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# Council stands united on climate emergency

Councillors united to unanimously declare a climate emergency at the 18 November Ordinary Council Meeting. Scores of community members turned out to hear Council's verdict on the Motion, put forward by Mayor Councillor Sandra Mayer, with many making public submissions urging Council to take action.

The Mayor said she felt proud to be a part of a Council and community that not only acknowledges environmental issues, but that stands up and takes action.

The Mayor acknowledged while the Council decision to formally declare a climate emergency was a step in the right direction, the real work was only just beginning. "As part of our decision, Council made a commitment to review and update our Climate Change Impacts and Adaptation Plan, which is now eight years old," she said.

"Once finalised, the plan will provide us with a clear roadmap of how we can continue to prioritise initiatives, infrastructure and projects that positively impact our planet."

Chair of the Frankston Environmental Friends Network, David Cross said he and group members were "extremely pleased and excited" with Council's decision. "The Frankston City community is very engaged on environmental issues and our Council

has strong environmental credentials when you examine what they are already doing," David said.

"The Frankston Environmental Friends Group, along with the broader environmental community will be watching Council's progress closely, and look forward to collaborating to find tangible and sustainable ways to combat climate change."

See more on our commitment to tackle climate change on page 4.

# WATERFRONT



Saturday 15 11am-10pm Sunday 16 February 2020 11am-6pm



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A sizzling summer of events



School holiday fun 06 in Frankston City



Investing in Frankston's future



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

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# Mayor's message

I hope everyone had a pleasant break, we are now very much ramping back up here at Council, as we prepare for another busy year in 2020. I am now well into my third term as your Mayor and I am honoured to be able to represent our wonderful city and to champion many issues that are close to my heart. In particular, ensuring a sustainable future for our amazing city, its residents and visitors, continuing my work in the prevention of family violence and advocating for people with disabilities, as well as the vulnerable and disadvantaged in our community.

Our CEO and Executive Management Team have made great progress in taking on feedback received last year from our staff and ensuring their health and wellbeing is a priority. Together we will achieve more with a happy and vibrant organisation; delivering better outcomes with and for our community.

I have a good working relationship with our Members of Parliament and I have already touched base with them to determine how we can best work together to ensure our priorities are aligned and we are all doing the best for our city. I am also planning on getting out as much as possible and meeting with various groups in the community to see how we can best support a thriving local economy and build a solid community foundation for our growing city.

On another note, it's been a pleasure to get out and immerse myself in the various Council departments, and



gain more insight into how teams operate. I'm pleased to report the organisation is tracking along nicely, with a focus on innovation, collaboration and delivering the best positive service to you, our community.

Cr Sandra Mayer Frankston City Mayor

# Message from the CEO

2019 was certainly an incredible year of change, challenges and progress here at Council and across Frankston City. To give you an idea of just how busy we have been over the past 12 months:

- We held 14 ordinary meetings and processed 456 councillor reports
- More than 104,000 people attended our major events
- We have 226 capital works projects underway
- Almost 5000 kitchen caddies have been distributed, helping residents divert their food waste away from landfill
- Frankston Arts Centre held 721 events
- Our libraries loaned almost 90,000 eBooks and eAudiobooks and had 30,000 people attend a library event
- We awarded a total of \$120,000 in grants to support local businesses
   This is just a small sample of what we

deliver to residents each year, all with a focus on connecting and supporting Frankston City.

# Our active community

Something that has really stood out to me as a new CEO is the incredible level of engagement and passion for local issues we see from every corner of our community. This engagement relates to all kinds of topics, from major building works, new policies, artwork, events, our support programs and more. Most importantly, this engagement — be it through direct feedback or simply by residents taking an active interest is invaluable to our ability to provide the best possible services, programs and activities. I would strongly encourage everyone to make sure they are not only familiar with what is going on in their area but to make an effort to get involved. This might be through submitting a question for, or



coming along to, an Ordinary Council Meeting, providing your feedback on a new project or policy through: frankston.vic.gov.au/HaveYourSay, attending a Ward meeting, joining a local community group, writing to your local member about an issue you are passionate about or simply following us on social media.

Phil Cantillon
Chief Executive Officer



# Connect with Council For the latest news and info...

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'Frankston City Council'











# Are you prepared for a summer emergency?

Council undertakes many activities to prepare for emergencies, such as fire management in reserves, flood drainage on local roads, mitigating against heatwaves through the use of green spaces, emergency relief drills and working with local emergency services, just to name a few.

