

Frankston City News

September–October 2019

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Frankston City launches a new era in sustainability

Ensuring your food waste goes to our farmers, not landfill

Our Kerbside Food Waste Collection Service launches Tuesday 1 October. The service will significantly reduce the amount of food waste that ends up in landfill and provide an invaluable resource to Victorian farmers.

Frankston City Council is one of only eight Victorian councils to recycle its food waste, part of our ongoing

commitment to reducing the city's eco-footprint. Food waste is often mistakenly thought to be harmless, however it can cause significant damage to the environment as it breaks down.

As food waste decomposes in landfills, it releases a damaging greenhouse gas called methane, 25 times more potent than carbon dioxide. As food makes

up around 40 per cent of all kerbside waste sent to landfill, it is particularly important that we find other ways to repurpose our food scraps. Our new kerbside collection service will not only divert this food waste away from landfill but redirect it to farmers for use as nutrient-rich compost. From October, food waste can be disposed of in your garden waste bin. If you

haven't already registered for a garden waste bin, you can do so by phoning: **1300 322 322** Households currently registered as having a garden waste bin can contact Council from Monday 16 September to receive a complementary sealed benchtop kitchen caddy and six-month supply of compostable caddy liners. Continued on page 6.

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Contact us

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Email: info@frankston.vic.gov.au
Interpreter: 131 450
Online: frankston.vic.gov.au

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

A fun family day out

We recently held our annual Mayor's Family Picnic, always a popular event with locals who come out to enjoy a day of fun family entertainment. This event is one of my favourites for the year. Not only does it signal the beginning of Council's major event season, it's also an opportunity for the community to dust off the picnic rug, let the kids run wild and spend some time with family and friends. The picnic also represents our passion for creating opportunities for community connection. We all lead such busy lives and taking the time to slow down and enjoy the company of our neighbours is becoming increasingly important.

I encourage everyone to keep an eye on our website, as we begin to launch our

next busy event season, or see page 4 for a snapshot of upcoming events.

Submitting questions at Council Meetings

For those wishing to submit questions for Councillors to address during Council Meetings, it is important to note we no longer have the option to submit without notice. To allow us to adequately address your queries, we are now asking residents to submit a question in writing to our Civic Centre Customer Service team or via our website no later than 4pm the day before the scheduled meeting. This will allow us time to research and respond during the meeting rather than taking questions on notice.



For more information on submitting questions for Council Meetings, visit: frankston.vic.gov.au/QuestionsforCouncilMeetings

Cr Michael O'Reilly
Frankston City Mayor

Message from the Interim CEO

Welcome to the September-October edition of Frankston City News, my first edition as Council's Interim CEO. It has been a busy and exciting time here at Council since I took the reins back in July and I am working hard to ensure the transition is as smooth as possible. I believe my role as Interim CEO should focus on ensuring it remains 'business as usual' here at Council. I want to provide a sense of continuity while we look to fill the role permanently, and ensure we continue to deliver the services you need and use every day.

The role has also given me a new and unique perspective on the organisation, beyond the scope of my usual role as Director of Community Assets. I have a fresh understanding of, and appreciation for, the role a council plays in its community.

Through the incredible expanse of vital services, programs, events and more we provide to Frankston City, we are fortunate to be a part of - in some way, shape or form - each of the more than 140,000 lives of those who call Frankston City home, as well as the many visitors we welcome each year.

As community custodians, we also have a responsibility to make sure we continue to assess and understand the needs of our community and to shape the services we provide accordingly. Likewise, we are continually developing new service offerings where a need is identified. Our advocacy team, for example, work with state and federal governments, local community groups, business and residents to ensure we have access to the services and infrastructure we need as a

growing city. Read more about what our advocacy champions are working towards on page 9.

Phil Cantillon
Interim CEO





Win an iPad Mini!

Subscribe to our fortnightly digital newsletter during September and be in the running to win an iPad Mini worth \$400!

Plus other great prizes up for grabs. For more info, visit:

frankston.vic.gov.au/Subscribe



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Pets' Day out

Sunday 13 October 2019
10am-3pm

Ballam Park, Frankston

FREE
ENTRY



Free activities

Camel and pony rides

Animal themed face painting

Animal demonstrations

Pop-up pet stalls

Explore the animal farm

Dog lure and agility course

Veterinary checks

Proudly presented by Vets on Call

Doga (yoga with dogs)

Proudly Presented by Peninsula Aquatic Recreation Centre

Pet photo booth

Proudly presented by Ash Marton Realty

Demonstration arena

Proudly presented by Costco Wholesale

The demonstration arena is at the centre of the event and is a great spot to sit down, relax and learn about animals.

Join one of Australia's most engaging and fun animal educators, Michael Alexander from Black Snake Productions. Michael will be on hand to teach us all about our beautiful native and endangered wildlife.

The Dachshund Races are always an Arena highlight and we look forward to meeting this year's furry winners.

So come and join us at the demonstration arena, grab a snack and relax on the grass. You never know what fun facts you might learn or who you may run into...



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#petsdayout



Best Dressed Pet Parade

Pets with personality will be on show at the Best Dressed Pet Parade.

Beloved Nine News newsreader Peter Hitchener is back to host the fun-filled parade, followed by a meet and greet in the demonstration arena.

We're imagining toads in tutus, cats in coats, ferrets in frocks and disco dogs! The only limit is your imagination (and sewing skills) for this playful parade.

Register between 11am-1pm at the information marquee.

Pet registration and microchip checks

Speak to Council's Animal Management Team about registering your pet or the Lost Dogs Home about microchip checks, so if they ever decide to take themselves for a walk you will have them home in no time.

Information

Free parking available at the Ballam Park Cricket Club. Entry via Naranga Crescent.

Children must be supervised by a parent/guardian at all times.

Pets must be **vaccinated** and on leads or securely contained.

This is a **smoke and alcohol free** event.

Frankston City Council acknowledges the **traditional owners** of the land in and around Frankston City.



1300 322 322

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YOUR EVENT GUIDE



— September to February —



Frankston's Christmas Festival of Lights

Saturday 30 November

5–10pm

Davey Street, Frankston

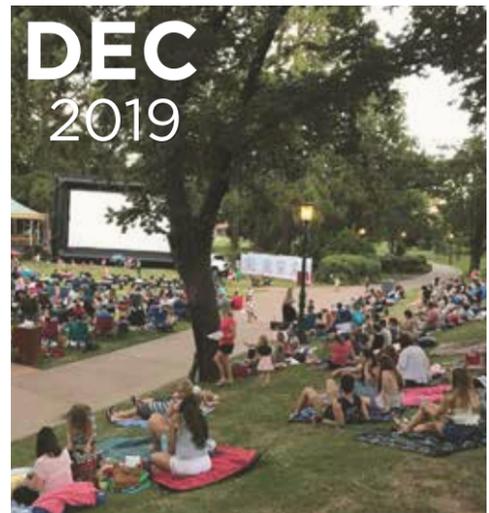
NOV
2019

The Mayor's Family Picnic
Sunday 8 September
11am–2pm
Banyan Reserve, Luscombe Avenue, Carrum Downs



SEP
2019

Cinema Pop-Up
Thursday 12–Sunday 15 December
Sunset, nightly
George Pentland Botanic Gardens, Frankston



DEC
2019



OCT
2019

Pets' Day Out
Sunday 13 October
10am–3pm
Ballam Park, Frankston



FEB
2020



Waterfront Festival
Saturday 15–Sunday 16 February
Saturday 11am–10pm & Sunday 11am–6pm
Frankston Waterfront, Frankston

Seaside Street Food Festival
Thursday 31 October–Sunday 3 November
Thursday 5–10pm,
Friday–Sunday 11am–10pm
Frankston Waterfront, Frankston



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FRANKSTON *Enjoy* **EVERY MOMENT**

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Take another look at Frankston Visitor Information Centre

Before summer hits, be sure to make the Frankston Visitor Information Centre one of your first stops.

