

Frankston City News

May–June 2019

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A growing city centre

Future transformational projects building on existing infrastructure

Frankston's city centre has already undergone a major transformation in recent years, thanks to public sector investments such as the new look Young Street, Wells Street, Frankston Station and the Chisholm TAFE Frankston redevelopment.

Frankston City Council is a member of the South East Melbourne (SEM) group of councils that have a combined vision for job creation, job retention, future proofing the community and ensuring liveability and sustainability for the south east Melbourne and Mornington Peninsula regions.

A priority project of Council and SEM is the ongoing revitalisation of Frankston's city centre that will create job opportunities, greater accessibility to government, health and education services, boost the local economy and result in future private sector investment such as five star hotels and city centre housing.

There are a number of projects that Council, Victorian and Australian Governments can partner on to deliver these important outcomes for our local community.

For more information on these transformational projects, head to pages 10 and 11.

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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

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

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Mayor's message

A voice for Frankston City youth

Our Youth Council is one of our most important functions. This has been a particularly busy few months for the group, as they mark 10 years advising Council on issues affecting our younger residents. The Youth Council, which welcomed 16 new members at the end of February, ensures we are giving a voice to Frankston City youth and addressing the issues that matter most to them. I have witnessed our Youth Council do great work over the past few years, including the annual 'Stand for Change' anti-bullying event and last year's collection and distribution of toiletries and snacks for those experiencing homelessness in Frankston City.

Speaking of the young leaders of tomorrow, it was great to welcome our new Youth Mayor, Aaron Quarrell to Council in March. Aaron is full of energy and ready to make an impact in his new role, and it will be my pleasure, together with my fellow Councillors and CEO, to help guide Aaron over the coming year.

Getting involved in your city

It is so important that we create channels for residents to provide their feedback and chat directly with us on issues affecting them. There are many ways for residents to get involved, whether that is through the Have Your Say section of our website, attending or submitting questions at our monthly Council Meetings, Ward Meetings, meet and greets with



myself or our CEO or simply by following Council communications channels. It is so important we are all aware, not only of relevant issues in our area, but of the many services and events on offer to residents.

Cr Michael O'Reilly
Frankston City Mayor

Message from the CEO

Council's draft budget for the 2019–2020 Financial Year was released for community consideration last month; the result of detailed reflection of our community's needs by Councillors and officers. Finding the right balance between the competing needs of our community in a tightening financial climate is always a challenge and one that has again been met by Council. We will continue to provide in excess of 150 different services, have a capital works program that will deliver new community infrastructure while addressing the need to maintain our assets and, pleasingly, will increase funding to provide for programs that will protect our environment. We thank you for providing your input into this document. We will have a detailed breakdown of the final

budget in the July–August edition of this newsletter.

Council continues its advocacy to both the state and federal governments, to secure funding for major projects that ensure we continue making progress in the delivery of our own strategic plan. It has been pleasing to work closely with the Mornington Peninsula Shire Council at both Councillor and staff level on the important issue of electrification of the Frankston line further into our region. Our united positions on this project should assist this project to reach fruition.

I hope that everyone has had an opportunity to participate in one of the many events held within our municipality. Through our events



program and commitment to showcase arts and sculpture, we are developing a reputation as must-visit destination. If you wish to keep up-to-date with what is happening at Council, you can follow up on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram, subscribe to one of our newsletters and of course live stream every Council Meeting, to see how we are deciding on matters that impact our community.

Dennis Hovenden
CEO

Welcome to our new Youth Mayor

The City's new Youth Mayor, Aaron Quarrell, will serve with us for 12 months. Aaron, a resident of Frankston North, thanked Council for choosing him to take on the role.

"I'm really happy and honoured for this opportunity. It's an enormous responsibility, but I'm up for the challenge and looking forward to learning as much as I can," says Aaron. "I'm passionate about engaging youth with education opportunities, tackling youth drug and alcohol dependency,

and continuing Council's great work promoting Frankston as an inclusive and diverse city." Outgoing Youth Mayor, Gerard Felipe wished Aaron the best in his new role.

Keep an eye out for Aaron, who will be out and about chatting with local youth, and speaking on behalf of youth issues locally. To learn more about Aaron and the Youth Council, visit: frankston.vic.gov.au/YouthCouncil



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Council Grants Program

Council grants still up for grabs — three new categories announced

We have many grants still available for individuals and community groups in the 2018–2019 Financial Year, including three new categories:

- Neighbourhood Grants, for those interested in celebrating their community
- Urgent Grants, helping community organisations with unexpected needs
- Environmental Sustainability Grants.

“Council offers residents a pool of funding worth more than \$110,000 each year for community and miscellaneous grants, to help them reach their goals as individuals and as community members. Our grant program is a great way to support a

project or idea that can help many others in the community, and I encourage everyone to take a look at what’s on offer,” says Frankston City Mayor, Cr Michael O’Reilly.

“Many residents may be unaware they still have a chance to apply for funding this financial year. Of course, if you do miss out, applications for the next round of funding will open in July,” says Cr O’Reilly.

Applications for our miscellaneous grants close 23 May. Council also offers grants for local community events and to help support local businesses. For more information visit: frankston.vic.gov.au/CouncilGrants



Grants for individuals and groups still available:

- Neighbourhood Grants
- Youth Action Grants
- Community Group Membership Drive
- Urgent Grants and Environmental Sustainability

A funding boost for local mental health services

Kindred Clubhouse Inc. is a not-for-profit organisation supporting individuals with mental illness to access a safe and welcoming space. Late last year, Kindred Clubhouse received a \$1,000 Community grant from Council to help offset the operating costs for its program.

Kindred Clubhouse Manager, Kim Kerr, says the grant has been invaluable in helping the organisation to operate its social program held each Saturday at the Ebdale Community Hub.

“Until recently the Kindred Clubhouse has relied on funding from Council and from Frankston Rotary 2.0 in order to ‘stay afloat’,” Mr Kerr said “The clubhouse program is a team approach and it is vitally important that the members gain a sense of inclusion and of being valued. The support from Council has been invaluable in helping us to establish our program.”

The organisation is based in Frankston and works on the evidence-based ‘Clubhouse’ model — proven to help



From left, staff Kim, Jason and Aaron prepare lunch for Kindred members

restore mental health. Clubhouse programs offer people with a mental illness a place that is supportive and where they feel accepted. Kindred Clubhouse also links people with peers who can relate to their challenges and access to related services.

“One of the most significant ways that we can make an important impact on the lives of people with a mental illness — is for them to experience being needed. Typically, people with a mental illness will often feel no one needs them or looks forward to having them around,” says Mr Kerr. To find out more, including how you can help, visit: kindredclubhouse.com

A competitive edge for local business

As Frankston City continues to grow, it is important for businesses to change in line with the landscape. The street frontage of any business is a calling card to customers. It ideally should be integrated with the streetscape, inspiring, comfortable and inviting.

Council currently has two grant programs open to businesses in the city centre; the Façade Improvement Program and round two of the Kerbside Trading Grants.

Both grants encourage creative possibilities that could include elements of the following:

- Greening and planter boxes.
- Interaction with the street. e.g. server windows or bifold doors
- Elements of sustainability or natural materials e.g wood panelling
- Attractive detail, such as texture or artistic features, innovative materials or unique furniture.
- Weather protection elements and awnings. e.g umbrellas, canopies.
- Complimentary colour schemes for furniture and fixtures

The Façade Improvement Program helps to encourage business owners, operators and landlords in the city centre to enhance the presentation of their building. In partnership with the Victorian Government, grants of up to



\$5,000 will be issued to eligible businesses or building owners for repainting, green walls, innovative details or artist work, signage improvements and other shopfront enhancement.

Kerbside Trading Grants help to brighten and stimulate the city centre, by activating the streets with increased alfresco outdoor dining activity. Grants of \$2,000 each will be issued to food and drink businesses in the city centre with funding provided by the Victorian Government.

For more information visit: frankston.vic.gov.au/business

There are approximately 190 Council grants awarded to individuals and groups each year across 14 categories.

