our tourism services target locals as much as they do potential tourists. The Frankston Visitor Information Centre offers a fantastic service to locals and visitors alike. There are so many amazing things to see and do all year round in our city, let's make sure we are all participating in what's on offer.

Recognising half a century of achievement

I would like to recognise the incredible contribution of local GP, Dr John Dickman to our city, spanning almost 50 years. I had the pleasure of



presenting Dr Dickman with a Recognition Award at the December Council Meeting, for his many years of dedicated service to the area — both medically and as a highly-active volunteer in many local not-for-profit organisations. Dr Dickman was also one of three individuals recognised at our Australia Day Citizens of the Year Awards, as our Senior Citizen of the Year. Read more on page 6.

Cr Michael O'Reilly
Frankston City Mayor

Message from the CEO

Council is currently preparing the draft 2019–2020 budget and we will release it for comment shortly. The budget will again deliver all services and continue to provide more infrastructure for the community.

We are now focusing our advocacy efforts on the upcoming federal election, with Council seeking commitments from all federal candidates. Your support is vital to press for additional funding and we will look to hold candidate forums again, so that you can be better informed on the election priorities of candidates.

Our major events and festivals have again showcased what a wonderful community we have. I hope that you are enjoying these events and there

are plenty more scheduled for the coming months, with more details in this edition of Frankston City News.

Dennis Hovenden CEO



Meet the Mayor and CEO

Meet Frankston City mayor, Michael O'Reilly and Chief Executive Officer Dennis Hovenden.

Please register for a 30 minute appointment to raise issues or discuss ideas.

- **Wednesday 10 April, 2pm to 5pm**
Frankston Civic Centre
30 Davey Street, Frankston
- **Wednesday 8 May, 2pm to 5pm**
Frankston Civic Centre
30 Davey Street, Frankston

Rates reminder

The final instalment for 2018–2019 is due on: **Friday 31 May (4th instalment)**. Instalment reminder notices are sent four weeks prior to each instalment due date.

Overdue payments from the 1st, 2nd and 3rd instalments are attracting penalty interest at 10 per cent per annum calculated daily. If you have an amount outstanding you are encouraged to contact Council to make an appropriate arrangement to pay. Please ensure Council has your current mailing address. Rates can be paid in a number of ways including:

- Online, visit: frankston.vic.gov.au/rates
- Phone: **1300 721 138**
- BPAY or Australia Post Billpay
- In person at Council's Customer Services Centres
- By mail
- Direct debit — new applications or cancellations must be submitted in writing a minimum of 10 days before the next payment is due. You can download an application form from our website, or contact Council on **1300 322 322** for an application form to be mailed to you.

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Ventana Fiesta 2019

Immerse yourself in Latin American, Portuguese and Spanish cultures during this extended celebration featuring art, film, music, performance, food and workshops for the entire family.

Ventana Carnaval and Grand Opening

Saturday 2 March, 4.30–10pm, 2–10pm, Frankston Arts Centre

Marvel at the colour and excitement of the Carnaval Parade (leaving Frankston Station at 2pm) and then make your way to the Arts Centre to enjoy live music, delicious traditional food, incredible art and much more.

Afro-Cuban Beach Ceremony

Southern Cross Salsa Workshops

Every Wednesday, 30 January to 3 April, 7.15–10pm, Uniting Church Hall, 16–18 High Street, Frankston

\$15 per evening per person

Bookings: Esther Morison, 0405 823 451 Southern Cross Salsa

Experience a traditional Santería Cuban Beach Ceremony.

Saturday 16 March, 4–4.30pm, Frankston Foreshore, next to the Life Saving Club

Free, no bookings required.

Afro-Cuban Dance Workshop

Join in this traditional Cuban dance workshop led by Christina Moneron

Saturday 16 March, 5–6.30pm, Cube 37

\$15 per person, bookings required.

Ventana Film Festival

Enjoy the best of Latin American films exploring Indigenous stories.

Guarani

Friday 29 March, 11am and 6pm, Cube 37, Frankston Arts Centre

Free, bookings required.

Ventana music

Free Concerts at the Frankston Library

Indigenous Fusions

Sunday 3 March, 1.30–3pm

Spanish Philippines by with Bernardo Soler

Sunday 17 March, 1.30–3pm

Latin America — Jazz by Transatlántico.

Mission Songs Project with special guest Inka Marka

Friday 22 March, 7.30pm, Frankston Arts Centre

Tickets: \$27–\$59.

Art exhibitions

Now until 13 April, Frankston Arts Centre

For more information or to book a Ventana Fiesta event visit: ventanafrankston.com.au or phone: 9784 1060



Traditional ceremonies



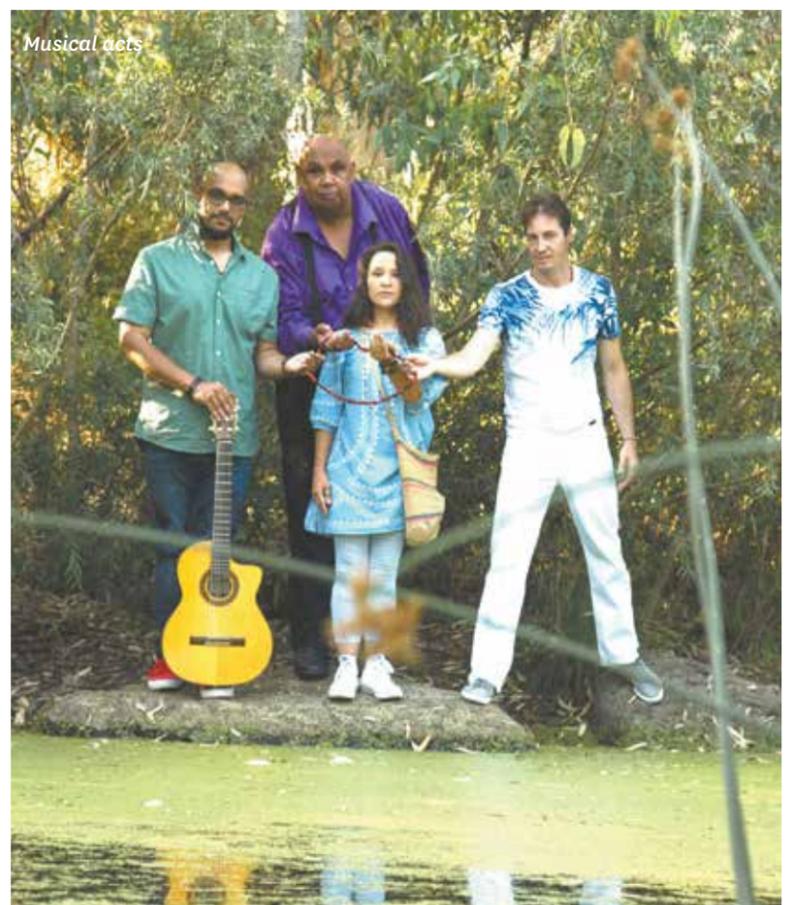
Dance workshops



Live performance



Mexican wrestling



Musical acts

Enjoy Every Moment

The Big Picture Fest 2019

When: 22–24 March, 2019

Cost: FREE

Where: Various locations in Frankston's city centre

The Block Party

Friday 22 March, 4.30–10pm,
Stiebel Place and Gallery Lane,
Frankston

Come along to celebrate the launch of the 2019 Festival at The Block Party. Enjoy street art, music, food and a couple of Frankston City's coolest laneways. See international, national and local street artists in action, hear some beats and enjoy good food and local craft beer and wine.

2019 Artist Line Up

SatOne @satone_satone_satone

From Germany, SatOne's art is abstract in nature and an expression of sensitivity present in objects, but which can be 'seen' only on an instinctive level.

Peeta @peeta_ead

Peeta, also known as Manuel Di Rita, has been a graffiti artist since 1993 and currently lives in Venice. His work explores the potential of sculptural lettering and anamorphism, both in painting and in sculpture.