Whether you're a local or a visitor, our experts at the newly-refurbished centre can help you plan a weekend away, provide suggestions on local cafés and restaurants and provide the latest information about events, tours, shows and art.

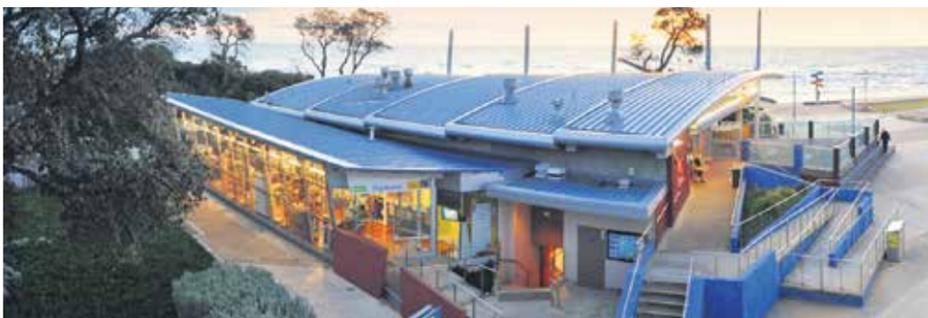
If you're really out of the loop with local offerings, be sure to attend the next **Resident's Morning Tea at the centre on Saturday 12 October, 11am-12pm.** This FREE one hour session covers some of our city's best attributes, Council services you may

or may not be aware of and provides an opportunity for you to meet others and ask questions.

Anyone can head to the Centre to grab a unique, locally-made gift, find out about Frankston City's rich history or just discover the many attractions in your own backyard. Pop down and say hello today and receive a complimentary City Guide on entry.

Frankston Visitor Information Centre

7N Pier Promenade,
Frankston Waterfront, Frankston
10am-4pm daily (closed Christmas Day and Good Friday)
1300 322 842
tourism@frankston.vic.gov.au
visitfrankston.com



Charities thanked with funding boost

A group of local charities will share in more than \$30,000 thanks to the Frankston Charitable Fund.

Seven charity groups were commended for their dedication and hard work at a presentation ceremony on 12 August. They will share in \$36,170 for their outstanding projects in the community. The Australian Red Cross Society will receive \$1,000 for their Frankston Red Cross Trauma Teddy Program, while the Frankston Churches Community Breakfast Inc. will receive \$10,000 for providing breakfasts to homeless people and those in crisis. Another recipient was Groomed to Go Inc., who will receive \$5,000 for providing wigs and hair styling services to Be Who You Are program clients.

Kindred Clubhouse Inc. and Theodora House Incorporated received \$5,820 and \$4,350 respectfully, while Operation Larder Inc. were gifted \$5,000 for providing food and goods to disadvantaged locals.

The Trustee for the Salvation Army (Vic) Social Work also received \$5,000

for its Fresh Food Fridays initiative. The Frankston Charitable Fund was established by a Deed of Gift between the Lord Mayor's Charitable Foundation and Frankston City Council in 2009. Frankston Charitable Fund is a perpetual fund, where the interest in dividends provides an annual grants program to charities working in Frankston. The recipients were chosen after the Committee of Management volunteered their time to review applications and make recommendations to the Lord Mayor Charitable Foundation Board of Management.



Cr Glenn Aitken presents the Australian Red Cross Society with a certificate of appreciation at the 12 August event.



Launching a new era in sustainability

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Garden waste bins are provided on a 'user pays' basis, collected on alternate weeks to your recycle bin, at an annual fee of \$145.50. Use of compostable liners is optional, as scraps may be placed directly into your garden waste bin from your caddy.

If you do choose to use liners, please be aware when purchasing through external retailers that Council only accepts 100 per cent certified compostable liners that meet



Australian Standards and **must be lime green**. Look for the 'seedling' symbol displayed on the product before purchasing.

Newspaper and paper towel are also

acceptable alternatives. It is not compulsory to place food waste in your garden waste bin for recycling, however residents are strongly encouraged to utilise this service.

It is also important to reduce the amount of household wastage before it gets to your bin. There are a number of easy lifestyle changes you can make to help reduce your impact, including composting and worm farming, meal planning and food storage which can all help.

To register for a garden waste bin or to enquire about a kitchen caddy and/or compostable caddy liners, phone: **1300 322 322**. Caddies and liners cannot be ordered before Monday 16 September. For the full list of food waste FAQs, visit: frankston.vic.gov.au/WasteandRecycling

Love Where You Live

Frankston North community markets

Saturday 12 October, 9am-1pm, Frankston North Community Centre, 26 Mahogany Avenue, Frankston North

This event is being organised by the Frankston North 'Love Where You Live' working group who are embarking on a project to grow local pride and connections. The market will include food, market stalls, kids' activities and local talent. Community members are invited to have a stall and sell their wares or come along and pick up a bargain.

vegetables and herbs, in Wells Street and the Frankston Library forecourt in June.

Local artist Daria Bryers is a member of the working group and facilitated workshops with local youth to create the vibrant artwork covering the boxes. "We really wanted to get Frankston youth involved, so they have a sense of ownership and pride in these beautiful planter boxes," said Ms Bryers.

All community members are encouraged to help maintain the planters, alongside our custodians, by watering, weeding and enjoying samples of the fresh produce. This project was supported by Bunnings Frankston, Frankston Sand Soil and Mini Mix, Frankston Indigenous Nursery, and Diggers Club. More planter boxes are set to spring up in Heatherhill Road, Nairn Marr Djambana Gathering Place and Frankston High School in the coming months.

Stories of Seaford

Walk and talk your Stories of Seaford. On Saturday 16 November, small groups of residents will make their way to Seaford Hall to connect with local clubs, have a barbeque and share their pride in Seaford.

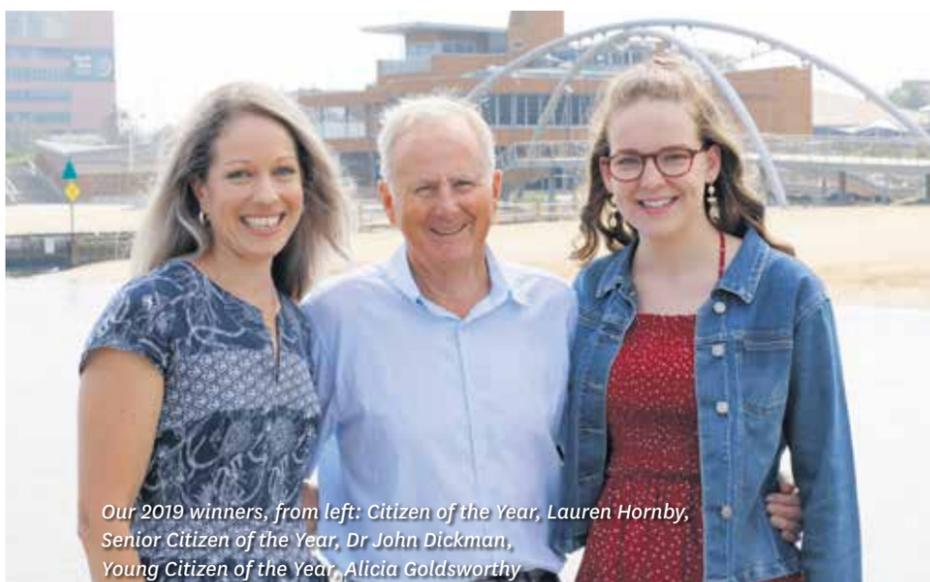
It will be a family-friendly day with lots to find out about Seaford's people, environment and history as well as hopes for the future.

A fresh approach in the city centre

Local Love Where You Live project volunteers helped to create the planter boxes, full of fresh



For more information on any of the Love Where You Live projects, phone: 9784 1851 or email: LoveWhereYouLive@frankston.vic.gov.au



Our 2019 winners, from left: Citizen of the Year, Lauren Hornby, Senior Citizen of the Year, Dr John Dickman, Young Citizen of the Year, Alicia Goldsworthy

Nominate your Citizens of the Year 2020

Do you know a member of the community who deserves to be recognised for their contribution to Frankston City? Nominations for the Frankston City Australia Day Awards 2020 are now open.