There are a few simple steps you can take to help your household prepare for a possible emergency situation:

- Pack an emergency kit, including for example, food and water, mobile phone and charger, medications and medical aids, important documents and information etc.
- Practice your emergency plan with

your whole family, pets included

 Keep in touch with your neighbours too, especially those who are elderly or living alone

During an emergency always seek out official warnings and advice such as from the VicEmergency website or app, available at: **emergency.vic.gov. au** Never wait for the emergency services to contact you before taking action.

For more information, and the full list of emergency kit items, visit: emergencyprepare.com.au or pick up a hard-copy of *Are you prepared for an emergency?* at Council customer service centres and Frankston City Libraries.

# Supporting young people with disabilities

Council's Home and Community
Care Program for Younger People
provides help and support to
people with disabilities and their
families across Frankston City.
This state government-funded
program, delivered by Council, helps
people under 65 to maintain their
independence at home and remain
active in the community.

The program has been supporting 17-year-old David\*, who is on the autism spectrum, and his mum for the past 10 years, providing the family with respite and skill-building services. Each week, Council's Direct Care Workers transport David to PARC in Frankston, where he completes a gym program staff have tailored for him.

At home, a care worker also helps David learn how to grocery shop, prepare meals and do his own laundry. David hopes to attend university in 2021 and wants to gain enough life skills to live out of home independently. David's mother said, "Twelve months ago, he wouldn't leave the house without me. Since accessing the

community with the support of his care worker, his confidence has elevated and he's becoming independent in the community. This is all thanks to the Frankston City Council."

The program provides support such as home cleaning and maintenance, personal care, escorted and unescorted shopping, meals, planned activities and more. Clients may require assistance due to physical and/or psychosocial functional impairment related to disability, chronic illness or short-term health needs. The service is provided by Council outside of the National Disability Insurance Scheme.

\*Name changed to protect privacy.

To find out more about how we can help your family phone: 9784 1933 or visit: frankston.vic.gov.au/
YouthDisability Support or head to our free information session,
Monday 24 February, 10–11am,
Long Room, Frankston Library.
No registration necessary. Email: intake@frankston.vic.gov.au





## **Detox Your Home**

If you have a cupboard full of unwanted toxic chemicals, now's your chance to dispose of them safely and for free.

The annual household chemicals collection day is on Saturday 1 February 2020, 8am-3pm.

To register and for a full list of items accepted, phone:
1300 363 744 or visit:
sustainability.vic.gov.au/
DetoxYourHome

# STEP UP TO CLEAN UP

# Clean Up Australia Day — call for volunteers

Participating in a local clean-up for Clean Up Australia Day is a great way to help look after your favourite park, beach or street and get to know your local community.

When: Sunday 1 March 2020

Where: Various locations around Frankston City

Registration: Register a Clean Up site or join an existing one.

Phone: 1800 CUA DAY (282 329) or visit: cleanupaustraliaday.org.au

# Council stands united on climate emergency

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Council joined more than 190 jurisdictions in 24 countries and 290 million citizens worldwide in November, with a unanimous Motion to declare a 'climate emergency'.

As part of the decision, Council will advocate to both state and federal governments urging them to declare a climate emergency

and implement legislated programs to drive emergency action.

Council will also support community education and action to mitigate greenhouse gas emissions. See below a few examples of the many actions already underway.



#### **Partnering for change**

Council has partnered with the Municipal Association of Victoria, the Association of Bayside Municipalities and the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning to undertake several coastal projects in response to climate change.

## Green Wedge Management Plan

Frankston City's Green Wedge Management Plan. The plan includes actions to help Council and the community prepare for the impacts of climate change on this area and ensure any permitted development has a strong focus on environmentally sustainable design.

#### **Urban Forest Action Plan**

This plan will ensure trees are recognised as an asset within urban areas and planted strategically over the coming decades, to provide shade and habitat. This will cool the landscape and reduce heat across our city. Species selection will reflect the changing climate.



## Reducing waste to landfill

Food and garden waste that decomposes in landfill releases methane, a potent greenhouse gas. Launched in 2019, Council's new Kerbside Food Waste Collection Service is helping residents to divert tens of thousands of tonnes of food waste away from landfill, turning it into compost for farmers instead.



#### In October 2019, Council adopted



# Keep Victoria Beautiful **Sustainable Cities**

Awards 2019

A total of 11 Frankston City projects were award finalists, with FRRRC taking home the Resource Recovery and Waste Management Award.