Apply now at: frankston.vic.gov.au/CouncilGrants

Event forum a hit with local community groups

We had a wonderful turnout to our Community Event Forum in early May, designed to assist local community groups with hosting events on Council land. The free forum guided organisers through all aspects of event planning, including guides available to assist with preparation and promotion.

The event, held at Frankston Arts Centre, was aimed at groups who had limited or no experience with event planning and included a Q&A session. Feedback at the end of the session was overwhelmingly positive. The forum also outlined the funding and grant options Council offers. "It can be incredibly overwhelming to organise even a small event when you

haven't done this before. People often don't realise when we go to an event just how much hard work has gone into ensuring the event is a success," says Frankston City Council Event Coordinator, Jessica Schuyler. "Frankston City is such a wonderful spot to host an event, we wanted to make sure community groups were aware Council offers so much support

to hosts, including the Major Local Community Event Grant." Applications for the event grant will open mid-2019. Keep an eye on the Council website in the coming months. For more information visit: frankston.vic.gov.au/runninganevent



Want to get involved in Council's major events?

Expressions of interest for involvement in Council's 2019-2020 major events open on Monday 3 June. Events include The Mayor's Family Picnic, Pets' Day Out, Frankston's Christmas Festival of Lights, The Waterfront Festival and Party in the Park.

To provide a range of experiences for everyone to enjoy, we want to hear from you, whether you are a stallholder, performer, community group, demonstration or activity. Applications close on Monday 1 July 2019.

To apply and for more information visit: frankston.vic.gov.au/GetInvolvedinCouncilEvents.



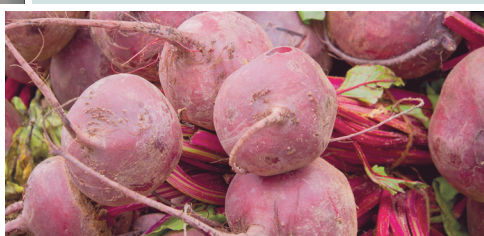
Seaford Handmade Market

Third Sunday of the month
February to December
9am-1pm

Seaford Scout Hall Station Street,
Seaford

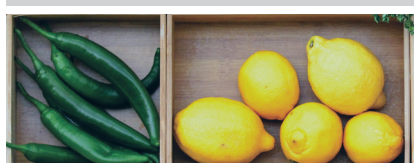
Seaford Farmers Market

Third Sunday of the month
8am-1pm
Broughton Street Reserve
Station Street, Seaford



Frankston Sunday Market

Every Sunday
8am-1pm
79-83 Young Street, Frankston



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* Check website for upcoming dates and times.
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From Left: 2018 winners, Craig Stephens, Alan Quaife, Peter Talbot and Bridie Keily

Celebrating volunteers in our community

Do you know a dedicated volunteer in the Frankston City community who deserves to be recognised for their contribution? You can nominate them for the Frankston City 2019 Volunteer of the Year Awards, with the winner collecting a \$1,000 prize for their organisation.

Established by Council and Impact Volunteering in 2017, the awards celebrate and recognise the valuable contributions that volunteers make to the local community.

Awards will be presented at The Mayor's Family Picnic in September. Nominations close 31 July 2019. For more information, or to nominate, email: administration@impactvolunteering.org.au or phone: **9783 5883**

To be eligible, nominees must:

- Volunteer their services in Frankston City, or volunteer to benefit the Frankston City Community
- Be over the age of 18 as at 1 January 2019
- Be a current volunteer of a not-for-profit organisation in Frankston City
- Have been a volunteer of the organisation for at least three years
- Have a positive attitude and have had a significant impact on the organisation
- Have received no remuneration for services directly associated with their volunteer work

Introduction to volunteering

Monthly sessions, 10-11am, Frankston Library, 60 Playne Street, Frankston, FREE, bookings essential

Monthly sessions connecting people to causes they are passionate about and helping them to be better prepared for their role as a community volunteer.



Upcoming events and guest speakers:

Tuesday 11 June

Positive Ageing

Tuesday 9 July

Chelsea Community Support

Tuesday 13 August

Mornington Peninsula Legacy Club

Tuesday 10 September

Women and Mentoring

Tuesday 8 October

Karingal Neighbourhood House

Tuesday 12 November

OzChild

To book phone: **9770 6492** or email: info@impactvolunteering.org.au



Pam at our Visitor Information Centre, located at Frankston Waterfront

More than a decade of dedicated service

Pam Newman has volunteered at our Visitor Information Centre for the past 12 years — since it first opened in 2007. A Frankston local for the past 45 years, Pam was looking for something to fill her days after retiring from teaching in 2003.

"I had a friend who had volunteered for 16 years at Bendigo Visitor Centre and loved it, so as soon as I saw we were opening a centre in Frankston I had to apply," says Pam.

"I love meeting new people, and talking to them about where they are from — I'm just a natural born talker! I've made so many friends here at the Visitor Information Centre, we meet for morning teas and go out for dinners together, it's lovely."

Pam says many of those who come into the centre are from overseas and looking for something fun to do or for locally-made gifts to bring back home.

"The best part is when they take the time to come back and tell me how much they enjoyed what I recommended," says Pam.

"The Big Picture Fest is particularly popular, I actually took some of my grandchildren on my own little walking tour of the street art. They loved it!"

Pam has previously volunteered with Community Support Frankston, providing information, advice and financial support to Frankston City residents experiencing tough times, and currently helps her local Lions Club with their fundraising activities.

"Someone who enjoys being busy will always find the time to fit something else into their day," says Pam. "I have worked with a few volunteers over the years, and I always enjoy seeing just how dedicated they are to their work."

Interested in volunteering? Visit: frankston.vic.gov.au

Volunteer at Council

Meals on Wheels

Volunteers are welcome to assist our staff with food preparation, plating up and hygiene components within our kitchen. Other roles at Meals on Wheels also include driving/delivering meals to our clients.

Frankston Seniors' Festival

Assist staff with the organisation and running of activities and events throughout the festival.

Planned Activity Group Program

Assisting staff at activities and outings in the community.

Positive Ageing Reference Group

Provide feedback and advice to Council on issues facing older people.

For more information, contact Family Health Support Services Volunteers Team Leader, phone: **9768 1624** or email: info@frankston.vic.gov.au

Is yours the Best Street in Frankston City?

Our Best Street Award Program is about to launch, aimed at empowering communities to work together to improve their properties and streets.

We are asking residents to start thinking about what makes their street friendly, how they look out for each other's wellbeing, how presentable, tidy and accessible their street and properties are, as well as how their street creates community connections. Creating a sense of local pride with better presented streets and homes can have a positive knock on effect and create a support network proven to be good for mental health.

Neighbours will need to nominate a representative from their street, to help keep everyone informed and engaged throughout the program. You can nominate your street representative now online or fill out a form at one of our Customer Service Centres.

A panel of judges, including Councillors, Council staff and external agencies will determine the winning streets, which will be announced at the next Waterfront Festival. Street nominations will open later in the year, so keep an eye on the Council website. More information on the program will be available in the coming weeks.



Supporting parents to connect with their community

Our FREE Supported Playgroups are a safe and friendly place for eligible families to have fun, while receiving parenting tips and support. Qualified early learning professionals run weekly sessions during term-time, with morning tea provided.

Supported playgroups are a great way to meet other families in your local area and one on one in-home support is also available for eligible families. The playgroups are offered in many locations across the City, and are supported by the Department of Education and Training.

“The main aim of the playgroup is to build parent and carer confidence in supporting their child's learning during play and everyday experiences. We are also a great resource to link

families to other services in their community,” says Supported Playgroup Facilitator, Emma Hull.

The groups have been very well received amongst parents and carers, with one parent from a recent Kananook Preschool session noting, “The interaction between not only the kids but the parents is great. It's so nice to have the social time together; to compare stories and hear advice from people going through the same stage of parenting, or thereabouts, as you are.”

To find out if your family is eligible for a supported playgroup.