Winners will be announced on Australia Day in four categories:

- Citizen of the Year
- Young Citizen of the Year

- Senior Citizen of the Year
- Community Event of the Year.

Nomination forms are available from council customer service centres or on our website: frankston.vic.gov.au Nominations close 5pm, Friday 25 October. Please mail all nominations to: Councillors Office, Frankston City Council, PO Box 490, Frankston VIC 3199 or email: councillors.office@frankston.vic.gov.au

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City centre safety a priority

Council is working with youth outreach organisations, local businesses and Victoria Police to help ensure Frankston's city centre remains a safe and welcoming place for residents, young people and visitors to enjoy, as well as work.

While safety has always been a priority, recent reports of anti-social activity in Frankston's main shopping area, including Station Street, has meant additional effort has been invested over the past few months.

Council's Youth Services, together with Victoria Police officers from Somerville and Frankston, Bayside Shopping Centre and support organisations such as Whitelion, Youth Substance Abuse Service, Frankston and Mornington Drug and Alcohol Service and Living the Dream Foundation conduct outreach daily in Station Street and other key areas. A 'pop-up' base in Clyde Street Mall will also open in the coming weeks, helping to facilitate a presence in Frankston's city centre and close collaboration between groups.

Other recent initiatives include the Frankston Community Safety Networks, a partnership project

between Department of Justice and Community Safety and Victoria Police, which will provide training for businesses and security guards to de-escalate anti-social behaviour. Victoria Police Protective Services Officers are also now able to leave the station precinct (in an initiative implemented across Victoria) to assist in neighbouring streets. Council is also exploring the option of joint patrols with police officers.

Council's Youth Services has also been running outreach in the city centre on weekdays for the past six months. Director, Community Development, Dr Gillian Kay said, "Creating relationships with young people helps at-risk youth to feel comfortable asking for help or opening up. We know the outcome is so much better when we can work from mutual trust and respect."

Council's Youth Services also runs the Response to Alcohol and Drugs (RAD) program, specifically addressing instances where substance abuse is a factor. For more information on Council's Youth Services, visit: frankston.vic.gov.au/YouthServices



Rewarding responsible young drivers

A new driver incentive program is celebrating responsible young drivers, and rewarding good behaviour on our roads. Drive Safe Frankston, a Victoria Police initiative and part of the Community Safety Network, sees police identifying young drivers who are setting a good example and presenting them with a voucher for defensive driving lessons.

Drivers can use the vouchers to attend a course, created especially for the Drive Safe Frankston program.

"Young drivers are the most likely to have an accident within the first 12 months of getting their licence. We want to ensure they have the skills they need to navigate our roads safely

and to remind them they are an example to others. Even more importantly, we want young drivers to know that police notice and want to acknowledge when they do a good job," said Local Area Commander Inspector Paul Cripps.

The program launched in July, as Police and VicRoads work to reduce the number of lives lost on our roads. Victoria has endured a particularly high number of road deaths in 2019, and over the past ten years, more than 300 drivers aged 18 to 25 have lost their lives on our roads. For more information, follow Eyewatch Frankston on Facebook: facebook.com/eyewatchfrankston



Last chance to enter our Best Streets Award

The Best Streets Award is about celebrating and rewarding neighbours who are going above and beyond to create a sense of community.

To enter, tell us in 250 words or less what makes your street friendly, how people in the street look after each other, how presentable and tidy the street is and how well neighbours work together to help the environment.

Aside from being celebrated and recognised as being from one of

Frankston City's most community-minded streets, participants will go into the draw to win a personalised street sign and be invited to attend a special award ceremony next year.

Thank you to everyone who has put their street in the running to win so far, we have received some amazing entries. The competition closes 5pm, Friday 20 September. To nominate your street, visit: frankston.vic.gov.au/BestStreets

WE'RE STILL TRADING WHILE RENOVATING

CREATING A MALL FOR ALL

Station Street Mall businesses are open during construction. Please continue to support your favourite stores while we renovate the Mall for everyone to enjoy. For more information visit frankston.vic.gov.au/ConnectingMalls

STATION ST MALL



Introduction to Volunteering Sessions 2019

Monthly, 10–11am, Long Room, Frankston City Library, 60 Playne Street, Frankston, FREE, bookings essential

Free monthly sessions connecting you to causes you are passionate about and helping you to be

better prepared for your role as a community volunteer.

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

DATE:

Tuesday 10 September

Tuesday 8 October

Tuesday 12 November

GUEST SPEAKER:

Women and Mentoring

The Bridge Inc.

Save the Children



Exciting volunteer opportunities available

Council's Family Health Support Services Team is looking for friendly and dedicated volunteers to assist with various roles within Frankston City.

We currently have roles at Meals on Wheels both in the kitchen and

volunteer driving, Children's Services positions and Frankston Age Friendly Ambassador roles. If you are interested in finding out more about the positions available, phone: 9768 1624 or amber.dick@frankston.vic.gov.au



These school shoes are made for walking

This October, we are encouraging local students to Walk to School, as part of VicHealth's Walk to School Month. You can walk, roll, ride or scoot to and from school for the month and help your school win some great prizes.

Studies show that it takes 30 days to build a habit. The longer we do

Top of the class learning and innovation precinct launches

An impressive \$85 million state-of-the-art redevelopment of Chisholm's Frankston Campus strengthens the Institute's position as one of the most advanced and innovative providers of training and skills in the region, boasting new digitally transformed classrooms and study spaces.

Featuring purpose-built and flexible learning spaces such as health wards, workshops, laboratories and collaborative spaces, Chisholm's Frankston Campus transformation will immerse students in their learning journey. The new facilities encourage new ways of learning, teaching and thinking, while having access to study areas and student-focused facilities that help to build peer support and engagement.

Home to nursing, hair and beauty, allied health and early childhood education courses, the new four-storey Building A also features a Student Enrolment Hub and dynamic open-plan Library and Learning Centre, with access to research support, digital libraries and online study coaching.

The new Mysa Salon and Spa, creates a real-world day spa experience for students as they deliver hair and beauty services to the public. Connected to Building A by enclosed footbridge, collaborative training spaces in the new two-storey Building

B reflect modern trade sites for a range of plumbing, construction, electrical and electrotechnology qualifications.



CHISHOLM INSTITUTE COMMUNITY DAY

Chisholm will open the doors to its Frankston campus on Saturday 19 October.

Take part in tours of the new facilities, activities and find out about courses on offer, including FREE TAFE options for 2020. Find out more, visit: chisholm.edu.au/communityday

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Council calls for Ministerial meetings

Council is continually advocating on your behalf, to ensure vital local projects are funded and delivered for our community. Recently, we met with the re-elected Federal Member for Flinders and Minister for Health, the Hon Greg Hunt MP.

This meeting gave Council the opportunity to talk about Federal Government funding for projects within Frankston City, including the vital expansion of Jubilee Park

Indoor Stadium, electrification of the Stony Point line from Frankston to Langwarrin (stage 1), commuter car parking, RF Miles Reserve redevelopment and more.

Council has also requested for a meeting with the Federal Treasurer and Minister for Population, Cities and Urban Infrastructure, to discuss projects funded in the 2019–2020 Federal Budget or committed to during the 2019 federal election.

Continuing Frankston's revitalisation

Council is committed to the ongoing transformation of Frankston's city centre as a resilient, productive and liveable regional hub for employment, education, integrated specialist healthcare services and world-class medical research.

Through the South East Melbourne Group of Councils (SEM), we have developed a project as part of a SEM City Deal committed to by the Federal Government during the recent election. Building on community and Council Priorities, the Frankston Revitalisation project will comprise a number of strategic initiatives designed to future-proof the prosperity of the local community and broader south east Melbourne and Mornington Peninsula regions.