#### **Towards Zero Emissions Plan**

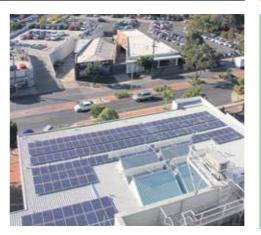
In January 2019, Council adopted its Towards Zero Emissions Plan (2019-2023) commiting Council to zero net emissions (becoming carbon neutral) by 2025. The plan outlines key actions to help Council and the community avoid and reduce greenhouse gas emissions. To view the plan, visit frankston.vic.gov.au

## **Greening our Future events**

Over the last 12 months more than 1,172 people have attended these free Council events. This included sessions on Solar and batteries as well as Composting and worm farming, empowering attendees to install solar or reduce food waste and emissions.



To date, Council has installed more than 60 solar power systems benefiting local community centres, sporting clubs and other Council facilities. Using renewable energy saves money, reduces dependence on brown coal to generate electricity and reduces associated emissions.



#### **Energy Audits** of Council Facilities

Several energy audits have recently been completed for Council's top energy consuming sites to identify ways to reduce energy usage and emissions. The recommendations from these audits will inform Council's future investment in energy efficiency and solar power.













For your chance to win, tell us what you enjoy doing in your free time and how you like to access information on things that interest you.



Open until 24 January 2020

# All aboard Station Street Mall this summer

Station Street Mall has been transformed into a safe, welcoming and event-friendly public space for everyone to enjoy. To make the most of features, including timber decking, planter boxes, seating to support outdoor dining and small events. Council has been running fun activities in the new space since December.

The next pop-up event is scheduled for Saturday 1 February and will include live music and entertainment, giveaways, tastings, story time, competitions and more, run by businesses in the mall.

Council celebrated the completion of the \$1.63 million dollar Station Street Mall revitalisation project with a launch event in December, officially opened by Mayor, Cr Sandra Mayer, Minister for Suburban Development, the Hon. Marlene Kairouz MP, and Member for Frankston, Paul Edbrooke MP. The event included live music, Christmas entertainment and free food and family-friendly activities. The revitalised space, part of Council's Connecting Malls Project, has created a great new spot to meet, socialise and shop, while connecting the station to Bayside and Shannon Mall. Council will continue the fun throughout 2020. Keep an eye on the website for more information on upcoming Station Street Mall events: frankston.vic.gov.au/MallforAll





# **School holidays in Frankston City**

There's so much for the kids to do in Frankston City these school holidays! For the full list of activities, visit: frankston. vic.gov.au/SchoolHolidays



# **Guided Ranger Activities**

Come and explore some of Frankston City's most popular natural attractions these school holidays. Join our local Park Ranger and be amazed by the history, native flora, fauna, geology and coastal scenery right here on our doorstep.

Bookings can be made at the Visitor Information Centre, or by phoning: 1300 322 842

#### **Frankston Youth Central**

A range of activities for young people aged 12–17, with prices ranging from FREE to a maximum cost of \$25 for some excursions. All activities are fully supervised by qualified staff. For details visit: frankston.vic.gov.au/youth. Bookings essential, phone: 9768 1366



# **PARC Splash Town**

Every school holidays, PARC launches their giant aquatic inflatable course, 'Splashy' — the first of its kind in Victoria. Give the kids a water experience like they've never had before! Visit: parcfrankston.com.au

Grab a School Holiday Guide from the Frankston Visitor Information Centre or head to: visitfrankston. com/school-holiday-program

# Community and Neighbourhood Houses

Your local community centre is an amazing resource for kids activities year-round. Most community and neighbourhood houses will also hold school holiday programs, including movie nights, art and environmental activities, games, shows and more. Visit: frankston.vic.gov.au/CommunityCentres



# NIDA Drama School

Monday 13 January-Thursday 16 January, Frankston Arts Centre, 27/37 Davey Street, Frankston, bookings essential

For grades 3–6 and 7–10. Experience the power of voice, movement and improvisation as you rehearse and perform scenes from plays, films and TV. Workshop scenes to camera and perform for family and friends at the

end of the course. Visit: open.nida.edu.au

To book , phone Frankston Arts Centre (FAC) Box Office : 9784 1060 or visit: thefac.com.au

More school holiday activities are also available on the FAC website.