Visit: frankston.vic.gov.au/SupportedPlaygroups or phone: 9293 7116.



Join our Rainbow Families Playgroup!

Our new Rainbow Families Playgroup launched in April, with many families coming along to share in respectful and inclusive play with their little ones.

Open to families where one or more parent or carer is lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer or questioning, intersex, asexual or allied, the group is focused on

creating a shared and fun community of parents and carers.

The new playgroup meets in a dedicated childcare space with plenty of art supplies, books, indoor and outdoor play spaces for the kids to enjoy. To learn more or join phone: 9293 7116 or email: georgina.devereaux@frankston.vic.gov.au

Connect with Council on social media

Stay up-to-date with what's happening in Frankston City



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Maternal and child Health Nurse, Zoe, with mum Kylie and bub at Terry White Chemist

Maternal and Child Health celebrates one year at Terry White

Our Maternal and Child Health (MCH) service is celebrating its first anniversary at Terry White Chemmart in Frankston this July, with many parents utilising this convenient and free service.

The service, located at the corner of Young and Playne St, has been incredibly well-received, with many parents noting how the convenient location has helped them to access care for their child.

“One parent mentioned she became worried one morning when her baby seemed unwell, however she was unable to get an appointment with her doctor,” says Manager Family Health Support Services, Joanne Ferrie.

“Worried she’d need to wait another day to get advice, she then remembered Councils’ MCH service at Terry White. The mother said the MCH nurse was very patient, didn’t rush them and explained everything very well, says Joanne. This mum went on to say, “The MCH nurse is worth her weight in gold!”

MCH services promote the health and wellbeing of children from birth to six years of age. Services include, breastfeeding and nutrition support, sleep and settling, child behaviour guidance, immunisation and access other related support services.

For information and bookings, please call the MCH central booking line on: **9784 1756**.

Keeping Active, Involved and Informed

A directory of physical activity groups and other information to help support a healthy lifestyle for older residents of Frankston City and Mornington Peninsula Shire is out now.

For your FREE copy of the 2019–2020 edition, contact:

Agestrong, Peninsula Health
phone: **5976 9071** or email:
agestrong@phcn.vic.gov.au or
visit: **peninsulahealth.org.au/agestrong**



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4 year old Blue Group Co-educator, Ally Shepherd and her pupils enjoy the new space.

Paratea Preschool gets a facelift

Works are now complete at Paratea Preschool in Frankston South, with the facility undergoing a significant upgrade.

These works have now improved accessibility, bush fire safety and will better meet the needs of the children, staff and parents who use this space now and into the future.

Improvements included a larger playroom with an art room and locker area, new children’s and staff amenities and additional indoor and outdoor storage. Renovations also included a larger entrance canopy, new staff office and meeting room space.

“The staff, families and children are delighted with the renovations and are loving our new meeting room, craft space and office. The meeting room provides a dual purpose as a quiet area and sensory room for all children and as a safe space to meet with families. The use of natural and sustainable materials has created a calm environment for a positive learning atmosphere. We look forward to future developments in cooperation with Frankston City Council,” says Lauren Legendre, 4-year-old Blue Group Educator.

For more information on Kindergartens in your area, visit:
frankston.vic.gov.au/Kindergartens



Stories of Seaford

We have exciting ideas that involve each of the Seaford neighbourhoods coming together on a community pride walk and sharing the new and old stories along the way.



Stories of Langwarrin

Where is the heart and soul of Langwarrin? We are looking to celebrate the assets of Langwarrin's great people and places. Could it be a film, could it be a bus tour?

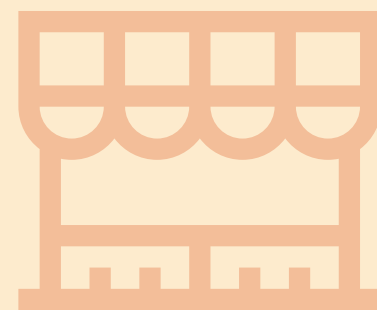


Carrum Downs, Skye & Sandhurst Community newsletter

Our community is growing and changing. Let's talk about and promote the unique people and activities happening in Carrum Downs, Skye & Sandhurst.

Love *where you* Live

Our Love Where You Live project is about creating connections within suburbs and building a sense of community pride. Council has seven working groups underway to create a community project in 2019. All of the groups welcome new members to help plan and deliver these projects. Represented here are a sampling of our current and future projects in each suburb of Frankston City.



Frankston North Community Markets

Let's show off the best of Frankston North. Get involved and sell your wares or find a bargain.



Frankston Central and Frankston Heights pop up veggie planters

Keep an eye out for vibrant veggie planter boxes popping up around Central Frankston and Frankston Heights featuring herbs and edibles galore.



Karingal Community Day

We are working to create a fun day in Karingal for newcomers and established residents to meet each other and experience our sense of community. Sure to include a barbecue!



Stories of Frankston South

Our community has a rich history but is always growing and evolving. We want to encourage local pride and will find a creative way to tell our stories. Watch this space.

For more information on how to get involved in your suburb phone: 9784 1851 or email: LoveWhereYouLive@frankston.vic.gov.au

Report stray shopping trolleys

Woolworths, Big W and Dan Murphys trolleys

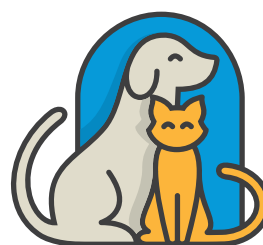
Trolley Tracker app: trolleytracker.com.au

Phone: 1800 641 497

Coles trolleys

Trolley Collect app: coles.com.au

Phone: 1800 876 553



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Did you know?

Frankston City residents who adopt a dog or cat from The Lost Dogs' Home receive free registration for the first 12 months. To view animals available for adoption, visit: dogshome.com

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Annual hard waste collection now underway

Our annual hard waste collection is making its way across Frankston City. If we haven't already stopped by your place yet, check 'My Address' on the Council website to see when we'll head to your street. You will also receive a brochure in the mail, notifying you two weeks before collection starts in your area. Please remember, placing hard waste out early is considered illegal dumping and penalties apply. You may place your rubbish out no earlier than the Saturday two days prior to your collection week starting. It is also illegal to disturb neighbours' collections, including removing items. If your hard waste has already been collected, you may have noticed it was not all taken at once, but in

stages. Often, goods are collected by two or three different trucks, depending on the type of waste and taken to different centres for recycling. For example, whitegoods such as refrigerators are processed differently to mattresses or bundled green waste. Don't worry if your collection is only partially collected, it will be taken in full over a period of days.

We would like to thank residents for their patience with the delay to this year's service and to acknowledge the excellent level of compliance with our collection regulations to date. For more information, including a list of your hard rubbish FAQs and a quick video outlining all the 'Dos and Don'ts', visit: frankston.vic.gov.au/HardRubbish



nbn™ rolling out across Frankston City

The rollout of nbn™ in Frankston City is well advanced, with all households and businesses to be fully connected by July 2019.

The nbn™ is not just limited to services requiring internet connection but will also impact items using the traditional landline connection, including phones, medical alarms, auto diallers and emergency call buttons, fire alarms, Eftpos terminals and lift phones. Unmonitored medical alarm users may be eligible to upgrade to a new unmonitored medical alarm device through a participating device supplier at a reduced cost. **As most existing landline phone and internet**

services will be disconnected, it's important you switch affected services even if you only use a landline phone.

What you need to do

If you haven't already, now is the time to contact your retailer about switching your phone and internet services to nbn™. You will be notified by mail once your home or business is nbn™ ready, you can then contact a phone and internet provider/retailer to make the switch. You will have up to 18 months before existing services are disconnected. For more information, visit: nbn.com.au or phone: **1800 687 626**



Street Art Walking Tours 2019

Our popular Street Art Walking Tours are continuing in 2019, running on the second Sunday of every month until mid-August.