Phat One & Diva

Charles Williams Ngāti Kahungunu, Ngāi Tūhoe, Ngapuhi @charles_phat1md

Janine Williams Ngāti Paoa, Ngāti Whātua o Kaipara -@janine_divatmd

Working and travelling extensively throughout Aotearoa (New Zealand) and around the globe this team create visual stories connecting them to the whenua (land), korero (stories) and to the tangata whenua (local people) they encounter along the way.

Lucy Lucy @lucylucyone

Currently residing in Melbourne, French-Parisian born artist Lucy Lucy's paintings capture the evolving folklore of the feminine, exploring the diversity and boundaries of heritage; the art and privilege of being a woman.

Sam Songailo @samsongailo

Sam Songailo's work takes form in painting, installation, video, sound and sculpture. He is deeply influenced by digital technology and electronic music.

FREE walking tours

Your FREE personalised walking tour will guide you through Frankston City's laneways, offering the chance to watch the artists in action, learn about their pieces and take photos and selfies.

Guided tours will run daily at 9.30am and 12pm from Thursday 21 to Sunday 24 March, departing from Frankston Library. Bookings: visitfrankston.com or phone: 1300 322 842

For more information visit: thebigpicturefest.com or follow us on Facebook @thebigpicturefest and Instagram @thebigpicturefest

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VISIT FRANKSTON TOURISM PARTNERSHIP



Visit Frankston Tourism Partnership

We can help your tourism business to engage with locals and visitors alike. Offering a wide range of marketing services, the Tourism Team at Frankston City Council will partner with you to improve customer exposure while linking your business up with local resources and services. 2019–2020 partnerships are available now, with a base partnership starting at \$200 for 12 months' exposure. visitfrankston.com/visit-frankston-tourism-partnership

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Enjoy EVERY MOMENT



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15-17 March 2019

Australian BEACH GAMES

Sport is better played on the BEACH

The Australian Beach Games has something for everyone!
Register to **PLAY A SPORT** or come along to our **FREE BEACH PARTY** including our **FOOD TRUCK FESTIVAL** where you'll find **LIVE MUSIC, BEACH BARS, AMUSEMENTS** for the entire family and more!

SWIMMING - VOLLEYBALL - DODGEBALL - NETBALL - SOCCER - ULTIMATE FRISBEE
WRESTLING - TOUCH FOOTBALL - FUN RUN - AQUATHLONS - SPIKEBALL & MORE !!!

To register and find more information visit:
www.australianbeachgames.com.au

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@australianbeachgames



PARTY IN THE PARK

FREE fun day out for kids

Tuesday 9 April 2019

9.30am–1.30pm

Cruden Farm, Langwarrin

The Kazoos and Friends

Party Play Pen – Interactive arena
Jungle Dress Up – Prizes to be won
Animal Farm • Face Painting • Mini Sports
Information on local children's services

BYO picnic or treat yourself to the community BBQs
Please leave your pets at home

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Children must be accompanied by an adult or guardian at all times. Parking and entry off Cranhaven Road, Langwarrin.

Meet our 2019 Citizens of the Year

Frankston City's outstanding citizens for 2019 were honoured on Australia Day (26 January) for their selfless commitment to others, inspiring community spirit and dedication to volunteering.

Council is proud to announce our city's the 2019 Citizens of the Year are:

- Lauren Hornby: Citizen of the year
- Dr John Dickman: Senior Citizen of the Year
- Alicia Goldsworthy: Young Citizen of the Year

Each recipient received a special commemorative one dollar coin produced by the Perth Mint in celebration of the 70th anniversary of Australian citizenship, as well as a commemorative certificate.

Mayor, Michael O'Reilly said he was proud to honour these inspiring residents who give so much to the community and epitomise what it means to be Australian.

"Lauren, Alicia and John have given so much to the community and I'm proud



From left, Citizen of the Year, Lauren Hornby, Senior Citizen of the Year, Dr John Dickman and Young Citizen of the Year, Alicia Goldsworthy.

to recognise their selfless achievements as we honour them as our 2019 Citizens of the Year," said the Mayor.

"They are each inspiring and courageous people who lead by example, displaying our Australian values and the importance of community spirit, volunteering and giving support to others throughout Frankston City."

To learn more about our 2019 Frankston City Citizens of the year visit: frankston.vic.gov.au/coty

Building communication skills for new parents

The transition to parenthood is a tricky one for all new parents. It can be overwhelming, exhausting and often nothing has prepared you for the demands of your new baby. Council offers many free avenues of support for new parents and guardians, including the three week Baby Makes 3 Program.

Course facilitator, Karen Walker believes the course is crucial for all new parents struggling to see issues from their partner's perspective.

"Dad might be feeling guilty he has to work and isn't home to help with the baby. Mum may never have thought of that. Meanwhile, mum might be feeling overwhelmed and socially isolated, which may never have occurred to dad. Through the program, couples learn how to communicate these feelings to each other.

For many fathers, this is their first opportunity to meet with other new parents.

"I had one group of five couples and by the end of the first sessions the dads had exchanged mobile numbers, had set up a fathers' group and were meeting once a week — which is a great example of the connections that can be made," Karen said.



To register visit: frankston.vic.gov.au/BabyMakes3 or phone: 9784 1756



School holiday ranger walks

During the April school holidays, Frankston City's Park Rangers will be sharing their knowledge of nature and the bush. We are very fortunate in Frankston City to have many natural areas to explore that provide a safe haven for our native wildlife.

Take a Guided Ranger Walk or a Spotlighting Night Tour in one of our

very special natural bushland reserves and discover some fascinating wildlife facts. Bookings are essential through the Visitor Information Centre.

To book phone: **1300 322 842** or visitfrankston.com (a small fee applies)



Don't forget:
All pet registration renewal fees are due by 10 April

A taste of culture in Frankston City

Council is celebrating our cultural diversity on Harmony Day, in partnership with local food vendors.

Several fantastic local cafés and businesses are getting behind Harmony Day by serving up a multi-cultural dish on **Thursday 21 March**. Check out the Harmony Day menu on Council's website and support this important day.

Harmony Day is a day of cultural respect for everyone who calls Australia home. In Frankston City, our residents' come from 118 countries and we want to celebrate and recognise the many cultures that make us who we are — from the oldest continuous culture of our first Australians to the cultures of our newest neighbour from around the world.



Local Harmony Day advocate Rob Wright from Eeny Meeny café.

The message of Harmony Day is "Everyone Belongs". The day aims to engage people to participate in their community, respect cultural and religious diversity and foster a sense of belonging for everyone.

To learn more visit: frankston.vic.gov.au/HarmonyDay

Need more school holiday ideas?
Visit: frankston.vic.gov.au/thingstodo

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Introducing VAN TOURISMO



Congratulations to local Andrew Cromlin who recently won Council's "Name Our Caddy" competition. Our city's tourism caddy will forever be known as VAN TOURISMO.

Frankston City's public arts, eclectic dining experiences, live music and year-round festivals and events come together to create an edgy urban vibe that is synonymous with our bayside city. Coupled with over 11kms of coastline and an abundance of natural

outdoor spaces to relax, explore and celebrate, VAN TOURISMO perfectly describes Frankston City. Keep an eye out as you are driving through the city or while visiting public events for VAN TOURISMO, Frankston City's newest information service.

Congratulations Andrew, we hope you enjoy your prize pack. For activities and events in your area go to: visitfrankston.com

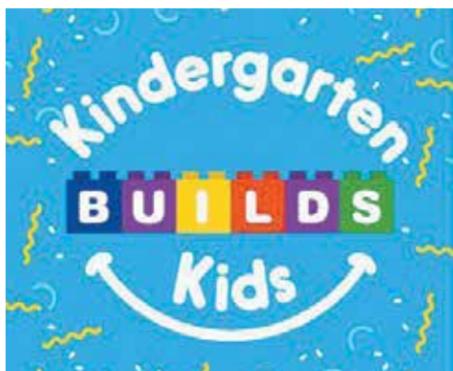
Register for kindergarten 2020

Registrations for 3-year-old kindergarten are now open and close on 30 September 2019

Kindergarten is important for children's learning and development and is a great place for children to make new friends before starting school.