## **Summer Reading Challenge**

Supercharge your summer with the Frankston City Libraries Summer Reading Challenge. Children who complete their Summer Reading Challenge record and return it to Frankston, Seaford or Carrum Downs libraries by Friday 24 January will go into the draw to win amazing prizes. Registrations are now open to children of all ages at all Frankston City Libraries. For more details, phone: 9784 1020 or visit: library.frankston. vic.gov.au

# **Invest Frankston**



# Business breakfast for a better environment

Council and the Victorian Waste
Management Association hosted a
National Recycling Week Business
Breakfast on Thursday 14 November.
The event provided an opportunity to
discuss the benefits of undertaking
a waste audit and becoming more
energy and resource efficient.

"This was a terrific chance for us to come together on National Recycling Week and share ideas to improve the environment," said Mayor, Cr Sandra Mayer.

The event was inspired by the 2018 Industrial Precincts Survey results. More than 300 businesses responded to the survey, with over half indicating that rising energy prices had moderately or significantly impacted their operations. For more information on how Council supports local businesses, visit: frankston.vic.gov.au/Business

# Introducing our Business Concierge service

Council is trialling a Business
Concierge service in 2020, to provide
a first point of contact for businesses
to guide them through the complete
permit application and approval
process. This includes identifying
which permits businesses need to
apply for and getting the process
started within Council.

The Business Concierge, to be trialled for six months from January 2020, will save businesses time and money and improving overall customer experience. If the trial is successful, Council will look to continue this service on a permanent basis.

This service is part of the Better Approvals Project, a Victorian Government initiative. Better Approvals aims to reduce the time it takes small businesses to obtain the regulatory approvals they need to operate.

The project also creates one form for businesses requiring multiple permits, eliminating the need to supply different departments with often similar information. This form will be tested and refined as part of the Business Concierge trial. Keep an eye on the website for further updates in the coming months: investfrankston.com



# **Business coaching**

Our highly-skilled coaches have an in-depth knowledge of all aspects of starting and running a business. The next one hour, one-on-one business coaching session will be held **Wednesday 22 January**. To register, visit: frankston.vic.gov.au/BusinessCoaching

# Major boost for investment and job creation in Frankston

Frankston is set for rejuvenation and further development, following the approval of a planning scheme amendment, C124.

The amendment relates to five areas on the boundary of Frankston's city centre and provides enormous opportunities for property owners, investors and developers to create new housing and commercial property developments. The ultimate aim is to attract new residential developments, student accommodation, allied health and other mixed-use developments.

This includes the opportunity to add to the \$1.2 billion health care and social assistance sector in Frankston. C124 encourages new supporting investment in the Frankston Health and Education Precinct on land opposite Frankston Hospital.

Keep an eye on the website for more information in the coming weeks: investfrankston.com or visit: frankston.vic.gov.au/Planning

# A health and wellbeing hub in Seaford

The Expression of Interest for tenants in the new Frankston Health and Wellbeing Hub in the Belvedere Precinct, Seaford has now closed.

Council received 24 submissions from a range of different business, sporting and community operators. Submissions are now under review and we will provide updates in the coming weeks. For more opportunities to grow your business in Frankston City, visit: frankston.vic.gov.a/Business

# Connecting students and local businesses

Council is continuing a collaboration with Monash Business School in 2020, to provide first-hand work experience to local tertiary students.

Businesses located in Frankston City can now apply to participate in the 2020 Linking to Business Program, through an Expression of Interest.

The program pairs students with local businesses, to help with skill building and aid their career transition after graduation.
Employers can share valuable industry knowledge and experience, and demonstrate the diverse career options found in the Frankston City.
Cameron Rambert, co-founder of local coworking space Frankston

Foundry, spoke highly of the program.

"As part of the Linking to Business Program, we had Shawn, a business administration intern with a knack for marketing and events to help us

"We tasked Shawn with assignments spanning strategy, planning, sponsorship development and research for our upcoming business conference.

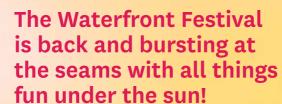
"Shawn was a great asset to the team, and we're eager to continue working with other Monash students in the future," Cameron said

To register your business as a possible participant in 2020, visit: frankston.vic.gov.au/business

For more information visit: investfrankston.com

# WATER FROM





The festival's beautiful waterfront location makes it the perfect way to celebrate summer in Frankston.

# **Highlights of the 2020 Festival**

- · Rock around the clock with live bands
- Feast on flavours at the Food Truck Square
- Laze on the grass in The Garden Bar
- · Keep your cool at The Beach and Beyond
- Make your way through tons of fun FREE activities
- Find thrills aplenty at Fun Fair Rides and Amusements
- Pack a towel and bathers for the water activities
- Rest or play at the Lawn and Lounge
- Settle in for the Saturday night fireworks
   spectacular



# Fireworks display

Make this the year you see The Waterfront Festival fireworks over the bay!