They include:

- Delivering Stage One of the electrification of the Stony Point line from Frankston to Langwarrin

- Further investment in Frankston's Health and Education Precinct
- Supporting a Frankston Gov Hub, capitalising on Frankston City's status as a 'city away from the city' by co-locating a range of government agencies in a central location

These projects will deliver the vital infrastructure and services our community needs to thrive, providing competitive employment, education and innovative medical research opportunities, accessible public transport options together with an enviable coastal lifestyle.

The collaborative regional approach undertaken by south east Melbourne councils in advocating for a SEM City Deal has generated positive feedback from both Victorian and Federal Governments, with continued work being undertaken to progress plans.

Rolling along the Frankston Line

What's happening in Seaford?

New artwork underway on the Seaford Road rail bridge pillars and pedestrian underpass will showcase the area's rich Indigenous history of paying respect to the Bunurong people, traditional owners of the land. Work is continuing on the new six-kilometre shared user path and the new community open space and playground at RF Miles Reserve, while planting of an additional 70,000 plants and trees is planned for late-2019.

Upgrading the Frankston Line

More than 30 kilometres of new overhead wiring and structures and three new substations are being delivered, to improve train performance and service reliability on the Frankston Line, as part of level crossing removal works.

Stay informed

Find out more about the level crossing removal projects at: levelcrossings.vic.gov.au



Working out car parking together

Council recently established an independent working group with key local stakeholders to investigate car parking supply and pricing in Frankston's city centre and provide advice to council.

The group includes representatives from:

- Frankston City Council
- Committee for Greater Frankston

- Vicinity
- Monash University Peninsula Campus
- Chisholm Institute Frankston Campus
- Peninsula Health
- Peninsula Aquatic and Recreation Centre
- Frankston City traders

The group will balance the different needs of residents, train and bus commuters, shoppers, students, business clients, staff and visitors. For more information on the car parking working group, visit: frankston.vic.gov.au/CPWG

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

Frankston City Council presents

Frankston Seniors Festival

7–31 October 2019



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fit over 50 – group exercise class Frankston Street Art Walking Tour A day with CWA Frankston Take a tour of the Peninsula Aquatic Recreation Centre (PARC) STRONG by Zumba® for beginners Downsizing and Decluttering 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Walking Netball Power FAST workshop Cruden Farm garden tour Tai Chi Beyond 60s dance class Men’s forum 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Frankston Seniors Festival launch – Get into it! Fit over 50 – group exercise class Open day barbeque – Pines Men’s Shed South East Water building tour Take a virtual trip to Graceland Virtual Shabam 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Walk in Sweetwater Creek Nature Reserve Anyone for croquet? African drumming workshop for grandparents and grandkids! Talk by Maribel Steel author of Blindness for Beginners Movers Aerobic Ballam Park Homestead tour Downsizing and Decluttering Nature after dark – spotlight tour 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fit over 50 – group exercise class Cooking for one with Louis Theatre’s WaltSing Australia Downsizing and Decluttering Movers Active 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Virtual Shabam 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Virtual Body Balance
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scienceworks – a museum for curious minds (day trip) STRONG by Zumba® for beginners Hear the sounds you love! Free hearing tests at PARC What’s your story? Stories for 3200 – Conversations from life 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Walking Netball Frankston Street Art Walking Tour Chinese celebration Tai Chi Beyond 60s dance class 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> South East Water building tour McClelland Sculpture Park + Gallery tour Zumba Virtual Shabam 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> University of the Third Age (U3A) Expo Devonshire Tea with the CWA ladies of Frankston South Movers Aerobic Ballam Park Homestead tour Talk by Loretta Smith author of A Spanner in the Works Ventana Special Event – a celebration of Italian culture 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Downton Abbey in the Hills (day trip) Cooking for one with Louis Morning tea and guest speaker from Frankston Combined Probus Movers Active 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mornington Peninsula Writers Festival 2019 Virtual Shabam 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mornington Peninsula Writers Festival 2019 Talk by Alfonso Folle author of Frankston – Dust from Unmade Roads Virtual Body Balance
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> STRONG by Zumba® for beginners Peninsula Arts Society – painting demonstration What’s your story? Stories for 3200 – Conversations from life 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prymeball Walking Netball Freedom to feel good workshop Tai Chi 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Frankston Street Art Walking Tour How to learn skills online South East Water building tour Virtual Shabam Emily Bronte – a child of the moors 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Judy in the Hills (day trip) African drumming workshop for grandparents and grandkids! Movers Aerobic 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cooking for one with Louis Cruden Farm garden tour Movers Active Peninsula Folk Club – live performance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Frankston Community Shredding Day Virtual Shabam Family history research with Matthew Cohn 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Garden Joy Try Bowls – Lawn Bowls and Indoor Bowls Local music for a local cause Virtual Body Balance
28	29	30	31			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> STRONG by Zumba® for beginners Yes, we seniors can dance Afternoon Melodies Russian Raduga concert What’s your story? Stories for 3200 – Conversations from life 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Walking Netball Indoor craft and farmers market Tai Chi Beyond 60s dance class 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A stroll in the park South East Water building tour Virtual Shabam Scones and songs with John Carlo Bellotti 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cultural guided walk at McCrae Foreshore (day trip) Frankston Street Art Walking Tour McClelland Sculpture Park + Gallery tour Movers Aerobic Afternoon tea at PARC 			

For specific event enquiries and bookings please use the contact numbers provided in the Seniors Festival program. Download your copy now, visit: frankston.vic.gov.au/SeniorsFestival2019

Bookings open **Monday 16 September.**

Victorian Seniors Festival



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Frankston Seniors Festival 'Get into it'

**Wednesday 9 October, 10–11am,
Frankston North Community
Centre, 26 Mahogany Avenue,
Frankston North, FREE, bookings
essential**

You're invited to the official Frankston Seniors Festival launch. This year's theme 'Get into it' encourages our

senior residents to take part in an array of activities throughout the Festival. To kick off, come and celebrate the Seniors' 3200 photographic and stories exhibition and enjoy High Tea with your friends. To book, phone Frankston North Community Centre on: **8773 9545**

Frankston Community Shred Day

**Saturday 26 October, 10am–1pm,
Civic Centre car park, 30 Davey
Street, Frankston, no booking
necessary, gold coin donation per box**

Reduce your risk of identity theft by taking part in Frankston's Inaugural Community Shred Day. Shred On Site will provide a mobile shredding truck to shred your unwanted documents (e.g. bank statements, health records,

tax returns etc.). You can watch your documents being shredded right in front of you on the truck's CCTV camera. There is no need to remove staples or paper clips from documents. All proceeds will go to Community Support Frankston. For more information, phone: **9784 1046**

MEET AND EAT

Come along to our weekly Pot Luck event, a fun community gathering event where you can meet new people, make new friends and enjoy a home cooked meal and dessert for only \$4.

Attendees must be over 18 years of age. For more information contact our Positive Ageing Team, phone: **9768 1624**.

Keeping you on the move

Our Community Transport Bus has been operating for over 20 years to help eligible local residents remain active even when they're unable to drive or are experiencing difficulties using public transport. The bus operates Monday to Friday on a fixed

timetable, to various Frankston City locations for a gold coin donation. Eligibility criteria apply. If you or someone close to you would benefit from this service, contact Council's Intake Officer on: **9784 1933**

Community Connector Program for over 60s

Councils Community Connector program uses volunteers to match residents with activities in their local community.

Community Connector volunteers contact activity coordinators on your behalf and assist with the process of joining a new group or activity within the area. They can even attend a new activity or group with you until you settle in and feel comfortable to attend on your own.