Registrations for 4-year-old kindergarten are closing soon

To be included in the first round offers please register before 30 April 2019.



For more information phone: **1300 322 322** or visit: frankston.vic.gov.au/kindergartens

Eat with your street



Neighbour Day is just around the corner and you can get a \$100 BBQ pack to celebrate with your street.

Get to know your neighbours better and encourage those who live around you to join you for a BBQ or gathering on Neighbour Day, **Sunday 31 March**. Council has 15 BBQ packs worth \$100 each to give away, so get in quick. Five lucky winners will also receive a souvenir street sign (drawn at random). Applications close 12pm



Friday 15 March. For information, visit: frankston.vic.gov.au/neighbourday or phone: **9768 1629**

When you connect with the people who live nearby, you're showing you care about what happens locally and are directly supporting safe, friendly and resilient neighbourhoods.

Love Where You Live

Be part of a community project

Council's Community Strengthening Team is facilitating seven new community projects and we are seeking residents to be part of the working groups to help us make these ideas a reality. Members of the working group must live, work, study or play in the local area.

Each working group will be supported by Council staff and a small project budget. The groups will meet monthly at a local venue and also receive training opportunities to boost skills in the group. All seven groups will come together in March 2020 to present on their project.

The *Love Where You Live* initiative is a great way to get more involved in the community and contribute to a meaningful project. Aside from embarking on a fun new hobby and forming new local friendships, you will help create connections and build local pride in your suburb.

How to get involved

Register your interest for a project happening in your suburb at: frankston.vic.gov.au/lovewhereyoulive or phone: **1300 322 322**

One project will occur in each of the seven following areas:

- Frankston North
- Frankston South
- Karingal
- Carrum Downs Skye and Sandhurst
- Langwarrin
- Frankston Central/Heights
- Seaford

Residents' morning tea

Saturday 30 March, 11am-12pm
Frankston Visitor Information Centre,
7N Pier Promenade, Frankston,
FREE

Have you recently moved to the area and want to find out more about your community? The team at the Frankston Visitor Information Centre would be delighted if you could join us for an informal morning tea to find out more about Council services, facilities and attractions in your local area. This event is an opportunity to meet other residents and widen social networks in the Frankston City community.



Bookings essential: visitfrankston.com or phone: **1300 322 842**

Impact Volunteering

Volunteer Expo 2019

Impact Volunteering is a not-for-profit association passionate about community connection through matching and supporting volunteers and organisations.

Their annual Volunteer Expo is being held **Wednesday 8 May** at Lyrebird Community Centre, with the opportunity for organisations, agencies and individuals to showcase and enquire about available opportunities within their local



community. Stall holder bookings are now open and FREE for all not-for-profit organisations. For more information and to book visit: impactvolunteering.org.au

Youth Week 2019



Young artists add colour to their community

A group of young local artists have come together to paint a bright and beautiful mural at Bayside Shopping Centre, as part of the recent Youth Celebrations at Bayside event.

Artists worked with local traders and organisations to bring some colour and art to the people of Frankston City, producing a piece that celebrated each artist's strength and drive in overcoming past obstacles.

The event also included live musicians and workshops run by local

organisations and young volunteers, including Frankston Youth Service, Brotherhood of St Laurence, Frankston Skatepark/YMCA, Headspace Frankston, Whitelion, TaskForce and Chisholm Institute. Many local traders also supported the event, including PARC and food retailers. The artwork is located in the car park outside the top level food court of Bayside Shopping Centre. Why not take a visit today?

A wheelie good place to hangout

Frankston Youth Services' new 'WHAT Bus' is an awesome addition to the Youth Team and travels around to different areas in Frankston City connecting with local youth.

The bus offers loads of fun gaming options, including PS4, Xbox One, Wii-U, Uno and plenty more.

Also available for FREE is the use of laptops and iPads, enabling young

people to work on resumes, do their homework or just surf the FREE internet.

There is always a great team of youth workers on hand to help and support youth, plus heaps of giveaways, competitions and prizes. Follow Frankston Youth Services on Instagram (@FrankstonYouthService) to find out where the WHAT Bus will be next.



Café giving Frankston City youth a second chance

Frankie's Café, based at the Frankston South Community and Recreation Centre offers disadvantaged young people a way back into work and school. The Council-run program provides hospitality training and support to young adults who have left mainstream education early.

Jarrah, 16 was part of the first group to participate in the program and helped to get Frankie's Cafe up and running.

"Each week we went over what we would need in the café if we were starting from scratch. We had a budget and it covered everything down to the smallest detail. We wrote inventory lists and priced everything against the budget. We looked at rent prices for a few places around the

area as well. It was really insightful," said Jarrah.

Jarrah left school three years ago to be a full time carer to her mum and brother.

"My mum and brother both have severe muscular dystrophy. Five years ago, both were told they would have only 20 years to live, and then my mum deteriorated ridiculously quickly. My brother started to get worse too, so I had to leave school to look after them," Jarrah said.

The café also offers a mobile option in the form of a caravan called *Frankie Goes To...* — which is available for hire. Program graduates are given first preference to work at the mobile café when it is hired out for community functions and events.

Jarrah was recently part of a team working the van at an event.

"I get anxiety talking to people sometimes, and Justin (Youth Worker and Trainer) knew that, which is why he put me on front-of-house. All of us working the caravan on the day were put in roles that made us uncomfortable. By the end we were all killing it and it was great. It's taken that anxiety away," Jarrah says.

Frankie's Café follows a successful pilot program run at the Frankston North Community Centre.

For more information about the café and how to get involved visit: frankston.vic.gov.au/frankiescafe or phone: 9293 7122



From left, Youth Worker and Trainer, Kylie Galea and program graduate, Jarrah.

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Working towards a stronger Frankston City

During the November 2018 Victorian State Election, more than \$1.2 billion worth of commitments were made to a range of programs and services in the Frankston City, including approximately \$271.05 million towards Council's four priority projects.

Council is working hard to ensure the commitments of the re-elected Victorian Labor Government are delivered as a priority in the 2019-2020 Victorian Budget, while also advocating to both the Federal Government and Federal Opposition for funding towards these and other vital projects at the 2019 Federal Election.

Priority project updates

Rail extension

The Level Crossing Removal Project is undertaking a business case to support electrifying the existing Stony Point line from Frankston towards the Mornington Peninsula.

The business case is expected to be released in the coming months.

Marine safety

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Safe Boat Refuge and new Coast Guard building community consultation, from December 2018 to February 2019. Council is undertaking additional environmental studies before determining the status of this project

Jubilee Park indoor stadium

Throughout January to March, Council has facilitated a number of information sessions on the Jubilee Park Master Plan and initial concept designs for the proposed expansion to the indoor stadium.

Further community consultation and investigations are still to occur before plans are finalised.

Tennis and gymnastics at Centenary Park

Council has already pledged \$11 million to relocate the Frankston Tennis Club and Bayside Gymnastics Club to a new building in Centenary Park, however contributions from both state and federal governments are needed for the project to proceed.

Building a better Ballarto Road Upgrading intersections

Prime Minister Scott Morrison and Minister for Cities, Urban Infrastructure and Population Alan Tudge visited Carrum Downs alongside Federal Member for Dunkley Chris Crewther announcing a \$30 million upgrade intersections along Ballarto Road.

These include Greenwood Drive, Dion Drive, Potts Road and elsewhere to make the journey for hundreds of people safer and quicker.