Festival families and friends line the beach with blankets and count down to the stunning spectacle of light and colour at 9.45pm Saturday night.



# **Main Stage Program**

# Line up - Saturday

11.05am	DVS
11.55am	THE CORNERSMITHS
12.50pm	MARIAH MCCARTHY
1.45pm	ASTRO AND THE AGES
2.45pm	SOUTHERN CROSS SALSA
3.45pm	SMOKE STACK RHINO
4.45pm	POLLY AND THE POCKETS
5.45pm	THE TARANTINOS
7pm	EMMA DONOVAN AND THE PUTBACKS
8.30pm	KINGSWOOD
9.45pm	FIREWORKS DISPLAY

# **Line up - Sunday**

11:05am	CHALIAH
11.45am	DYLAN KNUR'S OBSERVABLE UNIVERSE
12.45pm	INSTYNKT
1.30pm	BROOKE TAYLOR AND BAND
2.45pm	PHIL PARA AND BAND
4.15pm	T.K REEVE
5.25pm	16BYNINE

More music, including local acoustic artists, can be found throughout the festival site. The full line up is available by visiting: waterfrontfestival.com.au



# **Food Truck Square**

Wander from stall to stall and experience them all. The variety of flavour sensations at the Food Truck Square will rock your world.

# **Event App**

Want the official Waterfront Festival Guide? Download the Visit Frankston app today via the App Store or Google Play, or to learn more visit: visitfrankston.com/app











Saturday 15 February 2020 11am-10pm Sunday 16 February 2020 11am-6pm

Pier Promenade Frankston





# **Roving entertainers**

The festival stages are not the only place you will find live entertainment. Our roving entertainers have a knack for popping up when you least expect it. They may even lure you in to be part of the fun!



# The Waterfront **Festival Market**

Shop till you drop at The Waterfront Festival Market. If handcrafted goods are your jam, this is the zone for you. Chat to artisans and stall holders about their wares.



# The Garden Bar

Proudly presented by The Cheeky Squire

Here, in the centre of the action, you will experience some of Australia's coolest live musicians. The food trucks are a stone's throw away and a cold beverage is always within arm's reach. Cheers!



# The Beach and Beyond

Proudly presented by Gumbuya World Open from 11am-6pm daily

Take on inflatable obstacles, try stand up paddle boarding and test your sailing skills at The Beach and Beyond. Don't forget to pack your bathers, sunscreen, hat and towel!



**Proudly presented by LVK Music** Program runs from 11am-6pm daily

The Beach Stage is where you can find young up and coming live music acts. Take in the tunes and get in on the action with a music making lesson. The next Elvis may be among us!



Ups, downs and all arounds! The view of the Bay is all the better when you're strapped in to one of the festival's thrilling rides. Daredevils will be spoilt for choice.



**Funky free activities** 

We are all about free fun at this festival. You

can enjoy marine touch tanks, pick up fishing

tips and test your luck with a rod and reel.

Around every corner you will find something

## **Lawn and Lounge**

This is the area where you can enjoy many free activities. Visit the Channel 9 site for your chance to get immersed in Married At First Sight and Travel Guides. Pose for a selfie with your special someone in the MAFS Chapel, play a game of Ring Toss to claim a sweet prize and swing into love on our MAFS swing. Plus, dress up and 'take a trip' with Travel Guides for your chance to win a travel voucher!



## **Festival Information**

When: Saturday 15 February 2020 and Sunday 16 February 2020

Times: Saturday 11am-10pm and Sunday 11am-6pm

Cost: FREE with costs for rides, market stalls, food and amusements.

Location: Pier Promenade, **Frankston Waterfront** 

The Waterfront Festival will occupy the south and north Waterfront and Kananook boat ramp car parks from 12.01am Friday 14 February 2020 until 12.01am Monday 17 February 2020.

1300 322 322

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# waterfrontfestival.com.au

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

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to keep you entertained.









# **Advocating for Frankston's Future**



Minister for Energy, Environment and Climate Change, the Hon. Lily D'Ambrosio MP and Executive Director, Buildings and Property Division, Monash University, Brad Williamson at the awards ceremony

# Accommodating more students

Monash University Peninsula Campus recently launched a 150-bed, six level, fully-furnished studio apartment building to accommodate growing student enrolments. Gillies Hall is Australia's first student

accommodation built to passive house standards, including common rooms, games room with pool table and table tennis, music room and floor lounges. The development, named in honour of Monash alumnus - political satirist,

actor and director Dr Max Gillies AM, also recently won a Victorian Premier's Sustainability Award - in the Built Environment category.