The program is for anyone who is over the age of 60 or caring for someone over the age of 60 with activities including exercise and computer classes, craft groups, volunteering, seniors' clubs and much more. For more information contact our Positive Ageing Team, phone: **9768 1624** or visit: frankston.vic.gov.au/ActiveAgeing



Do you want to be a Community Connector volunteer and help people become more active and involved within their community? If so, contact Councils Volunteer Officer. Phone: 9768 1624



Get Active Expo for over 55s

Friday 4 October, 10am–1pm, Camp Manyung, 35 Sunnyside Road, Mt Eliza, FREE, booking required

In the spirit of this year's festival theme, 'Get into it', the 2019 Get Active Expo will be all about adrenaline. Come and try stand up paddle boarding, archery and a giant swing amongst other activities. Learn about local social and activity groups in Frankston and the Mornington Peninsula, socialise with others whilst

enjoying a free morning tea. The venue is suitable for people of all abilities.

A courtesy bus will depart from Lyrebird Community Centre, 203 Lyrebird Drive, Carrum Downs at 9.45am and 10.20am from Frankston Arts Centre, 27–37 Davey Street, Frankston. The bus will leave the expo at 12.30pm. To book, visit: trybooking.com/BDVRS or phone Council on: **1300 322 322**

For more information on services and activities for over 65s, visit: frankston.vic.gov.au/ActiveAgeing

SEPTEMBER SCHOOL HOLIDAYS!

Kids FEST



Live shows and workshops to add some fun to the spring school holidays! Check thefac.com.au for more details.



Art

Monkey Baa Theatre Company

Possum Magic

Thursday 10 October,
10.30am & 1.30pm

Tickets: \$20-\$95



DAYTIME
MUSIC+
THEATRE

Music

Daytime Music + Theatre

WaltSing Australia

Friday 11 October, 10.30am,
10.30am & 1.30pm

Tickets: \$19-\$21



Music

ATA Allstars

The Glenn Miller Orchestra

Saturday 26 October, 7.30pm

Tickets: \$89.90-\$94.90



Music

Melbourne Symphony Orchestra

An Evening with the MSO

Thursday 31 October, 7.30pm

Tickets: \$27-\$71

What's On at Frankston City libraries

Composting workshop
Saturday 14 September,
10am-1.30pm, Frankston Library,
FREE, bookings essential

**Writing and publishing
workshop**
Saturday 21 September, 1.30pm,
Frankston Library, FREE,
bookings essential

**Modern cloth nappies
workshop**
Saturday 12 October, 10.30am,
Frankston Library, FREE,
bookings essential

Live music Sunday session
Sunday 29 September, 1.30pm,
Frankston Library, FREE, no
booking required

Senior's Festival
There are so many events
happening at Frankston City
Libraries for the Senior's Festival
this year. From workshops on
blindness for beginners to
talks on family history, there's
something for everyone.
Bookings are essential

School holiday fun
Get in on the fun and excitement at
Frankston City Libraries these school
holidays. Make sure you book early
to secure your child's place in our
popular programs.



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Libraries membership today**
With multiple locations across
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access to training, magazines and
electronic publications, there's
never been a better time to join.
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Visit: library.frankston.vic.gov.au/
WhatsOn or phone: 9784 1020

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Celebrating our seniors

October marks both the Victorian Government's Seniors Festival celebrations and International Day for Older Persons. Council will again be participating in the Seniors Festival, with a month-long calendar of events to celebrate and support our older residents and visitors. As someone who worked in aged care and also had two grandmothers who became increasingly socially isolated in their later years, I am particularly passionate about the rights of older Australians. I have seen first-hand the impact social isolation has on mental health and I also know how easily this is remedied by simply creating better community connections. I encourage everyone to take a look at what we have planned in October and join in at least one of these activities. Once the festival is over, remember there is always something happening in Frankston City and many support services on offer. See page 10 for more information or visit: frankston.vic.gov.au/ActiveAgeing

A new community hub proposed for Langwarrin

A proposed Langwarrin Library and Children's Hub was raised at the 22 July Ordinary Council Meeting. The hub would house a new community library and consolidate some local Maternal and Child Health Services and kindergartens no longer fit for purpose. The hub would also include a playgroup and indoor/outdoor community space — providing a social, cultural and learning hub for local families.

The proposed site for the hub is Lloyd Park North, Pindara Boulevard, Langwarrin, following an extensive investigation to determine the most appropriate location within the area. A 2016 survey showed 37 per cent of Langwarrin households were couples with children, compared with the 29 per cent city average. Local library options are limited and an amazing 40 per cent of Langwarrin residents instead utilise Council library services in other suburbs.

It is critical we continue to meet the demand for community services in our growing city, however, the project is still very much in its early stages. We will be asking the Langwarrin community for feedback in the coming months, including feedback on the hub's proposed location and will continue to work with you to find the best outcome for everyone. We will continue to update the community on this project in the coming months. Should you have any questions in the meantime, please email Children's Projects Services at: csprojects@frankston.vic.gov.au



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A year-round sporting ground at Carrum Downs

We will soon complete installation of synthetic turf at Carrum Downs Recreation Reserve, creating a multipurpose, durable and weather-resistant sporting ground. This will be the first synthetic field in Frankston City and creates a great playing field for local footy, cricket and soccer clubs to enjoy year-round. The upgrade was a \$2.3 million investment from Council, with an additional \$500,000 provided from a Victorian Government grant. The project also includes lighting to allow for night matches and adds a third sporting ground to the reserve's existing facilities. Another project successfully delivered for our community.

Café Creations celebrates third round of graduates



Celebration was on the menu at Frankston South Community and Recreation Centre recently as the centre-run Café Creations program welcomed its third round of youth graduates. The program offers disengaged youth the chance to reconnect with education, and arms them with the industry skills and knowledge needed to succeed in hospitality.

I was proud to be involved in the development of this important initiative, and I am delighted to see the program deliver another round of graduates. Keep up the great work.

Mums Supporting Families In Need

I was privileged recently to tour the Mums Supporting Families In Need (MSFIN) factory in Seaford alongside MSFIN Founder and Director, Jodie Harris and MSFIN Supervisor, Kia Peterson. I saw first-hand the hard work that goes into sorting and distributing much-needed goods for struggling parents across Victoria. The organisation accepts donations of quality new and used essentials for families, and distributes these items from the Seaford base to more than 75 Victorian aid agencies. I was blown away during my tour with just how many families would be better off for all the hard work of this amazing group — all of whom volunteer their time to this worthy cause. Please show your support by visiting: msfin.org.au



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Planting seeds for our future

We had an amazing turnout at the Council National Tree Planting Day and Schools Tree Planting Day events a few months ago, with thousands of indigenous species planted at Witternberg Reserve, at Kingsley Park Primary School and Langwarrin Primary School. The enthusiasm our community has shown for conservation and sustainability is phenomenal and Council reflects this passion in our many sustainability initiatives. Most recently, we joined a cohort of 31 metropolitan councils endorsing *Living Melbourne: our metropolitan urban forest strategy* developed by Resilient Melbourne in partnership with The Nature Conservancy. The strategy aims to stop the loss of backyard trees due to residential consolidation to preserve and improve biodiversity, air quality, social connectedness, carbon offset and native habitat.

A milestone for local sustainability

This October, our Frankston Regional Recycling and Recovery Centre (FRRRC) turns four. I want to seize this opportunity to celebrate this facility, for the contribution it has made over this time to sustainability in our area. The FRRRC operates 20 different recycling streams, disposing of approximately 26,000 tonnes of waste each year, with over half of this diverted from landfill. Last financial year alone, 120,000 people utilised the service, including 18,000 visiting our resale shop — where high quality items are rescued and given a new life.