Council has advocated to VicRoads on behalf of concerned residents for a number of years to have Ballarto Road

upgraded and we're delighted to see the Federal Government is taking action.

Prime Minister Scott Morrison with Frankston City Mayor, Cr Michael O'Reilly



Seaford to sprout green

More than 100,000 native and indigenous plants will take root as part of the Level Crossing Removal Project's revitalisation of RF Miles Reserve in Seaford.

Frankston Indigenous Nursery, based in Kananook, is working with Yarra View Nursery to grow 10,000 of these plants from seed for the first stage of landscaping, beginning in March.

The plants are being grown from

seeds collected in the Frankston area and include eucalypts, coastal banksias and native grasses.

Frankston Indigenous Nursery will reopen from early April. For more information visit: frankston.vic.gov.au/IndigenousNursery or come along to the open day Saturday 4 May. See Page 17 for more details.

Visit: levelcrossings.vic.gov.au
Phone: 1800 105 105

For more information on Council's advocacy, visit: frankston.vic.gov.au/advocacy



The existing facilities at RF Miles Reserve in Seaford.

Supporting our sports-loving city

Works to upgrade football, netball and cricket facilities at RF Miles Reserve to meet the participation growth needs of Seaford Cricket Club and Seaford Football Netball Club will soon be underway, thanks to Council's successful advocacy to state and federal politicians in the lead up to the November 2018 election.

The redevelopment of RF Miles Reserve will include:

- A new two-storey pavilion with female-friendly facilities
- Larger oval (AFL standard), a new netball court and new cricket nets
- Car parking, bus stop, shared user paths and landscaping
- New oval lighting, scoreboard and interchange benches.

Free TAFE courses

As part of the Victorian Government's initiative to reduce the financial barrier for students wanting to study for in demand jobs, Chisholm Frankston is offering 39 courses on the free TAFE list. Free TAFE for priority courses covers tuition fees for students who are eligible for government-subsidised training. For more information on free courses available, visit: chisholm.edu.au



Enjoying the great outdoors in your own backyard

Frankston City's parks and playgrounds

Frankston City offers plenty of parks and reserves to help keep you active and healthy. With a growing interest in local sport and an equally blooming population, we are always assessing and upgrading our facilities, to ensure our parks continue to serve the needs of our community.



Turning of the Sod at Ballam Park South pavilion

Ballam Park South new multi-purpose pavilion

Works on a new \$4.25 million pavilion at Ballam Park South have commenced, marking a new era for the Peninsula Strikers Junior Football Club and the Frankston community with state of the art sports facilities.

The new pavilion will allow for flexibility in the scheduling of female soccer competitions and provide amazing facilities for this growing club.

This \$3.8 million investment by Council demonstrates a continued commitment to providing quality sporting facilities for all residents.

The new pavilion will include eight female-friendly change rooms, umpire change rooms, a new kitchen and kiosk, a community meeting

room, along with storage and first aid facilities.

Once completed, the new pavilion will add value to projects already undertaken at Ballam Park, including the Ballam Park East Pavilion, playground redevelopment and the new enclosed dog agility park.

The project is supported by:

- Victorian State Government (\$100,000)
- Federal Government (\$300,000)
- The Peninsula Strikers Junior Football Club (\$50,000)

Works are expected to continue until early 2020. To learn more visit:

frankston.vic.gov.au/majorprojects

Fun for all at Bayport Reserve

The new Bayport Reserve playground has something to enjoy for all ages and stages, including more space to play. The reserve now also includes picnic tables and seating — a perfect

vantage point for the whole family to view the beautiful new trees and garden beds.

Address: Richard Drive Langwarrin



Newly completed Bay Port Reserve Playground

Seaford North Reserve upgrades



The new female-friendly change rooms at Seaford North

The sports pavilion at Seaford North Reserve, which is home to Seaford United Soccer Club has recently received an upgrade, including additional female-friendly change rooms — for use by players and umpires. A first aid room and store

room complete the pavilion upgrade, with the reserve's car park also receiving a facelift. The works were undertaken to support the growth of female participation in sport, and to provide improved facilities for the wider community.

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There are many beautiful playgrounds scattered throughout our wonderful city, purpose built for all ages to enjoy. We are continually working to grow and improve equipment as it ages, or as a need is identified for a brand new play space.

Waterfront Playground revitalisation now complete

Works are complete on the redeveloped Waterfront play area, now featuring a diverse range of activities designed to cater for all levels of play.

The \$1.2 million upgrade by Council involved demolition of existing aged equipment, refurbishment of the iconic 'pixie hats' (steel cone roofs) and installation of new junior and

senior play spaces. These spaces utilise durable structural materials, more resilient to the harsh coastal environment.

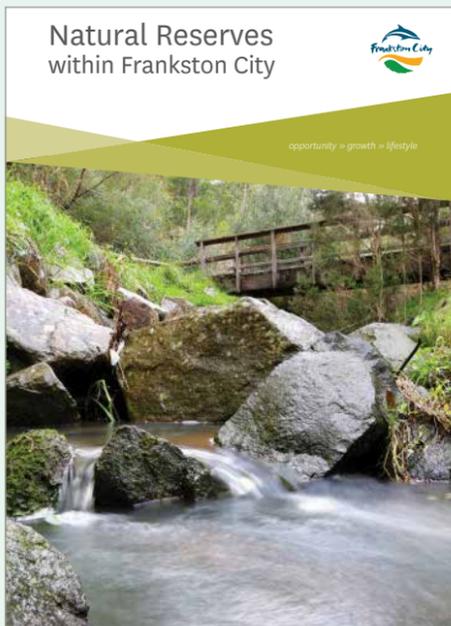
The new playground design includes sand and water play zones, ramps, shelter, decks, new swings and slides. The works also included maintenance of existing trees and foliage.

Sonny, Colbie and mum Jess enjoying the new play area



Your guide to local natural reserves

To discover all the amazing natural reserves in Frankston City, pick up a copy of Council's **Natural Reserves within Frankston City** booklet from any Council customer service centre or library, or download a copy online. Visit: frankston.vic.gov.au/reserves



The new George Pentland Botanic Gardens playground



New playground is a work of art

The coolest new playground in Frankston City is at George Pentland Botanic Gardens, and there's no better time than right now for young ones to put it through its paces.

Frankston City Mayor, Michael O'Reilly thanked the community for their patience while works were underway.

"While the works took a little bit longer than we initially expected, due to the bespoke nature of the new equipment, you'd have to agree that it's a pretty awesome new playground," said the Mayor.

The unique play space features an incredible sprout play sculpture designed by Melbourne sculptor, Damian Vick.

The two weathered steel trees sprout different play elements including scramble nets, a stainless steel slide, a tube slide and a disc climb. The play space, which complements the natural environment also includes a storytelling circle, U-turn audio unit, sand play zone, cubby frames and an inclusive carousel.

Council is proud to deliver and fund this new \$700,000 play space and looks forward to seeing the community enjoy it for many years to come.

Did you know? Frankston City has almost 150 parks, playgrounds and reserves.