There is a free shuttle bus from the Peninsula Campus to Frankston Station and Clayton Campus, providing greater accessibility for students across the region. For more information on residential life at Monash visit: monash.edu



# Popping up around town

Two community engagement 'pop-ups' were held in October at Karingal Hub and Pets' Day Out. The feedback we received from residents will help improve services and identify Council priorities.

In addition to the question 'what would you do if you were Mayor for the day?', community members were asked for their thoughts on:

- How Council communicates with residents and visitors
- Whether Frankston City is age-friendly
- What major projects Council should prioritise

Over the two sessions, close to 1,000 community members provided their valuable feedback and joined in on the fun activities, including taking a photo as the Mayor. Council is committed to improving how we engage with our community and these recent pop-ups were a great way to test this approach. Thanks again to all those who participated and a special mention to Karingal Hub Shopping centre who provided a space to consult and giveaways for the community.

# Safe Boat Refuge update

Following extensive consultation with consideration and action. community members and key stakeholders alongside environmental and technical investigations into the construction of a safe boat refuge in Frankston City, Council made the decision to provide this consolidated information to the Victorian and Federal Governments for their

Additionally, Council decided to rehome the Frankston Volunteer Coast Guard to the first floor of the Frankston Yacht Club building from early 2021, subject to necessary approvals and space requirements. For more information, visit: frankston.vic.gov.au/CoastGuard



Representatives from Victorian and Federal Governments, education and industry sectors stop at Monash University Peninsula Campus, as part of Council's South East Melbourne tour.

# Banding together for liveable cities

Representatives from key government departments, and local industry sectors met on 27 November to work towards a City Deal agreement, within the South East Melbourne (SEM) region. A City Deal is a partnership between local, state and federal governments and the community that delivers key infrastructure projects and policy reforms aimed at building productive and liveable cities.

In the lead up to the May 2019 Federal Election the Federal Government committed to working with the SEM group and Victorian Government on a SEM City Deal, with the Victorian Government recently confirming its commitment to participate.

The SEM group has been working with relevant Victorian and Federal Ministers and department

representatives to understand the complexities of the region that require addressing, with key projects still under development.

Currently home to 1.28 million people, SEM covers an area of almost 2.830 square kilometres, comprising seven local government areas:

- Frankston City
- Mornington Peninsula Shire
- City of Kingston
- City of Casey
- Cardinia Shire
- City of Greater Dandenong
- City of Monash

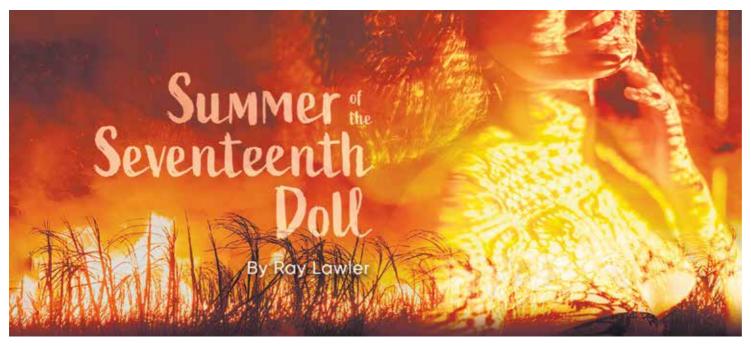
For more updates, sign up to Council's eNews, visit: frankston.vic.gov.au/ Subscribe

# FRANKSTON **ARTS** CENTRE

2020 program

Bookings: 9784 1060 or thefac.com.au





Christine Harris and Hit Productions

# Summer of the Seventeenth Doll

#### Wednesday 11 March, 7.30pm

Tickets: \$27-\$60

Ray Lawler's much-loved tale of two Queensland cane cutters is a beautifully observed, humorous and poignant play. Each summer, Barney and Roo travel back to Melbourne for five months of partying and romance with their girlfriends, Nancy and Olive, but this seventeenth summer is different. This year, Nancy's gone and got married and Pearl is taking her place.