Let us guide you through the amazing street art across Frankston's city centre, including the latest art created during Big Picture Fest 2019. Three tours are run during the day,

lasting approximately 1.5 hours for \$10 per person. Enjoy a coffee, tea or hot chocolate on us, from one of our lovely local cafes, as you appreciate beautiful artwork from local and international artists. Head to: visitfrankston.com or phone our Visitor Information Centre on **1300 322 842**.



Neighbour Day helps locals connect

Neighbour Day is Australia's annual celebration of community, encouraging people to connect with those who live in their neighbourhood. This year, we gave away barbecue packs to 25 lucky recipients to help kick-start their festivities.

Frankston City Mayor, Cr Michael O'Reilly attended an event held by one of our winners in Irvine Crescent, and said the idea of Neighbour Day is to build better relationships with the people who live around us.

"Neighbour Day is a great opportunity to get to know the people who live around you, especially the elderly and vulnerable," said Cr O'Reilly. "It was wonderful to attend one of the many

parties hosted across Frankston City and see the wonderful community atmosphere first-hand."

This year's Neighbour Day theme was Loneliness: What neighbours can do to create connections.

"Good relationships with others can transform communities and social connections make us feel better – a simple hello or inviting your neighbour in for a cuppa can make all the difference. Getting to know your neighbours is important because it helps to prevent loneliness, isolation and depression," said Cr O'Reilly. Neighbourhood grants of up to \$100 are available all year round.

See page 3 for grant details.



FUTURE FRANKSTON

CONNECTING THE MISSING PIECES FOR A BOOMING CITY

To continue transforming Frankston City into the Lifestyle Capital of Victoria we need to continually invest in infrastructure and services to support our growing community.

Council is committed to ensuring the best possible outcomes for our residents and visitors, with the following projects identified by Council as a priority for Federal and Victorian Governments to invest in.



REVITALISING OUR CITY CENTRE

There are a number of priority projects that will help deliver responses to the challenges of population growth and sustainability as part of Frankston City's ongoing revitalisation, these include:

- Electrification of the Stony Point line from Frankston to Hastings
- Car parking solutions (including the rail electrification)
- Smart City initiatives such as intelligent bins and smart parking apps
- Creation of a health, education and research precinct
- City centre renewal, including the alignment of government services in a central location (catalyst development)
- Delivering these combined projects will enhance Frankston City's reputation as the Lifestyle Capital of Victoria and as a hub for employment, health and education in the south east Melbourne and Mornington Peninsula regions.
- Both major parties have a program that would deliver these combined projects for the city.

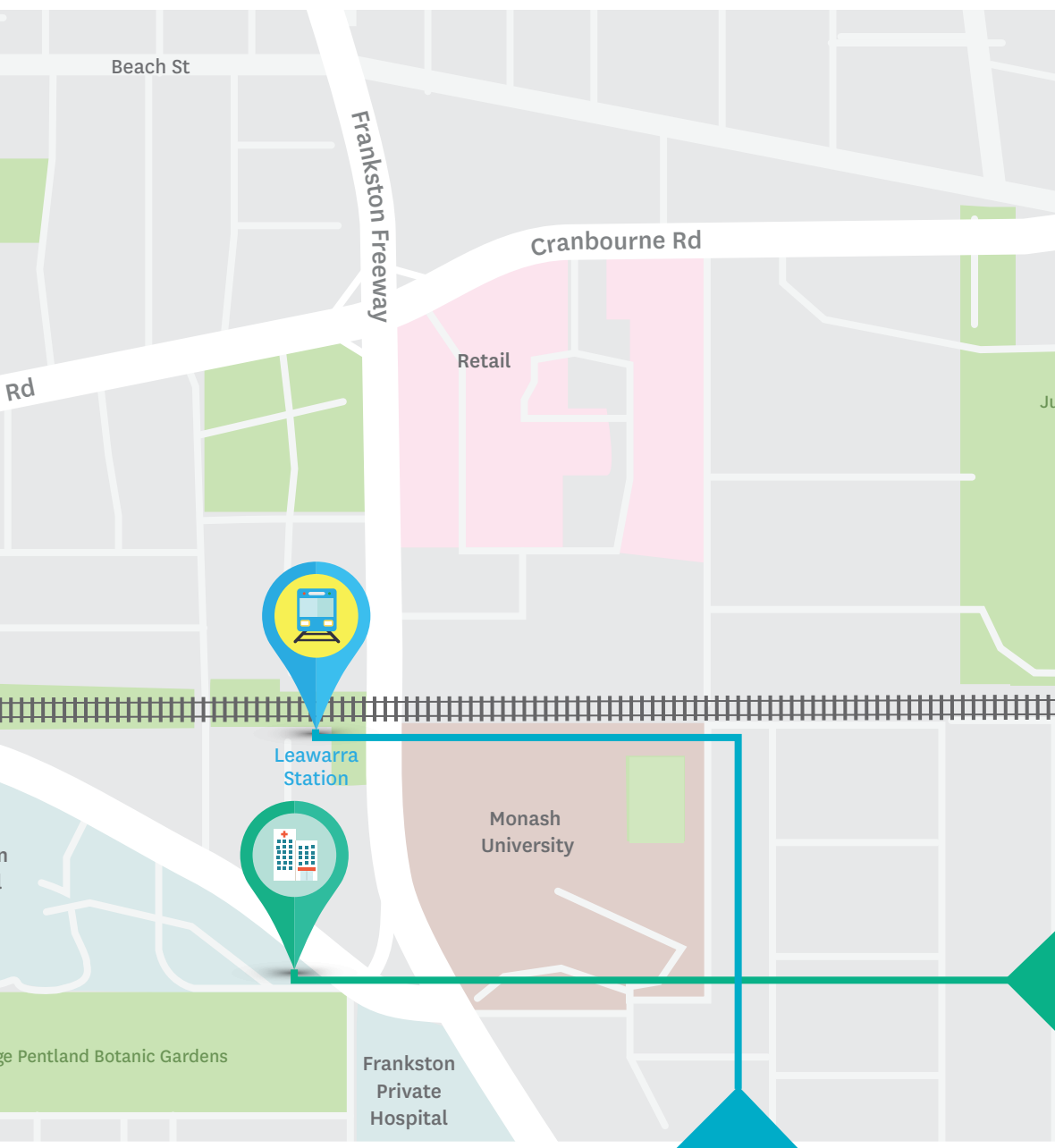


EASING CAR PARKING CONGESTION AT FRANKSTON STATION

Currently, train commuters are battling to find a car parking space at Frankston Station and often have to arrive before 7am or travel further up the line to catch a train. Electrifying the Stony Point line from Frankston to Hastings will free up more spaces for locals, at Frankston, Kananook and Seaford Stations.

Additionally, the Victorian Government and Federal Opposition have promised to deliver a new \$17.5 million multi-story 500 space car park at Frankston Station. Council will advocate for both levels of government to ensure this vital infrastructure is delivered to our growing community. Additional car parking opportunities will open up at stations further along the rail line with the electrification of the existing Stony Point line from Frankston to Hastings, such as commuter car parking at a new Langwarrin Station.

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INTEGRATED REGIONAL HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Improving the availability and accessibility of facilities and programs to support mental health and drug and alcohol dependent clients in the region is a priority of Council and local organisations, including Peninsula Health, Monash University Peninsula Campus and Frankston Private Hospital.

The Victorian Government has promised \$562 million towards the Frankston Hospital (Peninsula Health) expansion that will help deliver on this, including 12 new hospital beds, 13 new emergency department beds, mental health beds and more.

The Federal Government and Federal Opposition have also highlighted their support in the lead up to the 2019 federal election of a Health Futures Hub within Frankston's Health and Education Precinct.

This innovative research hub is a partnership between Monash University Peninsula Campus and Peninsula Health aimed at improving services and outcomes for clients.

ELECTRIFYING THE STONY POINT LINE FROM FRANKSTON

With a growing population of 305,000 residents, the region boasts a Metropolitan Activity Centre (Frankston) and a Major Activity Centre (Hastings) forming focal points for services, employment, housing and social interaction.