Creating healthy communities



I was proud to attend the Langwarrin Men's Shed Christmas in July event, alongside Peta Murphy MP. The event was yet another avenue created by a local Men's Shed, enabling people to enjoy a meal together and form connections within their community. The Men's Shed initiative is a not-for-profit organisation focussed on creating opportunities for personal connection that in turns promotes good mental health. Representatives from the Be Connected program were also there on the day, sharing how they are helping to create a more inclusive online community among older Australians. Find a Men's Shed near you, visit: mensshed.org



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Moor reasons to boat in Frankston

I recently called for Council officers to investigate the benefits of reintroducing permanent boat mooring facilities along Kananook Creek, between the creek entrance at Frankston beach and Wells Street. I have fond memories of visiting the creek with my parents and sister as a child and remember what a hive of activity this area once was. I hope that with the relevant investigations completed, we can reactivate this area by reintroducing boat mooring to this area. Although initial works have been undertaken by Council on the possibility of a safe boat refuge at Olivers Hill, it is important we explore all options for save boat retrieval and mooring of the Frankston Volunteer Coast Guard. The report will consider economic, social, recreational and health benefits associated with this activation of Kananook Creek Boulevard. We will have more information on this project later in the year.

Architecture award for George Pentland play space



Frankston City has been awarded a prestigious landscape architecture award in the 2019 Australian Institute of Landscape Architects Awards Victoria. Specifically, the award recognises the outstanding new play space located at the George Pentland Botanic Gardens. The play space, conceptualised by Leaf Design Studio, promotes active play while transforming the traditional playground into a work of art. We have received excellent feedback from our community, who are enjoying having this wonderful resource at their disposal. The play space we created at Ballam Park in Frankston, also received a Victorian Landscape Architecture Award in 2018. These awards are a testament to the creativity and planning we put into our community assets — particularly ones as important as playgrounds. Play facilitates so many aspects of learning and development in children, including key social skills and creativity. It is vital we provide accessible areas that will challenge and engage our kids to be the best they can be.

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Choices to improve our health and environment

It is often said that the best thing that you can do for your health is eat plenty of fresh fruit and vegetables, and where possible, choose organic. In one way, it is strange that we use the term organic to denote the absence of chemicals from the growing and food processing techniques that are commonplace today, as in the past, all fruit and vegetables were organic! It was only during the last century that chemical herbicides, pesticides, hormones, antibiotics etc were introduced to our food supply, along with plastic packaging.

Very few independent scientific studies have examined the impacts these changes have had on our food supply, but those choosing a naturopathic approach to health believe that supply of organic fruit and vegetables is the best approach to improve health overall. A healthy environment is essential to this approach, which requires the reduction of chemicals and toxins from the environment, and in turn leads to greater biological and ecological diversity.

One of the best sources for organic produce is a local farmers market – such as the Seaford Farmers Market on the third Sunday of the month, 8am–1pm, Broughton Street Reserve, Broughton Street, Seaford. Buying organic food from local sources also reduces transportation and supports local growers.

Unlike environmental initiatives, such as a carbon tax that cannot be measured by the likes of you and I, the changes we make as individuals aiming to live a healthy and zero waste lifestyle can easily be observed and measured. For example, watching the contents of our bins decrease as a direct result of our choices, and knowing that such actions help to reduce landfill, reduce pollution and help combat climate change. Almost half of what is placed in our household bins is compostable. From October, our green bins will be for recycling both food waste and garden waste. This means we can dramatically reduce the amount of waste we are sending, as a community, to landfill.

We can all make a change if we learn to alter our choices. Altering our choices can deliver benefits for health, the environment and the local economy. I believe that we can all try to do a little more to be kinder, more mindful, and take responsibility for our actions, accordingly making a difference at grassroots level.

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Invest Frankston

Our Economic Development team officially launched Council's Invest Frankston campaign a few months back and I am excited about what this means for both existing businesses and future business investment in our city. There is so much opportunity here and Invest Frankston is our commitment to creating the most robust, forward thinking, energetic and progressive region in Victoria. We are collaborating tirelessly with business owners, educators, health services and government to transform Frankston City into the destination of choice for new development and business. I am excited to see how we will continue to transform the municipality in the coming months and years. For all our latest initiatives see page 18 or visit:

investfrankston.com

Safety in our city centre

Council is dedicated to ensuring Frankston City is a destination of choice for business investment, tourism, arts and culture and as a desired place to live and work. Unfortunately, as I mentioned in my last column, we have noted concern from residents and traders around perceived anti-social behaviour in our city centre. I have been working closely with Victoria Police, alongside Council officers, to address these concerns and I am pleased with how much progress has been made. As always, VicPol has many proactive initiatives in place to both help at-risk individuals and curb certain behaviours. Operation Uphold for example, has been a great success in facilitating an increased police presence in the city centre, Bayside Shopping Centre and at Frankston Station from both uniform and transit members. Our Youth Services team is also working closely with outreach organisations and VicPol to stop and prevent these behaviours. See page 7 for more information.

Overport Park a summer sporting hub

Oval works are now complete at Overport Park, Frankston South, including a new cricket pitch now in use by local sporting clubs. We are also on track to complete the new pavilion before Christmas and just in time for the summer sports season. The \$4.2 million pavilion is a Council-funded project, which includes a \$100,000 contribution from Sports and Recreation Victoria to help supply female-friendly amenities and a further \$100,000 joint contribution from Frankston Dolphins Football Netball Club, Frankton Dolphins Junior Football Club and Baden Powell Cricket Club. Council is also in discussions to install a netball court at Overport Park. This project is in the very early concept stages and we will only progress once we have spoken with our community. This consultation is scheduled for the coming months, keep an eye on our website to have your say.

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Community rallies around Gretana Park

Council determined a number of years ago to formally retain Gretana Park, Karingal as a public open space park, following strong residents' advocacy to retain and improve this wonderful community space.

Since financial year 2017–2018, we have invested almost \$100,000 to install walking paths, park furniture, rubbish bins, a barbeque and significant landscaping and garden restoration, including the addition of more native plants from our own Indigenous Nursery. Excess car parking space was transformed into additional open green space. Gone is the concrete and in its place is an extra land for the public to enjoy. The parks' crumbling, unsafe tennis courts were demolished and replaced with new trees and plantings. All of this work has sprung from the passion and diligence of engaged residents' the Karingal Local Area Group, who advocated for the park to be retained as a community asset.

In addition, the group advised that a footpath in close proximity to Gretana Park, between Manorswood Drive and Peninsula Link, was incomplete. I was able to get this footpath prioritised in last year's council budget for \$30,000 and it is now in the process of completion. Well done to the group for all their hard work to date and I hope they are enjoying the fruits of their labours. It goes to show just what can be achieved when we set our minds to something we are truly passionate about. I look forward to presenting the members with a recognition award in the coming weeks.

Driver safety

As some residents may have noticed, a safety barrier was recently installed at Wells Rd, Seaford. This safety barrier, approximately \$35,000, was installed due to numerous concerns that residents had communicated about dangerous driving in the area. The road safety barrier will prevent any run off road vehicle crashing into nearby houses at the road bend and improve the safety for the pedestrians and other road users. While this safety barrier won't magically stop dangerous driving, it will protect pedestrians and nearby homes. Well done to those residents that flagged this issue with us.

Pet-friendly City

Some time ago, I described a number of new pet friendly initiatives that had been implemented. Another new initiative just announced is rewarding pet owners for putting their pets through accredited obedience training. Now available to residents, if you train your pet through an accredited school, you will be eligible to access a cash-back scheme where up to 10 per cent of the costs for your pet's obedience training will be reimbursed by Council. For more information, please visit frankston.vic.gov.au/Animals

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How well do we know our City?