Frankston Arts Centre

2019 Program

Bookings: 9784 1060 or thefac.com.au



Music

DYLANesque

True Confessions Revisited
Saturday 27 April, 8pm

Tickets: \$27-\$59



Comedy

Melbourne International Comedy Festival

Comedy Roadshow

Sunday 5 May, 8pm

Tickets: \$27-\$59



Dance

Sydney Dance Company

Triple Bill

Saturday 18 May, 7.30pm

Tickets: \$27-\$59



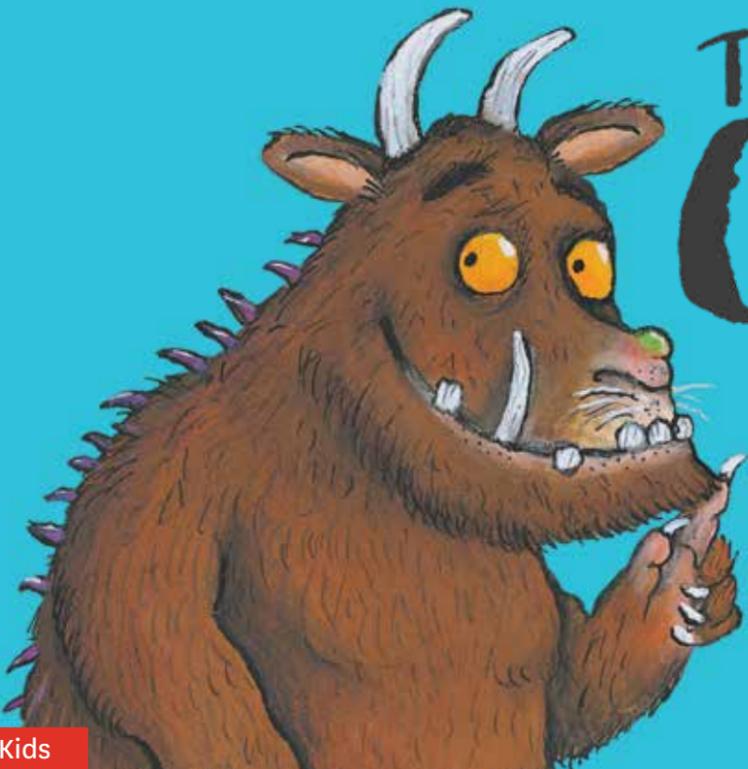
Circus

Circus Oz

Precarious

Friday 24 May, 6pm and Saturday
25 May, 1pm and 6pm

Tickets: \$25-\$59



THE GRUFFALO

CDP with Tall Stories

The Gruffalo

Wednesday 17 April, 12pm & 2pm
Tickets: \$23-\$25

After sell-out seasons across the world, including London's West End & Broadway, The Gruffalo returns to Australia! Join Mouse on

a daring adventure through the deep, dark wood in this magical, musical adaptation of the classic picture book by Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler. Songs, laughs and scary fun for children and their grown-ups.

Frankston Arts Centre is a business unit of Frankston City Council

Kids

What's On at Frankston City libraries

Poetry workshop with Andrea Louise Thomas

Facilitated by established local writer and performance poet, Andrea Louise Thomas.

Participants will learn to identify distinctions between poems best suited for page (reading) or stage (performing).

Wednesday 13 March, 5.30-7.30pm

FREE — bookings essential

Ray Scott author of Cut to the Chase

Local writer Ray Scott will talk about his thrilling crime novels and the writing craft.

Saturday 23 March, 1-2pm

FREE — bookings essential

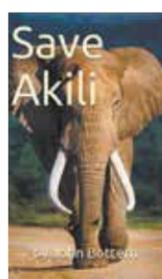


John Bottern author of When the Elephant Rumbles

A heart-warming tale about a teenage boy and the bond he makes with an elephant named Akili.

Wednesday 3 April 6-7pm

FREE — bookings essential



Pete Pascoe

Pete's music varies from rock, ballads and folk rock songs to contemporary classical piano compositions.

Sunday 14 April, 1.30-3pm

FREE — no bookings required

John Westley author of The Acquisition

Set in the board rooms of Melbourne, this novel uncovers the impact of greed in the world of business.

Saturday 27 April, 1-2pm

FREE — bookings essential



Thomas Hugh

Texas-bred, Melbourne-based contemporary singer songwriter.

Sunday 28 April, 1.30-3pm

FREE — no bookings required

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

Library System Upgrade

Frankston City Libraries is upgrading their systems. New developments include a Library App and new look Public Catalogue.

Loan periods will change to three week loans for all items. Wednesday 8 May is the date when these 'go live'. Please ask the library staff for assistance.

Please note, opinions expressed in individual Councillor columns do not necessarily reflect the position of Council.

Encouraging the leaders of tomorrow

By Cr Sandra Mayer



I was honoured to speak at the launch of Project O at The Pines in December, involving Mahogany Rise Primary and Monterey Secondary College and supported by Rosie Batty and Member for Frankston Paul Edbrooke. Project O is a national award-winning primary prevention initiative of Big hART, which enables young women to be change-makers in their communities by building confidence, skills, agency and personal advocacy. Unique to the national program, Project O Frankston is piloting a new digital strategy, engaging young women in new digital skills and literacies.

I was moved in so many ways by this amazing event, not least because of the leadership and intelligence shown by these incredible young students. I have always believed it is critical for the next generation to understand and take action against issues such as violence in the home, bullying and social aggression, to ensure we break this vicious cycle.

I encouraged such displays of leadership in my address to students, asking that they always strive to be and do the best they can, whatever they choose to do in life. I spoke about the importance of learning from our mistakes and showing compassion for the mistakes of others. The other key point I tried to get across on the day was the importance of focusing on the 'why' of our actions. Understanding what motivates and drives us forward. It will often be necessary in life, when we have obstacles in our way or hurdles to overcome, to remember why we chose a certain career or path in life.

Never forget what it is that helps you get out of bed every morning and maintain your sense of purpose. I also strongly encouraged everyone to become active members of their community. Council has many opportunities for young people to become involved in local projects and advocacy, as a member of our Youth Council for example. And one day, it may well be this group of young leaders who grow in to our next generation of Frankston City Councillors.



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Giving kids the best start in life

By Cr Michael O'Reilly, Mayor

Council has a huge roster of comprehensive programs available for families to take advantage of; providing support, advice and activities for caregivers, children and youth. In particular, parent and guardian education programs such as Baby Makes 3, Best Start, Early Parenting – Books and Babes among others help to transition caregivers into their new roles as parents and provide useful tips to help you through this challenging phase of life. I encourage everyone to take advantage of what these amazing programs can offer your family.

Visit: frankston.vic.gov.au/familyservices

Vale Tony Hansen

It was with sadness I acknowledged the passing of our long-standing Christmas tree arborist, Tony Hansen late last year. Tony had assisted with the rigging of the Christmas lights on Frankston's famous Norfolk Pine since 2000 and it was the job he most looked forward to every year. A few years ago Tony started wearing his Santa suit while atop the tree. He loved to delight the kids who walked by on their way to school next door. It was always wonderful to have him as part of our Christmas Festival team. On behalf of Frankston City Council, I would like to again offer my condolences to Tony's family and friends. Thank you Tony for igniting the Christmas spirit in us all. You'll be sadly missed.

Bayport Reserve playground now open



As part of our commitment to improving playgrounds across the city, a concept plan was prepared last year for a playground upgrade at Bayport Reserve, Langwarrin. The plan included an expanded playground space with new equipment suitable for younger and older children, new concrete footpaths, social spaces with picnic tables and seats, and new tree and garden bed planting to provide shade and improve the park appearance. The project is now complete and the area open for families to enjoy. Please head down and make the most of this lovely new space while the weather is warm.



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Surviving and thriving in the heat

By Cr Colin Hampton, Deputy Mayor

Frankston City is a great place to be year-round and the warmer months are no exception. If you are vacationing at home or looking for ways to keep the kids busy, our bustling city is full of ways to stay entertained. The Frankston Arts Centre and Frankston Library are ongoing sources of knowledge and entertainment for all ages and a great way to escape those hotter days. Likewise, our calendar of outdoor events and local parks and recreation facilities help you to make the most of the sunshine. Ongoing markets, walking trails and bike paths, beautiful parks and gardens are just some of the ways you can get out and enjoy this beautiful weather while it lasts. You can find a full list of things to do near you on the What's On page of Council's website and at: visitfrankston.com

Building a sustainable city

Of course there is another way to make the most of the sunshine – as a wonderful natural energy resource. As part of our Environmental Sustainability Policy, Council works hard to lead and deliver on best practice sustainability initiatives, to ensure we as a city leave the smallest possible carbon footprint. This includes installation of solar panels on Council-owned buildings. The North East Ward recently had twenty four kilowatts (kW) of new solar power installed by Council, with assistance from the Australian Government's Solar Communities Program in 2018.