Frankston City Council and Mornington Peninsula Shire Council have worked together on a joint position supporting the vital

electrification of the rail line to Hastings, with a staged approach to include Frankston to Langwarrin as stage one and Langwarrin to Hastings as stage two.

The electrification of the existing Stony Point line, including the relocation of Leawarra Station within Frankston's Health and Education Precinct, a new Langwarrin Station and station upgrades across the line with park and ride facilities will:

- Significantly increase commuter car parking along the line, reducing congestion at Frankston Station as well as alleviating pressure at Kananook and Seaford Stations
- Deliver metro services within reach of an additional 30,000 residents from Frankston to Langwarrin alone
- Provide an increased frequency of metro services for residents and visitors from the Mornington Peninsula to Melbourne.



Circus

Circus Oz

Precarious

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

Tickets: \$25-\$59



Theatre

Arena Theatre Company

Robot Song

Friday 7 June, 1.30pm and 6pm

Tickets: \$23-\$25



Opera

Opera Australia

Madama Butterfly

Saturday 13 July, 7.30pm

Tickets: \$27-\$79



Music

HIT Productions

The Sapphires

Tuesday 16 July, 12pm and 2pm

Tickets: \$27-\$59

What's On at Frankston City libraries

National Library Week activities — FREE events

How to write a gripping story with Anna George

Saturday 18 May, 11am

Coding for Grownups

Monday 20 May, 6pm

Frankston history with Alan Wickes

Tuesday 21 May, 1pm

National Simultaneous Story Time

Alpacas with Maracas. Available through Story Box Library on the Library website from

Wednesday 22 May 11am.



Tea and Mindfulness with Sarah Cowell

Wednesday 22 May, 11am



Christian White author of The Nowhere Child

Wednesday 22 May, 6pm

Get the most from eBooks and other Library eResources

Thursday 23 May, 10am

Learning with Lynda

Friday 24 May, 10am



Art demonstration with Jeff Gilmour

Sunday 26 May, 1pm

Live music with Heidi Luckhurst

Sunday 26 May, 1.30pm

Lego Club

Back by popular demand, Lego Club resumes in Term 2. Open to children of all ages. Come along and test your skills.

Fortnightly from Wednesday 1 May, 4pm

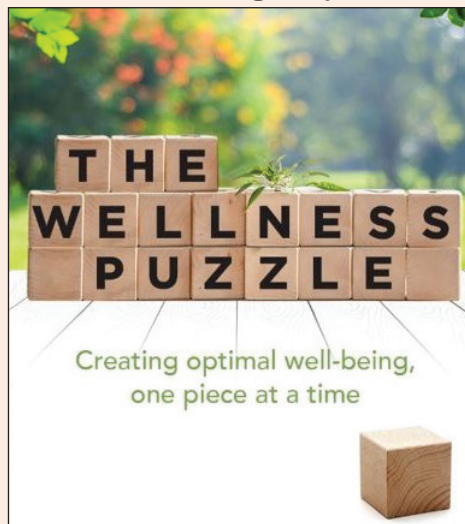
Free — no bookings required.

Live music with Matthew Fagan

Matthew is a Virtuoso guitarist and performs on a unique 10-String Spanish and Celtic Steel String Guitar.

Sunday 14 May 1.30-3pm

FREE — no bookings required



Andrew Jobling author of The Wellness Puzzle

The Wellness Puzzle helps you to make order out of the chaos of your life.

Monday 3 June, 6pm

FREE — bookings essential



Poetry workshop with Andrea Louise Thomas

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

Wednesday 12 June 5.30 - 7.30pm
FREE — bookings essential

Mark Smith author of Wilder Country

Mark combines his love of surfing, mountain biking, and travel in tales set in Victoria's wild south-west.

Saturday 29 June, 1pm

FREE — bookings essential

Improved Library Access

Frankston City Libraries is upgrading their systems.

New developments include a Library App and new look Public Catalogue.

Loan periods will change to 3 week loans for all items.

Wednesday 8 May is the date when these 'go live'.

Please ask the library staff for assistance.

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

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

Cr Sandra Mayer



Space to enjoy our furry friends

We have all enjoyed spending time outdoors with our BFFs (Best Furry Friends) this past summer and of course our dogs don't stop needing walks and play time just because the weather turns cold. For those of you planning to brave the chilly weather in the coming months, it is important to remember there are some public places in Frankston City where pets must remain on-lead or where pets are not permitted. We have over 30 free roam areas across the city where dogs are allowed to run off-leash under supervision. There are also a number of spots where it is not appropriate to bring pets due to safety and hygiene concerns, including parts of Frankston's city centre. Likewise we need to keep cats and dogs away from certain reserves and gardens because of the risk posed to native flora and fauna. Our pets can be one of life's greatest joys and nothing beats a bit of time spent outdoors with our best friends, however we encourage responsible pet ownership. Please pick up after your dogs and always ensure you are considerate of others.

Two long-awaited projects making our streets safer

I am excited about the recent completion of works on Valley Road, Langwarrin. Improvements included construction of a sealed road pavement, sealed shoulders, traffic slow points such as chicanes, minor drainage and street lighting. Likewise, work has started to create a brand new concrete shared path for walkers to enjoy along McClelland Drive, between Centenary Park Drive and Darnley Drive, Langwarrin. This will complement the area of asphalt path between Skye Road roundabout and McClelland Sculpture Park+Gallery recently replaced with concrete.

These two projects address potentially dangerous spots for local pedestrians and drivers, while creating a brand new amenity. The existing pathway along McClelland Drive was particularly concerning, broken asphalt and gaps in the path were dangerous for walkers, especially those with small children, prams and pets as well as the elderly. I am excited this problematic area of pathway has not only been corrected, but the pathway will also be extended.



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Cr Michael O'Reilly, Mayor



Supporting men's mental health

It was wonderful to visit the Langwarrin Men's Shed in March. I was fortunate to see, among the many projects and activities underway, the recently completed refurbishment of 90 year old wooden park benches from Cruden Farm. I think this project is significant for a few reasons. Firstly, rather than simply throwing away these beautifully made pieces of history, the Men's Shed members had spent hours restoring them to their former glory for the public to enjoy for many years to come. And secondly — as part of Australian Men's Shed Association network — opening pathways of communication to improve men's mental health. The organisation's founding motto that "men don't talk face-to-face they talk shoulder to shoulder" is about providing local communities with a space for men to work and create those all-important connections. I am proud we host two of these facilities in Frankston City and show my support at every opportunity.

A fresh façade for key local buildings.

Our maintenance team has been working hard to create a fresh face for many Council and affiliated buildings across the city. Lyrebird and Langwarrin Community Centres and Seaford Lifesaving Club all received a brightening coat of paint. Likewise, in recent months Botany Park Preschool, Ballam Park Preschool and Bowerbird Preschool and many other Council-owned buildings, have all undergone external painting to complement the recently refurbished interiors.

You may have also noticed the Peninsula Aquatic Recreation Centre (PARC) is also undergoing a spruce up. Painting works to the upstairs gym, change rooms, reception and other key areas, as well as new flooring to replace the current tired and worn main entry, corridors and other thoroughfares will ensure the facility looks fresh and presentable for all users. Protective works to ensure the balance tank is structurally sound and safe for operation, installation of new lockers better suited to the aquatic environment and a new public address system are also nearing completion.



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Cr Colin Hampton, Deputy Mayor

A funding boost for our growing city

I, along with many residents, was thrilled with the recent promise of much-needed \$30million in federal funding to upgrade various intersections along Ballarto Road, including Greenwood Drive, Dion Drive, Potts Road and elsewhere, which will improve traffic flow and safety in and around Ballarto Road. Residents of Skye, Sandhurst and Carrum Downs are becoming increasingly frustrated with heavily used roads, such as Hall Road in Skye, which no longer meet the needs of these rapidly growing suburbs. Council has been a long-term advocate for safer infrastructure in this congested area of Frankston City. We were vocal in our need for a safe pedestrian crossing in front of Skye Primary School a project that received funding from the Victorian Government last September, and we will continue to advocate for safer and functional facilities for our growing city.