Often the essential statistics or data relating to where we live are overlooked as we go about our day-to-day lives. However Frankston City, covering around 131 square kilometres of Melbourne's south east, is bursting with incredible facts that highlight what a diverse and wonderful place it is to live, work and visit. Below is a small sampling of facts about the place we call home:

- Population: 140,708, forecast to grow to 159,929 people by 2036
- 44 primary and secondary schools
- The oldest home in Frankston City is Ballam Park Homestead, built in 1855 by the Liardet family
- Almost 150 parks, playgrounds and reserves
- 30,897 businesses
- Almost 56,000 residential homes
- We have 11km of pristine foreshore
- The Seaford Wetlands was declared a Ramsar Wetland of International Importance, one of 2,300 around the world and only 66 in Australia
- Value of Council-owned assets, such as buildings, parkland etc. \$1.839 billion
- We officially became 'Frankston City' in 1966
- In 1966 the City's population was 42,042, compared with 140,708 today
- Our local roads have a combined length of 705.4km, equivalent to driving from Melbourne to Adelaide
- Our total budget for 2019–2020 is 219.19 million
- We have more the 16,000 volunteers across Frankston City, donating 50,000 hours of their time at an estimated value of more than \$1 million per annum
- Some of our River Red Gums are up to 400 years old, with a possible life span of 1000 years
- Part of the 1979 film Mad Max was shot at Seaford Pier
- The beautiful and fragile nautilus shells would regularly be washed up on Seaford Beach and people would collect them to sell, particularly during the Great Depression
- The ongoing debate on how Frankston got its name continues. One possible theory is the town was named after a local publican called Frank Stone
- Two statues have been erected in Frankton City past 10 years — Dame Elizabeth Murdoch at the Frankston Arts Centre and former Australian featherweight boxer, Johnny Famechon at Ballam Park
- Council employs 971 members of staff
- Certain churches in Frankston City have stained glass windows created by either Mervyn Napier Waller CMG OBE or Alan Sumner MBE, both nationally renowned artists

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Upgrading a local landmark

We have embarked on a \$470,000 upgrade of the award-winning Keast Park Pavilion in Seaford, due to be completed in late September or early October. The project, partly funded with a generous \$200,000 contribution from the Victorian Government, will significantly improve this facility, home to the Carrum Bowls Club. The first stage will see the fit-out of a bowls' club office space, amenities and store room. The second stage includes development of the ground floor space to an extended social club lounge and modernised kitchen for the club. This recent renovation helps to sustain the pavilion's status as a local landmark, beautifully designed to fit in with the natural coastline. The site was cemented as a local icon after a cameo in the 2002 film Crackerjack and I am thrilled we are preserving this lovely amenity for the future.

A beautiful new playground for Seaford North

Our Open Spaces and Civil Infrastructure teams have been working together these past few months to develop a revitalised, safe and environmentally-friendly community space for you to enjoy. The new, district-level playground at Seaford North Reserve is the result of community feedback about a lack of quality family facilities in the area. We heard you and, after extensive community consultation, have delivered this beautiful play space for everyone to enjoy. The play space is accessible to all ages and abilities, with brightly coloured, engaging equipment — creating an enjoyable space for kids to build their skills and abilities. The project also includes more reserve parking with additional solar lighting to improve safety. Likewise, recycled plastic fencing now separates the playground from the skate park and dog free roam area, to ensure younger children have a safe place to play. This was a \$1 million total investment from Council, to ensure families in Frankston City have equal access to high quality, family-friendly facilities. The next stage will involve a refurbish to the existing toilet block, expected to be completed later this year.

Keeping young people safe from bullying

October is National Bullying Prevention Month, an initiative founded by PACER's National Bullying Prevention Centre in 2006. The campaign focuses on creating a safe and supportive school system and educating young people and parents about the effects of bullying and how it can be prevented. As we continue to navigate this relatively new world of online bullying, where bullies can now follow kids home through their social media accounts and one out of every five students is bullied, it is more critical than ever to understand both what drives some kids to bully others and how we stop this from occurring. To show your support, visit: pacer.org/bullying

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Professional care for your trees

As the winter weather clears up and we start frequenting our gardens more often, you may notice your garden needs a little love to look its best. Before you start treating your trees to a pruning, it's important any tree maintenance is undertaken correctly, to Australian Standards and by a qualified and experienced arborist.

An unqualified person may further damage the tree and more importantly may not be insured. Pruning or removing trees, especially large trees, can be dangerous work. Hiring an arborist deserves careful consideration.

When it comes to finding an arborist, remember to 'check, ask, avoid':

- Check with Council whether a permit is required for works on a tree in your property
- Check your Arborist is a registered business, has a minimum Level 3 qualification and always avoid-door to-door tree loppers
- Ask for certificates of insurance, including proof of liability for personal and property damage
- Avoid using the services of any tree company that advertises topping as a service or uses tree climbing spikes

For more information on hiring a qualified arborist or tree controls within Frankston City, visit:

frankston.vic.gov.au/Trees



The party's over for plastic

The Victorian Government will be **banning lightweight plastic shopping bags in Victoria from 1 November 2019.**

From this time, it will be illegal for any retailer in Victoria to provide lightweight plastic shopping bags and for suppliers to withhold or give misleading information about non-compliant bags

The ban will apply to all lightweight plastic shopping bags with a thickness less than 36 microns, including degradable, biodegradable and compostable bags. The ban will not

apply to produce bags for unpackaged food (like fruit, meat or seafood), garbage bags and bin liners, dog waste and nappy bags, and essential product packaging (e.g. bread bags).

You can continue to use your reusable bags. Keep some by the door at home, in the car and at work or invest in some foldable bags for your handbag or backpack so you don't get caught out. For more information visit: vicbagban.com.au



Your celebration may be hurting our wildlife

While balloons can be fun for the kids, they can also be deadly for wildlife. Balloons have been found washed up at our beaches and waterways. They can be mistaken for food and ingested by animals and birds. The strings attached can strangle and entrap wildlife.

There are many enviro-friendly ways to celebrate your next outdoor event without the use of balloons, such as with bubbles or reuseable fabric bunting decorations. For more information and wildlife-friendly alternatives to balloons search 'balloons' on the Zoos Victoria website: zoo.org.au

Council is currently reviewing the use of balloons and other environmentally hazardous materials, including plastic bags, polystyrene and disposable straws, at Council-run events as well as commercial, community and not-for-profit events on land owned/managed by Council, where a Council event application form is requested. We welcomed your feedback on our Draft Waste Wise Policy in July and will be releasing the finalised document shortly. The policy aims to minimise unnecessary wastage during celebrations and other events. Keep an eye on our website for the updated policy in the coming weeks.

Cut and collect

Your **FREE** Native Plant

Bring this voucher into the Frankston Indigenous Nursery to collect a FREE indigenous plant.

OFFER AVAILABLE:

**Wednesday 11, 18 and 25 September 2019
and Saturday 5 October 2019**

Frankston Indigenous Nursery

7 McMannis Way Seford (next door to SES unit off McCulloch Ave)
Phone: 9768 1513

** One plant per customer*



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Keep Victoria Beautiful Sustainable Cities Awards

Frankston City is a finalist in 11 categories of the Keep Victoria Beautiful Awards 2019, including six Council nominations and five community nominations.

Council is a finalist in the following categories:

- **Environmental Sustainability:** Powering up local communities — solar panels for community buildings
- **Protection of the Environment:** Mapping wildlife — an important step in conservation



Bay Friendly Business Award winners 2019, Breathe Hair, Wells Street Frankston

- **Clean Beach/Waterways:** Bay Friendly Businesses Project
- **Resource Recovery and Waste Management:** Frankston's Dog Agility Park — good for dogs, owners and the environment

Frankston Regional Recycling and Resource Recovery Centre (FRRRC) — leading the way in waste recovery

- **Community Government Partnerships:** Greening Our Future — Council's environmental events program

Our local community finalists are:

- **Active Schools:** St Judes Primary School — Minnie Vinnies: Recycling Paper
 - **Environmental Sustainability:** Frankston Beach Association Inc. — Foreshore Revegetation
 - **Protection of the Environment:** Natured Kids' Narelle Debenham — Outdoor environmental activities, educating and empowering young people
 - **Clean Beach/Waterway:** Kananook Creek Association — Green Army Kananook Creek Restoration
 - **Young Leaders: Oscar Baldacchino** — Save the critically endangered helmeted honeyeater
- Congratulations to everyone involved. To view category winners, visit the Keep Victoria Beautiful website: kvb.org.au



Solar rebate changes

The Victorian Government has changed the application process and opportunities available for rebates on rooftop solar panels. There are now limited rebates available each month, with funding awarded on a first-come first-served basis.