The Langwarrin Community Centre (9.90 kW), Langwarrin Men's Shed (9 kW) and Langwarrin Tennis Club (5 kW) are all now benefiting from these installations, with the savings generated enabling the groups to provide other important community services. A total of 91 kilowatts of solar capacity was installed by Council in 2018, which is expected to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by around 140 tonnes each year. Installing solar is part of Council's bid to achieve zero net emissions by 2025 and will assist in reducing rising energy costs for both Council and our tenants. For more information on installing solar visit:

cleanenergycouncil.org.au



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A new playground to enjoy

By Cr Brian Cunial



A revitalised playground recently opened at George Pentland Gardens and it has been a pleasure seeing the local children enjoy this unique play space. Looking more like a piece of art than a playground, the equipment compliments the natural environment and looks at home within the gardens. We were thrilled to be able to deliver this project for the local community. The new play area is a reflection of our dedication as a Council to providing the best possible facilities for the city's residents and we will continue to deliver more important projects throughout the year.

Investing in our kids' future

Paratea Preschool also recently underwent a significant refurbishment, including a complete internal fit out and construction of a new entrance. The new facility was completed in February and the \$400,000 investment from Council will help to ensure our children are given the best possible start to what will be a lifetime of learning.

Love Where You Live



The Love Where You Live Community Projects initiative has revealed a strong sense of community pride in our residents. We recently put a call out for working group members in Frankston and Frankston Heights, to help construct pop up veggie planter boxes across these suburbs. The strong response we received was wonderful to see and is indicative of the desire to keep improving communal spaces for all of our benefit. To participate in a project in your area, visit Council's website for more information.

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International Women's Day

By Cr Quinn McCormack

International Women's Day (IWD), 8 March, provides an opportunity to celebrate women's successes and promote shared ownership for driving gender parity. As world renowned feminist Gloria Steinem said, "The story of women's struggle for equality belongs to no single feminist nor to any one organisation but to the collective efforts of all who care about human rights." In seeking gender parity, we improve circumstances and achieve equality for all. Council participates in an annual awareness raising event to commemorate IWD.

Malala Yousafzai visited Melbourne in 2018 and has had an extraordinary journey, from rural Pakistan to the United Nations. Malala is the youngest recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize and is a campaigner for women's rights and education. Her incredible courage in the face of adversity is inspiring, as some members of our community were fortunate enough to hear firsthand.

As an appointed Ambassador for One Girl Australia — an organisation raising funds primarily to provide education for girls in Sierra Leone and Uganda (some of the toughest places in the world to be born a girl) — the statistics are devastating. More than 130 million girls globally are not being educated simply because they are born female. Annually, more than 15 million girls are forced into child marriage. Of the world's illiterate adult population, more than two-thirds are women. Believing in empowering girls and women to reach their potential and achieve their dreams, I accepted an opportunity to make a real difference and highlight these issues.

In October, our community raised almost \$10,000 — a tally placing us on top of the leaderboard for individual fundraising across Australia! By raising money to provide education to girls and give them access to equipment we have helped girls to reach their potential. It is fantastic, Frankston was recognised for supporting female education. Education is important because educated girls become educated women, sisters, mothers, teachers, mentors, leaders, entrepreneurs, etc. Women who wield influence in the home, classroom, community, and wider society. Women who challenge the status quo; women who want to see the next generation of girls flourish and thrive. We must remember that every single girl is capable of becoming a leader, mentor, change maker — and education gives her the opportunity.

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Celebrating our SES

By Cr Steve Toms



In December, I was privileged to award Frankston State Emergency Service (SES) unit members their years of service certificates, on behalf of Frankston City Mayor, Michael O'Reilly. The SES work tirelessly throughout the year to help keep us safe; donating their time to this great organisation. Well done to the long serving members who received their certificates, including my friend and past Unit Controller, Brian McMannis. I thank all members for their service to our community, on behalf of Frankston City.

Beautifying our city

I have been working closely with our Parks and Gardens team to see how we can make small changes to improve the city's look and feel. The team identified the corner of Baxter and Davey Streets as an area in need of a little love. The team has recently installed Lomandras and Dieties species, as they are a hardy and attractive native plant. We are now looking at the feasibility of continuing the gardens further along Davey St and Baxter St. I encourage residents to contact Council if you know of an area in need of attention.

Supporting local trade

Take some time to visit the Frankston Makers' Market in Young Street, held on the third Saturday of every month. The market is one of many held regularly across Frankston City and showcases the incredible skill of local stallholders. It is also an opportunity to branch out from Melbourne's large shopping centres and see what your local traders have to offer. Thank you also to those who attended last month's Waterfront Festival. It was wonderful to see so many of you celebrating responsibly.

Staying safe in the heat

We all love these warmer months but they also come with some risks. Please ensure you and your family wear adequate protection from the sun, check in on a loved one if they are at risk and never leave children in locked cars. It is also important to stay hydrated and be able to recognise the signs of heat stroke in yourself and others. Lastly, please make sure you are taking steps to keep pets cool and hydrated during the day, especially if no one will be home.

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Positive community outcomes

By Cr Kris Bolam JP FAIM

I love animals, and believe our city should take a “carrot and stick” approach to animal management, which is why I’m proud to have recently implemented the following:

- FREE annual registration for service dogs
- FREE initial registration for pets adopted via Council’s pound service
- An “adoption lottery” whereby 15 animals are given away FREE each year following Council’s annual Pets’ Day Out event — including annual registration
- Increased advertising to encourage residents to adopt from Council’s pound
- For dogs declared “menacing”, in order for Council to consider removal of this status, the dog must have undertaken accredited obedience training
- Coming soon — discounts on annual registrations to encourage obedience training for dogs

In 2018, Council also adopted a Return Home Policy whereby if an animal is collected by our officers, they will attempt to return it home without penalty, on the proviso that it is registered, displaying tags and has no previous history.

New grant categories

I was also successful in having several additional community grants introduced to supplement Council’s Miscellaneous Grants allotment. These include:

- Urgent Grants: For community groups in need of urgent funding for unexpected needs
- Environmental Sustainability Grants: For community groups committed to improving the local environment
- Neighbourhood Grants: For community groups or individuals seeking to improve local perception and connect their community
- Youth Action Grants: For youth orientated community groups or student councils seeking to improve our area through specific projects

Council also introduced a Community Group Membership Drive Grant, increasing Council’s Miscellaneous Grants from \$15,000 with four categories to \$45,000 with nine categories — which is great news.

Karingal Hub redevelopment approved

In October 2018 Council approved a \$62 million redevelopment of Karingal Hub. Plans include an additional 762 FREE car parks, outdoor terraces, a multi-level restaurant and fenced kids’ play area, mezzanine, town square, improved accessibility and the inclusion of public art, green walls and street furniture. Council also secured additional tree planting along Karingal Drive and Cranbourne Road.

I commend Karingal Hub and ISPT Property for working with Council on this

project, which will create around 200 jobs during construction and 300 ongoing jobs once complete.

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Trash and treasure

By Cr Glenn Aitken

The annual community celebration of hard waste collection is almost upon us! Many of us were inconvenienced when the collection did not take place last November, however this April nature strips will be adorned with all manner of strange curiosities. There is, I think, more to this collection than we initially think. First, it has almost become a type of urban ritual anticipated, celebrated, fulfilling. Secondly, and less favourably, it is symbolic of Western lifestyle; live, consume, die. Millions of dollars are spent annually on furniture or commodities that are consciously produced by unprincipled manufacturers, with an anticipated three, five or ten year lifespan, to then be thrown away.