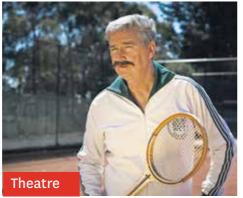


Daytime Music + Theatre

#### **Heart and Music**

Friday 7 February, 10.30am and 1.30pm

Tickets: \$19-\$21



Type Faster Productions

# Newk: The John Newcombe Story

Friday 14 February, 8pm

Tickets: \$30-\$40



Orquesta Bombon and Ventana Fiesta

# **Postcards of Tango**

Thursday 27 February, 8pm

Tickets: \$27-\$45



Red Stitch and Critical Stages Touring

#### **American Song**

Wednesday 18 March, 7.30pm

Tickets: \$30-\$40

# What's On at Frankston City Libraries

# SFrankTALK: Rose Hartley

Wednesday 29 January, 6pm, Frankston



Library, FREE, bookings essential

Rose debuts her first novel *Maggie's Going Nowhere*.

### FrankTALK: Kieran Carroll

Saturday 1 February, 10am, Frankston Library, FREE, bookings essential

Kieran talks about his play Newk: The John Newcomb Story and conducts a playwriting workshop.

# **LIVE Music Sundays: Bob Fox**

Sunday 2 February, 1.30pm, Frankston Library, FREE, no booking required

# FrankTALK: Christian White Tuesday 11

Tuesday 11 February, 6pm,

Frankston Library, FREE, bookings essential

Christian joins us after the success of his first novel *The Nowhere Child* to talk about his latest offering *The Wife and the Widow* and the manuscript writing process.

# **Library Lovers Day**

## Friday 14 February, full day, Frankston City Libraries

Show your local library some love this Valentine's Day! Be tempted with our Book Blind Date or why not try a Double Date and tell us which was better – the book or the movie! You'll love your local library.

# LIVE Music Sundays: The Treblettes

Sunday 16 February, 1.30pm, Frankston Library, FREE, no booking required



# FrankTALK: Heather Morris

Tuesday 18 February, 6pm, Cube 37, Frankston, FREE, bookings essential

Presented by Frankston City
Libraries, New York Times best seller,
Heather Morris is in conversation
with Claire Halliday at Cube 37. The
Tattooist of Auschwitz author and

now its sequel, *Cilka's Journey*, Heather will talk about her writing process and how her books came to be.

# FrankTALK: The Trauma Cleaner: Sandra Pankhurst



# Tuesday 3 March, 6pm, Cube 37, FREE, bookings essential

Before she was a trauma cleaner, Sandra Pankhurst was many things: husband and father, drag queen, gender reassignment patient, sex worker, small businesswoman, trophy wife... Sandra will speak about her life experiences and about being the subject of Sarah Krasnostein's biography, The Trauma Cleaner: One Woman's Extraordinary Life in Death, Decay & Disaster.

To book: library.frankston.vic.gov.au/whats\_on or phone: 9784 1020

# **Councillor Columns**

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

# **Supporting victims of domestic violence**



I was a a guest speaker and panel member at the Kingston Interfaith Committee's family violence prevention event on 26 November, run by Kingston City Council. The event was also attended by representatives from Emerge – a support network for women and children fleeing family violence. This is a topic that is close to my heart and it was wonderful to have the opportunity to share my experiences and insights into this critical issue. As with the 16 Days of Activism, 'In Her Shoes' art installation where we saw

50 pairs of shoes displayed — one for every woman killed this year by someone they know — these events are a great way for us all to show our support for this important cause. I will continue to advocate on this issue, in the hope of one day seeing domestic violence, in any form, become a thing of the past.

#### **Honouring our important traditions**



There are of course those regular events we attend every year that become a part of the fabric of our

community. I recently attended two such events, each important in very different ways but which bring us together as a community. The first of these was the local Remembrance Day ceremony at Frankston RSL. It is so important we do not forget the sacrifice and bravery of the men and women who fought for our freedom, despite the passing of time. The second was the annual Blessing of the Fleet, involving a long-held tradition of blessing all Marine Search and Rescue vessels before the start of the summer danger period. The ceremony is meant to provide these essential services with good luck and safety as they work hard to ensure the safety of others and is run by Frankston Coast Guard and includes St Paul's Anglican Church.

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# Your pet, our city

Council offers residents who undertake obedience training for their dogs a 10 per cent reimbursement on associated fees as an incentive to encourage responsible pet ownership.

As a proud dog owner myself to little Maxi, I understand that training your dog, particularly from an early age, will help to socialise your furry family member with other dogs and people. They will also build a strong bond with you, while learning simple manners and commands such as sit, come and drop. If you have lost your pet, or if you find a pet

If you have lost your pet, or if you find a pet wandering, The Lost Dogs Home has launched a new resource on its website, to help rehome lost pets faster. Features include images of pets currently in

the Cranbourne shelter, a found-pet to do list, quick contacts for Council and Victorian shelters and more. Visit: dogshome.com/lost-found

#### **Pet Exchange Register**

As of 1 July 2019, any person or business advertising a dog or cat (including puppies and kittens) for sale or rehoming must be enrolled on the Victorian Government Pet Exchange Register. It is also a requirement for advertised pets to have a valid microchip number and Pet Exchange Register source number. This new legislation brings peace of mind when considering where you get your newest family member from, while aiming to reduce or eliminate the instances of illegal breeders.