To secure your rebate, make sure you work out the best solar system for your home first, select an authorised solar provider (Clean Energy Council approved retailer) and obtain a quote for works. Your preferred solar provider will then upload the quote into the Solar Victoria Portal. You will

then be issued with an eligibility number and the installation cannot proceed without this.

The amount available for rooftop solar is up to \$2,225 (reducing after 31 December 2019) and there is now up to \$4,838 available for solar batteries. This is new, as is the option to apply for an interest-free loan equal to the rebate amount. Further to this the solar power installation rebates are available for homeowners and rental properties. For more information visit: solar.vic.gov.au

Greening Our Future Events

July 2019–February 2020

Cloth nappies 101

Saturday 12 October, 10.30am–12pm

Frankston Library
60 Playne Street, Frankston

Join an expert to learn about modern cloth nappies and why they are good for your baby, your budget and the environment.

Garage Sale Trail

Saturday 19 and Sunday 20 October

Across all suburbs

Visit: garagesaletrail.com.au

Host a garage sale or discover one near you and join Australia's biggest 're-use' event.

Community shredding day

Saturday 26 October, 10am–1pm

Frankston Civic Centre (car park)
30 Davey Street, Frankston
(enter via Young Street)

Bring your unwanted confidential documents for secure shredding by a special mobile truck. Gold coin donation per archive box (max 4 boxes).

No bookings necessary. For details phone: 9784 1046

Living with snakes

Saturday 16 November, 2.30–4pm

Bruce Park Hall
1/19N Bondi Avenue, Frankston

An experienced snake expert will discuss snake awareness, safety, identification and what to do if you come across one.

(No live snakes present).

Summer smart homes

Tuesday 19 November, 7–9pm

Frankston Arts Centre (The Lounge)

Expert advice on making your home more comfortable while saving money on energy and water bills.



Visit: frankston.vic.gov.au/EnvironmentalEvents or phone: 9768 1628 (leave message)

Most sessions are FREE, bookings are essential for all events, except Community Shredding Day and Aussie Backyard Bird Count.

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Frankston City Mayor, Cr Michael O'Reilly with recent Kerbside Grant recipients, Parçha cafe and wine bar in Wells Street



Business Grants Program now open

The Frankston City Business Grants Program is now open. We are helping to start or grow local businesses with a \$120,000 total grant pool and individual business grants of up to \$30,000 available. The program, held annually since 2012, has awarded grant funding to more than 30 businesses that have gone on to create more than 450 jobs.

The grants provide a boost to businesses that demonstrate potential to create employment and contribute to building a resilient, innovative local economy. Applications close Wednesday 25 September. For more details, visit: frankston.vic.gov.au/BusinessGrants



Kick 'em to the kerb

The Kerbside and Façade Improvement Grant programs are now open. The grants help local businesses to improve the external look of their business or to expand into outdoor dining.

The \$2,000 kerbside grants encourage food and drink businesses to increase outdoor dining opportunities, and we recently awarded another round to:

- **Seagulls Greek Taverna**, Nepean Highway
- **Cinars Kebabs**, Nepean Highway
- **Baba on Wells**, Wells Street
- **Cupcake Queens**, Shannon Mall

The newly-launched Façade Improvement Program is designed to encourage and facilitate business owners, operators and landlords to enhance the presentation of their building or business in the city centre. Council, in partnership with

the Victorian Government, offered matched-fund grants to assist with exterior façade renovations of buildings located within Frankston's city centre of up to \$5,000. First round recipients were:

- **Baba on Wells**, Wells Street
- **Eeny Meeny Café**, corner of Young and Wells Streets
- **Loom & Spindle**, Station Street
- **Parçha**, Wells Street
- **QTs Kitchen**, Shannon Mall

Congratulations to all successful applicants and keep an eye on these businesses for some amazing kerbside and façade transformations. The current round of grants close 5pm, Friday 13 September. For more information visit: frankston.vic.gov.au/BusinessGrants

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Digital Marketing Masterclass

Expressions of Interest welcome

Local businesses often say digital marketing is an area where their staff either lack confidence or are looking to improve. Our new Digital Marketing Masterclass allows businesses to nominate a staff member for three full day training sessions, focussing on key elements of digital marketing.

Businesses will be selected based on the impact that digital marketing could have on their business and how this may help with staff development. Places are strictly limited. For more information and to complete the Expression of Interest, visit: frankston.vic.gov.au/business

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Spring into sport in Frankston City. As the weather warms up, a whole new season of sporting fun is ramping up near you.



It's tee time at Centenary Park

What better way to enjoy the great outdoors than with a visit to the Centenary Park Golf Course?

Located just off Peninsula Link, Centenary Park Golf Course is your scenic, fun and totally accessible public golf course. A picturesque 18-hole course and driving range, it's the perfect destination for a round of golf, time with on-course pros, or just relaxing with a drink in the licenced café.

The Centenary Park Golf Club is the resident club on the course, with many membership options for the keen golfer through to people taking up the game for the first time. More information on how to become a member of the club, contact club Secretary Ian Hoskins on: **0418 181 951** or email: **cpgc@bigpond.com**. For more information about what's available at the course, visit: **centenarypark.com.au**

Come and try softball this spring

Frankston Softball Association (FSA) is having its Come and Try registration event on Saturday 14 and 21 September, 10am-12pm, Robinson's Park, Frankston.

Softball is a fast paced and fun sport that builds individual fitness and team work skills in children and adults alike. The FSA welcomes members from six-years-old to mature age, with an Under 12 mixed team, Under 15s

and 17s boys' and girls' teams, as well and men's and women's teams.

FSA provides an inclusive and welcoming club environment, with experienced coaches and mentoring for up and coming junior coaches. All FSA members are encouraged to be actively involved in running and supporting the association. Visit: **vic.softball.org.au**



Dog free roam

Frankston City has many amazing parks and reserves where it's okay to let your furry mate off-leash for a run.

Please note, in some parks where free roaming is allowed, pet access may be partially restricted. Please check for signage.

On those sporting grounds where dogs are allowed, free roam is not allowed during sporting games and organised sporting activities.

For the full list of dog free roam areas, visit: **frankston.vic.gov.au/DogFreeRoam**

Little athletes flourish in Seaford

The Seaford Little Athletics Centre is a friendly and inclusive club, meeting every Saturday morning. The summer track and field season commences on Saturday 5 October and the club invites new members and volunteers to come and join the fun.

The next information session for new members will be held **Saturday 21 and Sunday 28 September, 10am, Riviera, Reserve Clubrooms, Seaford.**

The club recently hosted its annual cross country open day, where athletes from 12 Little Athletic centres around Victoria competed in a long distance races ranging from one to four kilometres.

To find out more about joining the Seaford Little Athletics Centre, email: **seaford@lavic.com.au** or visit: **seafordlac.com.au**



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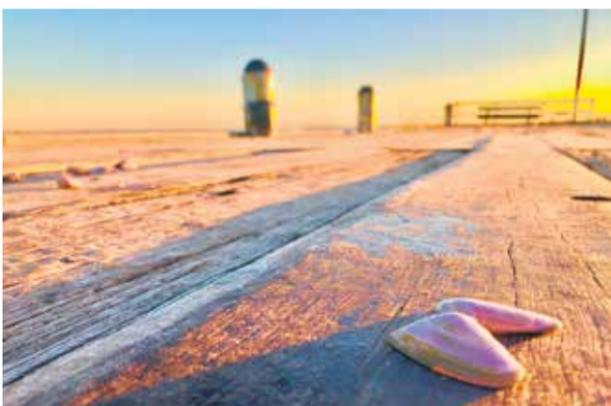
Christopher Johnson, All The Green Year, Melbourne's Murals, Thompson Lane



Kelly Klaus, base of Olivers Hill



Tim Smith, Frankston beach



Sarah Maree, Frankston Pier



Simon Browne, Waterfront Festival 2019



Sarah Maree, Frankston beach