With basic research, or more careful choices, we are capable of changing that by either paying more in the first instance for better quality or generally buying more wisely, which ultimately saves us money and reduces waste in our environment. For example, whatever happened to needle and thread? Is it such an encumbrance to patch up clothes that are wearing or darn good socks that are thinning? Thirdly, on the ‘flip-side’ treasure can be found in the waste. I found a beautiful tile, made about 1880 by the famous Minton Pottery Works in England, on a nature strip in Dandenong. Someone I know well discovered a large, heavy elaborate gilt frame made by Thallon of Melbourne circa 1880. Thallon made frames for the great Australian artists such as Henry McCubbin, Tom Roberts and Arthur Streeton. Their iconic works today are measured in the millions of dollars. The old frame on its own would fetch a thousand dollars. But where did the painting it held go? And perhaps more pertinently who did it? Perhaps it held a fabulous work by Streeton, never recorded and now lost forever.

Back in the 1970s, I was told the story of an odd jobs man who noticed a chair thrown out on a nature strip in the South Yarra area. He picked it up because he just somehow ‘liked’ it. Seeing signs of rich, old timber beneath the paint, he subsequently carefully removed the paint, revealing in all its beauty a very fine English Chippendale chair from the 18th Century, worth thousands of dollars. Or the American a few years back who found a suitcase filled with a remarkable collection of photos, documents, etc. — worth around quarter of a million dollars. Murano Glass, Featherstone chairs, Australian pottery and the list goes on. Trash and treasure. Waste not want not!

If you decide to explore this year’s hard waste offerings, please do so respectfully, and seek permission from the householder before removing item from their nature strip. Please also be mindful not to disturb piles as this makes collecting more cumbersome and time consuming for our contractors.

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Disability Week

By Cr Lillian O'Connor



One in five people in Australia have a disability. It’s no secret I have a disability myself and I am very proud of it. Unfortunately, disabilities often come with a harsh stigma I have unfortunately experienced and still do to this day. I want to prove that people with a disability can do anything and excel in life, all it takes is a ‘never give up’ attitude. I had the pleasure of being asked to host and speak at the Enabling Women with Disabilities Graduation Ceremony held at Chisholm Institute late last year. This was a wonderful celebration of female empowerment and I was fortunate to meet some amazing individuals, who have dreams and goals they want to achieve and are working hard towards this.

NDIS — a work in progress

The National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) is something that was desperately needed for a long time, to enable people with disabilities to access the right support. Whilst it is great to have a national insurance system in place, in my view there are teething problems. People fall through the cracks and there are other systematic issues with the scheme. In my view, the NDIS still has a long way to go to ensure it is a consistent and fair model for all people with disabilities.

Frankston Life Community Christmas Lunch



For those who have lost their loved ones, are homeless or simply cannot afford presents, Christmas is not the enjoyable event it should be. Last year, I was fortunate enough to serve food, hand out presents and talk to many people during the free Christmas lunch hosted by not-for-profit organisation, Frankston Life at the Frankston Arts Centre. It warmed my heart to see everyone enjoying themselves together. A wonderful initiative.

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Hard waste and bundled green waste collection 2019



Council is providing a kerbside hard waste and bundled green waste collection for Frankston city residents, commencing late April through to June.

Households will receive notification in the mail two weeks prior to their collection week, detailing when their street's hard waste will be collected and what items can be accepted.

In early 2018, Council commenced a tender process to secure a kerbside hard waste and bundled green waste collection service for the 2018–2019 financial year. We were successful in securing a contractor, however due to scheduling conflicts, the annual city-wide collection service was moved from its usual October to December timeframe. We realise this

change may have inconvenienced some residents and we thank you for your understanding. The choice to postpone hard waste collection until later in the financial year meant Council was able to save the city approximately \$500,000 in additional costs.

Each household can place up to two cubic metres, sorted into five neat stacks — hard waste, scrap metal and whitegoods, e-waste and fridges, green waste and mattresses. Waste is to be placed out on the nature strip no more than two days prior to the start of their collection week. Council strictly enforces rules around hard waste collection, with penalties starting at \$200.

What is accepted for collection?

- Hard waste – furniture including mattresses and bed bases, clothing, lawn mowers, hot water systems, electrical items and timber
- Scrap metal, whitegoods, DVD players, computers, TVs — you can drop these items off at FRRRC for free
- Bundled green waste



What won't be picked up?

- Tyres, wheels or car batteries
- Renovation, building or demolition materials, fencing, rubble, soil, bricks or concrete
- Dangerous goods (e.g. paints, oils, poisons or pool chemicals)
- Hazardous waste (e.g. asbestos, cement sheeting or sharps)
- Gas bottles, fuel tanks or water tanks
- Unwrapped glass
- Household garbage
- Recyclables suitable for household recycling bins
- Untied green waste or green waste in plastic bags
- Waste from industrial and commercial premises and businesses operated from home



Keep an eye out for collections dates in your area, visit: frankston.vic.gov.au/hardrubbish



A space for wildlife to flourish

Our Gardens for Wildlife program officially launches in May, to help provide sustainable areas for local birds and animals.

The free program will provide simple and practical advice for creating wildlife-friendly gardens at home, and will launch during the Indigenous Nursery Open Day, Saturday 4 May. Special guest presenter AB Bishop, author of one of Australia's top selling gardening book *Habitat* will present on the values of, and her passion for, habitat gardening. AB Bishop is a highly

respected horticulturist, conservationist, writer and habitat consultant with a wealth of experience. *Habitat* is a practical and beautifully designed guide for anyone wanting to create their own wildlife haven at home.

The Open Day will include plenty of other activities, including nursery tours, meet and greet with local wildlife carers, friends groups and nursery volunteers and a sausage sizzle. See the Greening Our Future Calendar on page 17 for more information.

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Don't bag us. Keep us loose!



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Greening our Future



Solar and batteries — is now the time?

When: Thursday 21 March, 7–9pm

Where: Functions by the Bay (Frankston Football Club), Plowman Place, Frankston

Get facts and independent advice to help you decide if and when to 'go solar' with or without batteries.

Presented by an experienced not-for-profit energy expert.



Gardens for Wildlife

When: Saturday 23 March, 10am–12pm

Where: Karingal PLACE Neighbourhood Centre, 103 Ashleigh Avenue, Frankston

Love your garden? Make it even better by creating a safe haven for native wildlife — a few simple actions can encourage animals like birds, frogs, butterflies and bats to visit and thrive.



Earth Hour: Nature after dark

When: Saturday 30 March, 7.30–9.30pm

Where: Paratea Flora and Fauna Reserve, Paratea Avenue, Frankston South

Celebrate Earth Hour in a unique way — watch what comes out after dark. Join a local Ranger to gaze at the stars and spot nocturnal wildlife in beautiful Paratea Reserve.



Indigenous Nursery Open Day

When: Saturday 4 May, 9am–1pm

Where: Frankston Indigenous Nursery, 7 McMannis Way (off McCulloch Avenue), Seaford

Discover your local community nursery and enjoy a range of activities for the whole family.



Creating a raingarden

When: Wednesday 15 May, 7–9pm

Where: Frankston Life Saving Club, 1/1N Long Island Drive, Frankston

Learn how to make a beautiful raingarden to enhance your home as well as purify stormwater and reduce pollution reaching our creeks and bay.

The latest FREE Greening our Future events brochure is now out. Pick up your copy at any Council customer service centre, or download a copy from Council's website.

Did you know?

Raingardens are specially designed garden beds that filter storm water runoff from surrounding areas or stormwater pipes. They are low-maintenance, not needing to be watered, mowed or fertilised and can be adapted for different locations, shapes and sizes.

Registrations are essential for all events. To book your spot, visit frankston.vic.gov.au or phone 9768 1628 and leave a message.



Council adopts Towards Zero Emissions Plan

In January 2019, Council adopted its Towards Zero Emissions Plan (2019–2023), to assist Council and the community avoid and reduce greenhouse gas emissions and their impact on climate change.