Creating a sense of local pride

It is amazing what we can achieve when we all work together. It may seem a small thing, but the act of tidying up a front yard, trimming back overgrown trees, reducing clutter and otherwise making your house and street a welcoming space has many benefits to you and your neighbours. It not only increases property values and improves sustainability but sharing this sense of local pride with your neighbours creates connections proven to be good for mental health. A network of community members working together to improve where they live and providing invaluable services to each other — mowing a lawn, looking out for each other's children, passing on excess food or other goods — is so much better than individuals and families living in isolation. The emotional and financial benefits of the 'neighbour economy' are immense and immeasurable.

A revitalised netball facility for Langwarrin

Works commenced last month on the Langwarrin Netball Court redevelopment project, to significantly improve this facility for our local sporting clubs. The current four asphalt courts were in a terrible condition, to the point where they no longer complied with Netball Victoria standards. The revitalisation project will transform these courts over the coming months, including construction of a concrete warm up area, acrylic resurfacing, lighting facilities, fencing, drainage and other key features. The new courts should be ready for use by late winter, keep an eye on the Council website for more information.



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North-East Ward

Langwarrin » Carrum Downs » Sandhurst » Skye

Cr Brian Cunial

Putting the spotlight on local sport

Our recent community consultation regarding upgrades to Frankston Park Oval lighting received significant and overwhelmingly positive interest from residents. I would like to thank everyone who contributed to this discussion while the project was still in concept phase. Your input has been invaluable to moving this project forward and we are excited to provide this new amenity for our local sporting clubs.

Upgrades will include installation of 300 to 360 LED light fittings, installed across four, 48 metre high light towers and new LED light fittings on grandstand and function centre buildings. These upgrades will create broadcast quality lighting at the oval, enabling AFLW, AFLX and VFL games to be televised from the ground and promoting Frankston as a local sporting hub.

Works are expected to commence in August and we are excited to be delivering such an important project for Frankston Football Club, players and fans.

These works coincide with other improvements underway at key sporting facilities in the area, including Ballam Park South and Overport Park. Both of these projects will create an environment for local sporting enthusiasts that is welcoming, inclusive and allows them to be the best they can be.



Roads to Recovery funding improving local roads

Council's partnership with the Federal Government to help deliver the Roads to Recovery Program has helped to make one of our local streets safer and more accessible, having recently completed upgrade works in Kars Street, Frankston South with \$110,000 in program funds. I am proud of our work on this project and grateful Frankston City has been a part of this important Federal Government program creating a safer journey for our residents.



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Cr Quinn McCormack

Creating our Reconciliation Action Plan

On 13 June 2017, I introduced a Notice of Motion to the Council for the introduction and implementation of Frankston City's inaugural Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP), which received unanimous endorsement from Councillors. It is with great pleasure that I can report that almost two years later, the plan development is progressing and has been included as an action in the Council endorsed Year 2 Action Plan for the Municipal Health and Wellbeing Plan 2017-2021.

The RAP will be a strategic document that supports Council's corporate plan, providing a framework for reconciliation. It will include practical actions that will drive Council's contribution to reconciliation both internally and in the communities in which Council operates and create meaningful opportunities with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

N'arweet Carolyn Briggs has a long history of association with Frankston and it is my understanding that her sister started the very first Indigenous girls' school in Victoria within our municipality. Frankston and Langwarrin, having retained large areas of native vegetation, are more reminiscent of the land of the traditional custodians than most other areas within their country. Expanding on this knowledge and learning about cultural heritage is imperative, in my view, not only to Frankston's identity, but also for recognising the reality of our colonial history.

Reconciliation Action Week occurs annually from 27 May until 3 June and the theme for the 2019 campaign is 'Grounded in Truth. Walk Together with Courage'.

At the heart of reconciliation is the relationship between the broader Australian community and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. The RAP being implemented by Council is a first step in a longer journey of fostering positive relations, grounded in a foundation of truth.

In the words of Reconciliation Australia, "Whether you're engaging in challenging conversations or unlearning and relearning what you know, this journey requires all of us to walk together with courage".

Our purpose is to inspire and enable all members of the municipality to contribute to the reconciliation of the nation.



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Cr Steve Toms



Celebrating our smallest treasures

One of the highlights of my year so far was the latest Birth Tree unveiling ceremony in March. The Birth Tree Project is a Rotary Club of Frankston Peninsula 2.0 initiative, launched in 2015. The project plants one tree annually over 10 years in Montague Park, to celebrate the newest members of our growing community. The initiative creates a dedicated space to reflect on the importance of family and it was lovely to see so many community members join in the celebrations. I would like to thank Rotary for inviting me to be a part of this wonderful event. You can register your new arrival by visiting: rotarypeninsula.org/birth-tree

Moving towards a more inclusive community

Despite the progress we have made in respect to LGBTQIA rights and recognition, it seems we still have a long way to go before everyone feels as accepted and understood as they deserve to be. International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia on Friday 17 May is about drawing attention to the violence and discrimination people with diverse sexual orientations, gender identities or expressions, and gender characteristics experience. I am proud to belong to a Council that respects and values all people and which goes out of its way to ensure everyone is treated fairly. There are a number of initiatives, such as our emerging Rainbow Families Playgroup, of which I am particularly proud. Let's all keep working towards a more inclusive community by refusing to accept displays of ignorance and aggression.

Closing vehicle access to Station Street Mall

Our plans for a staged redevelopment of the station and surrounding precincts continues to gain momentum. At the January Ordinary Council Meeting it was proposed to close Station Street Mall to vehicles, between Station Street Mall and a short section of Station Street east of Clyde Street Mall, to create a revitalised pedestrian hub. We worked in consultation with VicRoads, local emergency services and local traders to determine whether this was a viable option. As a result, we determined the road closure was the best path forward for the area, with the exception of unrestricted access for emergency vehicles.



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Food safety and security

Council is always vigilant about food safety, with strict regulations for local food businesses. We constantly review these processes and introduce new ones, to ensure residents remain safe. For instance, we recently wrote to well over 500 businesses throughout the municipality reminding them of their responsibilities and of potential fines if they do not comply. Council is also now supplied with a list of local eateries in breach of food safety regulations and, for the public, a link on our website to the Victorian Department of Health's register of convicted businesses. Likewise, \$25,000 was budgeted for Friends of the Downs Estate, Seaford, to work with The University of Melbourne, to confirm the estate's suitability as a food security demonstration site. To report food safety concerns visit: frankston.vic.gov.au/FoodSafety

Of course, food safety breaches in Frankston City are extremely rare and to recognise those businesses that go above and beyond, we launched the Frantastic Food Safety Awards. Our 2018 winners are listed on our website.

Skye and McMahon's Road works

I have been asked by many people about road works along the lower portion of Skye and McMahons roads. Our Capital Works Delivery team recently coordinated a section of road pavement rehabilitation of the northern parking lane, for approximately 1.5km along Skye Road between McMahons Road and Amber Avenue. These works are now complete, and have prevented the road surface from becoming unsafe for motorists. We invested \$520,000 in the project, part of our ongoing Road Asset Renewal Program.



Karingal historic landmark rejuvenated

It is fabulous to see the Karingal gateway landmark (the corner of Skye Road and Karingal Drive) with a new lease of life. Last year, I requested Council funding for this very purpose as a number of residents were concerned about its dilapidated state. Rejuvenation included evening landmark illumination, removal of overgrowth and weeds, new trees and plants, removal of excess concrete, replacement footpath and bench and relocation of hoop signage on Cranbourne Road and Karingal Drive.

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Cr Lillian O'Connor

Extending Orwil Street Community House

I am excited to announce we are currently finalising concepts for a \$700,000 redevelopment of Orwil Street Community House. Designs should be finalised by July, with construction planned for Financial Year 2019–2020. The revitalised community house will include larger community and meeting room spaces, additional counselling rooms, updated kitchen and amenities, a new computer room and additional storage spaces. The service, located in Frankston, is an important one for our community. It offers many low cost activities and is a welcoming and inclusive space for everyone to enjoy. Our investment in Orwil Street Community House reflects the importance we place on creating and enhancing spaces for people to connect within Frankston City.

Regional tennis and gymnastics centre at Centenary Park

As we welcome the vital redevelopment of Frankston Hospital supported by the Victorian Government, this exciting project has also raised issues for a local sporting club that we are keen to address. The hospital redevelopment and expansion requires the land adjacent to the hospital—currently home to the Frankston Tennis Club. This means the club and its 300+ members face potential closure if they don't find a new home. Council has developed a solution, which will relocate the club and merge it with the Frankston East Tennis Club at a new facility in Centenary Park. The facility will also cater for gymnastics, with the Bayside Gymnastics Club to relocate from its temporary home at a local primary school. This is great news for the two tennis clubs involved and will be a much-needed show of support for Bayside, which has operated under less than ideal conditions for some time. The purpose-built Centenary Park facility will provide a dedicated 1,500sqm gymnastics hall and training pit, 500 retractable spectator seating overlooking the gymnasium. It will also include 16 tennis hard courts including four that meet International Tennis Federation standards and four hot shot courts for junior tennis development. The facility includes many other incredible amenities that can help us to show these clubs we support and value their contribution to local sport. Council has already committed \$11 million to deliver this project, however it needs equal contributions of \$8.05 million from state and federal governments to proceed. We will continue advocating to deliver this vital project. For more information visit: frankston.vic.gov.au/CentenaryPark

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 **Recycling bin**

These items go in your recycling bin:



Glass bottles and jars



Steel and aluminium cans, aerosol cans, foil and trays



All hard plastic containers
(whether or not they have a recycling code)



Paper and cardboard

 **These items are considered contaminants and MUST NOT go in your recycling bin:**



NO plastic bags or other crumple plastics (even if they have a recycling code)



NO bagged recyclables



NO food waste



NO polystyrene foam



NO clothing or textiles

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

Recycling services continue as normal

Unlike other affected neighbouring municipalities, Council's household and public recycling collections will continue, as Frankston City was not affected by the temporary shutdown of some SKM recycling sorting facilities.

We currently collect 550-600 tonnes of recyclables each fortnight, for processing by Polytrade.

Recycling sorting facilities, also known as Material Recovery Facilities,

are where the mixed recyclables get sorted into different streams (such as aluminium, steel, paper/cardboard, plastic and glass), and are then sent to different markets for recycling. Please remember to rinse containers before placing them in recycling bins, to reduce contamination. To save drinking water, rinse items in left over washing up water.

For more information on what can be recycled, visit: frankston.vic.gov.au/BinInfo

Stay out of hot water with rebates up to \$1,000

The Victorian Government's Solar Homes Package is still available, providing rebates of up to \$1,000 for solar hot water systems installed between 19 August 2018 and 30 June 2019.

This is a great option for households where solar panels might not be suitable, or for households that already have solar panels installed.

As part of the package, rebates for solar PV systems are also available, up to a maximum of \$2,225 (equivalent to 50% off the cost of a 4 kilowatt solar



panel system). Both rebates are available until 30 June 2019, however households can only access one rebate type. For more information visit: solar.vic.gov.au

Hundreds come from far and wide for home detox event

Hundreds of people attended Sustainability Victoria's Detox Your Home service in Skye on Saturday 2 February, including residents from council's across Melbourne.

The Frankston City collection proved extremely popular, with 326 households disposing of an incredible 6,803 kilos of hazardous chemicals. The number of people utilising the service was up 45 per cent on last year's figures, with 64 per cent being first-timers.

Sustainability Victoria is partnering with a number of councils to ensure the safe disposal of household chemicals over the coming months, however many residents chose to travel long distances to utilise the Skye service in February.

"(Detox Your Home) was very well organised. I am so grateful to get rid of the stuff, it worried me for years. I drove an hour and a half to get there! A great sense of relief as I left," one householder from outside the municipality commented.

The service allowed householders to drop off hard to dispose of, and often dangerous household chemicals such as fire extinguishers, fertilisers and brake fluids, which can't be disposed of in regular rubbish or hard waste collections. For anyone who missed the February service, there are events to dispose of dangerous household chemicals throughout the year in other areas. Visit the Sustainability Victoria website to find your nearest event. Visit: sustainability.vic.gov.au

KEEP ON RECYCLING RIGHT

Please continue to recycle right as local recycling services have not changed. If you're still not sure, Council's website spells out what goes in which bin.



Bin it better



frankston.vic.gov.au/bininformation

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Left, planting for National Tree Day 2018 at Overport Park and, right, the amazing results just one year on.



Planting for our future

**Sunday 28 July, 10am–12pm,
Wittenberg Reserve, Wittenberg
Avenue, Frankston**

National Tree Day 2019 is an opportunity for residents to help support a sustainable and diverse range of native wildlife to flourish in Frankston City. Wittenberg Reserve, connected to Robinsons Park, is an important conservation area and supports a diverse range of Frankston's rare flora and fauna species. The area acts as a stepping stone for wildlife moving between larger bushland areas, such as Frankston Nature Conservation Reserve and Langwarrin Flora and Fauna Reserve. Stepping stone patches of habitat are essential to help reduce the negative effects of fragmentation in our natural landscapes.

During last year's planting event at Overport Park, the Environmental Planning team and the Bushland Management team, supported by 80 volunteers and the Lions Club planted 1200 trees, 600 shrubs and 600 grasses. Twelve months on, proof of the day's success is evident at Overport Park, pictured above.

Council has also donated thousands of trees to our local schools and preschools to plant on school grounds for School Tree Day, Friday 26 July.

If you would like to join the 2019 National Tree Day planting event, wear warm clothing, sturdy shoes, waterproof jacket and a hat. Gardening gloves optional. All tools will be supplied. Register for the Frankston event at:
treeday.planetark.org

Council to compost your food scraps

At the 1 April Ordinary Council Meeting, Council voted to introduce a food waste kerbside collection, to start in October this year.

When the service begins in October, residents with a garden organics bin will be able to include food waste along with their garden waste.

Frankston City is an early adopter of the composting scheme alongside Councils like Bass Coast Shire and Glen Eira City

Council, who have seen a significant increase in household waste diverted from landfill. Garden organic waste bins will remain on a fortnightly collection schedule and will continue to be taken to a composting facility near Sale.

As part of this service a kitchen caddy and/or a roll of compostable bags will be available for residents with a garden organics service. More information on the new collection will be provided over the coming months.

Compare energy prices for a \$50 rebate

The Victorian Government has extended its one-off, \$50 power saving bonus incentive for Victorians to 30 June 2019.

If you have not done so already jump on the Government's independent Victorian Energy Compare website

and compare electricity and gas deals. The website is clear with plenty of information to guide you through the process. You don't have to switch plans, you just need to compare providers to get the \$50 rebate. Visit: **compare.energy.vic.gov.au**

Food for Thought: World Environment Day Mini Fair

**Saturday 1 June, 10am–1pm,
Frankston Arts Centre
Rotary Room,
27–37 Davey Street, Frankston**

Special guest Matthew Evans, presenter and popular Gourmet Farmer on SBS, will share ways to create great meals that are good for the environment as well as you, including a cooking demonstration. Matthew has written 11 books on food and is a consumer advocate for sustainable food production. Once a chef and food critic, he now lives and works on Fat Pig Farm in the Huon Valley, where he hosts farm to table restaurant meals. Visit: **artscentre.frankston.vic.gov.au** to book.

Wasted food has a big impact on your hip pocket and the environment. Celebrate World Environment Day and get inspired to rethink your shopping, cooking and food storage strategies



and reap the rewards. Explore a variety of stalls, showcasing bright new ideas and old-school solutions to avoid and reduce all kinds of waste. Visit **frankston.vic.gov.au** for details.