Council would like to thank community members who provided feedback on the draft plan.

The plan outlines Council's priorities over the next four years to progress towards its ambitious zero net emissions target (i.e. to be carbon neutral) by 2025.

Some of the key actions of the plan include a continued focus and investment by Council in energy efficiency and renewable energy technologies, preparing for a bulk replacement of street lights on minor roads to energy efficient LEDs in 2019, as well as offering targeted services and support to help the Frankston City community reduce emissions.

For a copy of the plan visit: frankston.vic.gov.au or for more information phone 1300 322 322

Koalas on the move

Not everyone is aware that our treed areas within Frankston South and Langwarrin South are home to the iconic koala.

Recently there has been an increase in the number of koala sightings in these areas with frequent reports being made to social media (particularly near the Frankston Nature Conservation Reserve).

Sightings are more common during the koala breeding season, August to February, when the young from the previous year leave their mothers and disperse and during heatwaves.

This is a timely reminder to keep your dogs on leads.

Any sightings of injured wildlife should be reported to a local wildlife rescue service. Visit: frankston.vic.gov.au/wildlife



Photographer David Paul, Museums Victoria



Pictured: Frankston City Mayor, Michael O'Reilly with 2018–2019 Business Grant recipients

Frankston City Business Grants 2018–2019

Providing a boost for our local economy

The local economy has received a significant boost thanks to the Frankston City Business Grants Program. Council has awarded a total of \$120,000 to this year's eight recipients, who are expected to generate up to 35 new jobs in the municipality.

According to Frankston City Mayor, Michael O'Reilly this year's program attracted a record number of applications from a diverse range of businesses.

"Not only did we receive a number of high quality applications from across the city, but also from businesses looking to invest in Frankston City," said the Mayor.

"Council has recognised the previous success of the Frankston City Business

Grants Program in supporting the local business community and has doubled the funding available.

"We're incredibly proud of the fact that all but two of the 27 previously funded grant recipients continue to thrive in Frankston City. The aim for this grants program is to give local businesses an opportunity to take their next step towards success, which ultimately benefits our city's economy. It's amazing to see the number of businesses we have in the area doing awesome things and being leaders in their industries."

The Frankston City Business Grants Program has made a significant difference to Frankston City and the success of its recipients – leading to the creation of around 456 jobs and an

injection of more than \$162 million gross revenue to the local economy since 2012.

"Small business is the backbone of our community and the Frankston City Business Grants Program is one of the city's most significant initiatives to create and grow the number of locally available jobs; moving us closer to becoming the Lifestyle Capital of Victoria."

2018–2019 Frankston City Business Grant recipients:

- Two Boys One Beagle and a Coffee Shop
- Eliza Archery
- Mr Banks Brewing Co
- Frankston Bazaar
- Hank Bos Glass and The Splashback Factory
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Inspiring entrepreneurs

Everyone received a strong dose of motivation to push their business — or their business idea to the next level during the free Inspiring Entrepreneurs event in February.

The sold out event was held at The Garden in Frankston, a hub for holistic practitioners, creatives and business consultants to collaborate.

Participants were fortunate to hear from two amazing women, Kym Eliopoulos and Robyn Vogels, who have built their businesses from passion and humble beginnings to international reach.

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*Presenters
Kym Eliopoulos and
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Carrum Downs Cricket Club members, from left, Jordan Watters, Kyle Rhodes and Harry Ure. The club is already enjoying a revitalised Oval 2.

Local sports to benefit from Carrum Downs upgrade

Carrum Downs Recreation Reserve has received an upgrade to Oval 2, as plans progress for installation of a new synthetic sports field.

The sporting field is the first of its kind for Frankston City, chosen as a low maintenance and tougher option for sporting use. Synthetic sporting fields can be used more regularly, require less water and means play isn't weather dependent.

The new synthetic field will provide for several sporting activities at the reserve, including soccer, AFL and cricket. The facility will establish the reserve as a regional training hub, with quality sports lighting and a

playing surface for state/regional competitions.

Carrum Downs Cricket Club has been using the newly reconstructed Oval 2 and has flagged the upgrades as a boost for the club.

"The club greatly appreciates all the hard work done by Council, State Member Sonya Kilkenny and club volunteers for the new facilities. The facilities are not only beneficial to club members who now have two first class ovals to play and train on, but will also be appreciated by the community as a whole," says Carrum Downs Cricket Club President, Russell Blackburn.

Overport Park oval improvement works

Overport Park Oval 2 is now under development. The revitalised oval will be ready for use from April, and will support the growth and improvement of the Baden Powell Cricket Club, Frankston Dolphins Junior Football Club and Frankston Dolphins Football and Netball clubs.

"The new club rooms upgrade means a great deal to both the Frankston Dolphins Senior and Junior Football Clubs. New facilities will allow us to provide a great environment for both boys and girls with unisex toilets and change rooms designed for both male and female participants. We will be able to host club functions including



sponsor nights with our state-of-the-art kitchen which is an integral part of the sustainability of any sporting club," says Frankston Dolphins Football and Netball Club Council Liaison, Nick Old.

A new pavilion for Overport Park

Works on a new \$3.825 million pavilion are underway, to provide the Frankston community with new state-of-the-art sports facilities.

Frankston City Mayor, Michael O'Reilly said the new pavilion will contribute significant opportunities to grow the profile of female participation in AFL and cricket throughout Frankston City.

"This \$3.825 million investment will provide a sustainable, multi-purpose facility that meets the current and future needs of the community," said the Mayor.

The project is supported by:

- Frankston City Council (\$3.625 million)
- State Government (\$100,000)
- Joint contribution from the Frankston Dolphins Junior Football Club, Frankston Dolphins Football Netball Club and the Baden Powell Cricket Club (\$100,000)
- The Federal Government has also contributed an additional \$19,711 to the project

The new pavilion will include:

- Four female-friendly change rooms, umpire rooms



- New kitchen and kiosk
- Multi-purpose community room
- Meeting room along with office space
- First aid facilities

The upgrade will also include new public toilets.

Expected completion: December 2019

Seaford North Reserve car park and playground

In addition to the pavilion redevelopment, car park works have also commenced at Seaford North Reserve in January, with completion expected by April.

The works will be staged to ensure minimal impact for reserve users and the 2019 soccer season. The first

section will be the eastern section near the soccer club rooms. Once these works are complete, works will begin on the western section from the public toilets to the playground. A \$300,000 upgrade to the playground is also underway, expected to be completed by May 2019.

Temporary closure of McClelland Reserve works

Council is working to reconfigure the dog free roam area and Frankston Dog Obedience Club grounds.

Works will include top dressing the area with soil to reduce ponding of water caused by rain. The club grounds and dog free roam area will remain **closed until mid-April 2019** to allow grass to re-establish.

A contractor was also appointed to undertake car park works at the reserve, which commenced in mid-

February. Works are being staged to ensure minimal impact for reserve users and the 2019 soccer season. The first section will be the southern section near the soccer club rooms. Once these works are completed, the contractor will open this section of car park and begin works on the northern section. The car park will fully reopen approximately mid-May.

Foreshore murals delight

New beach themed murals now adorn the walls of three foreshore toilet blocks, previously plagued by tagging and graffiti.

The toilets near the Waterfront Playground, Frankston Yacht Club and the Seaford Life Saving Club now boast colourful images of marine life and local birds.

Frankston City Mayor, Cr Michael O'Reilly said the murals were already working to deter graffiti and tagging in the area.

"We want the community to feel safe when using facilities like our public

toilets. It's important that these are kept in a clean and inviting state," said the Mayor.

"We've taken a pro-active approach to the problem of tagging by engaging local artists, Melissa and Brigitte from Melbourne's Murals and Design to paint these beautiful murals inside the toilet blocks," the Mayor said.

The work of these talented artists is already a favourite with locals with their Alice in Wonderland mural featured at Frankston Library.

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