You're invited to B.I.T.E Con 2019

**Thursday 20 June, 7.30am–5pm,
Frankston Arts Centre,
Davey Street, Frankston.
Registration required**

Operating a business in Frankston City? Come along to the Business, Innovation, Technology and Entrepreneurship (B.I.T.E) Conference, a unique opportunity to meet and network with the movers and shakers influencing local and global business as we know it.

B.I.T.E. provides a variety of structured and informal networking opportunities, to give small businesses the chance to learn from some of Australia's brightest business

minds and form lasting relationships with industry peers and partners. Take the opportunity to talk face-to-face with the people who create the building blocks of successful business, including experts on social media, technology, innovation, finance and resilience.

Council, a major event sponsor, invites you to come along and hear about our new strategy for supporting businesses in Frankston City. The event ends at 5pm with a networking drinks event. Tickets are \$175 each and registrations close Monday 17 June. To register, visit:

biteconference.com.au

Monash and Council partner up for local intern program

Monash Business School is working in collaboration with Frankston City Council on a new initiative, to assist students gain valuable workforce skills and support their transition into their chosen career.

The 'Linking to Business Program' aims to provide students studying the Bachelor of Business Administration at Monash University Peninsula campus, an opportunity to gain first hand industry experience in business operations in Frankston City.

Council is calling for Expressions of Interest from local businesses, to apply for the program and become a host business.

The program will run for 10 weeks between July and October 2019, where students will be required to spend four hours a week in the business under supervision.

For more information on the program or to find out how to become involved, visit

frankston.vic.gov.au/Business.

Free online training with Lynda.com

Tap into thousands of free course videos, documentaries and software training to assist you to further develop your business or improve job prospects. Courses are run by industry experts who are passionate about teaching. To access Lynda.com you just need a Frankston City library card.

Inspiring others to succeed

Council's latest entrepreneur event, held at the Frankston Foundry in early April, was an opportunity for local businesses to create new connections and to get excited about their business ventures.

Cameron Rambert, founder of the Freelance Australia and The Foundry, spoke about his inspiring journey from an entrepreneurial student undertaking many business ventures, to where he is today — helping to grow and support the entrepreneurial community. Visit: **frankstonfoundry.com** and **freelance.org.au**

Blake Lawrence, founder of Yelowmarket, and former mechanic in the mining industry, described how he conceived his business from a gap he saw in the market for mining machinery parts and equipment. He left a steady income to bring his business idea to life and the company



Cameron Rambert and Blake Lawrence

is now going from strength-to-strength. Visit: **yelowmarket.com**

A big thank you to Cameron, Blake and The Foundry for their support and inspiration, we received overwhelmingly positive feedback from attendees. If you are an up and coming business owner and need advice or support, there are plenty of resources, events and workshops Council provides, to help grow your business. Visit:

frankston.vic.gov.au/Business



Small Business Victoria grant to boost local traders

Frankston City Council has been awarded \$20,000 through the Business Victoria Local Events program, to create events that will boost small businesses.

We were one of only six councils in the state to receive the funding, with grants awarded to councils who demonstrate a strong history of supporting local business.

The program, supported with funding from the Victorian Government through Small Business Victoria, will help our Economic Development team to deliver its 2019–2020 Business Development Program.

"This funding recognises Council's drive to support our local business

community. I am proud of our achievements during the past few years, creating meaningful strategic outcomes for local operators through our new and innovative business support programs," says Dana Harding, Coordinator Economic Development.

"Small Business Victoria has recognised our commitment to arming local businesses with the skills they need to succeed. Our strategic programs help to create local jobs and to serve the needs of our residents." Keep an eye on our website for more details on how the funding will benefit small business.

Visit: **frankston.vic.gov.au**

For more information and bookings visit: **frankston.vic.gov.au/Business**

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AFL Junior Championships showcase local talent

The 2019 AFL South East Regional Junior Championships will see the finest young footballers in the region showcase their skills across the Queen's Birthday weekend.

The most promising junior talent from Frankston and Districts (FDJFL), Mornington Peninsula (MPJFL), South East (SEJ) and Yarra Ranges (YRJFL) Junior Football Leagues compete in under 13 to 17s for boys and under 15 and 18s for girls.

The carnival, an important stepping stone in the Dandenong Stingrays

pathway, has grown in significance over the years and is now aligned closely with both the Melbourne and St Kilda Football Club's Next Generation Academies (NGA).

The championships run over three days – 5, 8 and 10 June, being played at SkyBus Stadium in Frankston Park, Lloyd Park in Langwarrin, Belvedere Reserve in Seaford and Shepley Oval in Dandenong. For more information on the championships go to: aflsoutheast.com.au



Keep sporting history alive in Frankston City

Council is hopeful the Victorian and Federal Governments will preserve a part of Frankston City's history by investing in the relocation of Frankston Tennis Club.

This investment will not only retain a piece of Frankston City's sporting history, but will also deliver upon a vital Victorian Government initiative, Change our Game, to increase female participation in sport. This investment will not only retain a piece of Frankston City's sporting history for generations to come, but will deliver greater outcomes for the Frankston City and broader south east Melbourne and Mornington Peninsula

regions through increased opportunities to participate in tennis and gymnastics from junior to elite. Federal and State politicians need to assist these two amazing clubs to develop facilities that will cater for so many sporting enthusiasts in our region into the future. If you believe Frankston City deserves better than having sporting clubs left out in the cold, contact your local Members of Parliament directly telling them why this project is important to you. See Cr O'Connor's column on page 15 for more information or visit: frankston.vic.gov.au/Advocacy

Winter netball kicks off at Jubilee Park

With more than 2,000 participants across 14 clubs, the winter netball season will be another massive year for the Frankston District Netball Association (FDNA).

Jubilee Park is a flurry of activity every Saturday with games from 9.30am–4.30pm, March to September. The spring competition period will run from October to December, with the Saturday competition period helping to ensure the sport continues to grow locally.

The FDNA competition provides opportunity for young players to participate in team sport, with NetSetGo! offering a modified



program for boys and girls from five years of age. The association also provides volunteer opportunities for families and community members in a variety of different roles. To find out more, visit: frankstonnetball.com.au or phone 9776 5155.



Edward with his mum Natalie

Local tennis champ wins bronze for Australia

Carrum Downs Tennis Club member, Edward Graham, is the proud owner of a tennis bronze medal from the Special Olympics World Games 2019.

Edward competed in the men's singles and mixed doubles events, finishing fourth in the doubles. Edward was one of only eight Australians to represent the country in tennis at this year's games, where a total of 105 Australians competed.

Edward had previously won a gold medal in singles and in doubles in the national event in Adelaide, allowing him to qualify for the Olympics. Tennis Victoria provided \$1,000 each to Edward and his fellow teammate Andrew Bascetta to attend, while friends and family helped Edward to raise the remaining \$6,000 he needed to fulfill his dream.

Edward's parents, Sam and Natalie, were there to watch his stellar performance and said the atmosphere was amazing.

"It was so wonderful to be there to support Edward and to see all his hard work pay off. Sam and I were thrilled, not only with his win but the whole event. It was so well organised and the atmosphere was so supportive and fun. I am proud we were able to be a part of it," says Natalie.

The Special Olympics, held in Abu Dhabi in March, was founded more than 50 years ago to promote positive social change and a more inclusive society for people with intellectual disabilities. Half a million spectators attended the opening ceremony and 170 countries competed. For more information, visit: abudhabi2019.org

Our canvas, Frankston City

We have watched many blank walls transformed into stunning works of art since we launched our \$63 million joint initiative with the Victorian Government in 2017, to enhance our reputation as the desired place to live, work, study, invest and visit.

Since then, Frankston City has become a canvas for artists from across the country and the world. The Big Picture Fest 2018 and 2019 events, together with individually commissioned works meant art has sprung up in popular locations across our city. Make sure you take a moment to appreciate our colourful city.



Street Art Tours run every second Sunday until mid-August.

Take a guided tour of artworks across Frankston's city centre

See page 9 for more information or head to: visitfrankston.com to book.