# Responsible pet ownership in our parks and reserves

We all love taking our dog to the park for a run around, but please make sure your local park allows free roaming before letting your dog off-leash. Dogs must also be secured, even at designated dog free roam areas, while sports ovals are in use. Remember

to pick up after your pet. For more information on caring for your pet in Frankston City, visit: frankston.vic.gov.au/Animals

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# Addressing the issue of rooming houses

A 'rooming house', often used as short stay accommodation is a single dwelling with a large number of occupants, often in a residential area. These addresses may sometimes be the site of antisocial and even violent behaviour. Questions have been raised about Council monitoring and involvement in this area.

Under the Frankston Planning Scheme, a Council planning permit is required if more than nine bedrooms are provided. All planning permits are available to view on our website to allow neighbours to lodge an objection should they wish to. Visit: frankston.vic.gov.au/Planning

Council's Environmental Health Team conduct inspections of registered rooming houses annually. Any rooming house with major or critical issues will have a total of four inspections across the year. Officers inspect the premises for overcrowding,

cleaning and maintenance requirements. We also conduct investigations for alleged unregistered rooming houses and complaints regarding breaches of the relevant legislation. Consumer Affairs Victoria own the Rooming House Register, the public database for all registered rooming houses, and councils are responsible for updating the content. Visit: consumer.vic.gov.au Rooming houses do fulfil a need where social and affordable housing is not available. However, we would ideally like to see people living in housing that allows them to be healthy and happy. Council has limited powers to intervene if rooming houses meet planning requirements, beyond regular inspections, whereby owners may be fined for breaching health regulations. However, we are working to address some of the underlying issues that rooming houses represent.

At present, Council is working on the Social Housing Investment Planning (SHIP) project. SHIP has investigated the feasibility of applying a 15 per cent requirement for social and affordable housing on several land holdings. This project is majority funded by the DHHS and will also investigate other keys areas of housing affordability. Should the project proceed to the next stage, a community consultation will be held. We are hopeful this project will progress and lead to requirements for well designed, healthy and accessible neighbourhoods in our city and beyond.

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# **Greening our city**

Council hopes to continue a significant street tree planting program in 2020, as part of our Bulk Street Tree Planting project, to improve the attractiveness of our key roads. The program facilitates pockets of strategic tree planting, to create boulevards and gateways leading to Frankston's city centre.

A lot of this planting will be about replacing trees identified as being at their end of their lifecycle, with adaptive natives. Extensive community consultation has recently closed on Stages 2 and 3 of the project for Cranbourne Road, Frankston and, pending the final outcome of this consultation, Stage 2 works will commence in the coming months. I would like to thank everyone who contributed their feedback, please keep an eye on the Council website for further updates.

#### Ensuring everyone's safety this summer

It is important to remember summer comes with risks that can be life threatening. Very hot weather can be dangerous for wildlife, when access to drinking water can quite literally dry up. To help, you can put out fresh water in a safe, shaded place where native fauna can easily access it. You may not realise it but the same heat stress can also apply to trees, especially newly-planted trees. During the heat of summer while you are watering your garden please include any new street trees at the front of your property. Remember, stressed out trees can't provide us with the same benefits as healthy trees. While important for native flora and fauna, water is probably the biggest hazard to our kids over the warmer months. Backyard pools and spas including inflatable/relocatable pools, continue to pose a huge risk to children. Council is now enforcing recently introduced legislation, stating all pools and spas must be registered with us - including any pool more than 30cm deep - and fenced. Visit: frankston. vic.gov.au/PoolRego

#### **Love Where You Live**

The Stories of Frankston South photo exhibition on Friday 7 February, officially wraps up the first round

of our Love Where You Live project. The project, about creating community connections, local pride and participation, has been wildly successful. We were hopeful residents would want to get involved but we did not anticipate the level of passion and creativity you showed in getting these projects off the ground. Congratulations to the working groups from Langwarrin, Seaford, Karingal, Frankston North, and Frankston Central/Heights who created: a market, community walks, bus tours, a history expo, and pop-up veggie boxes. Importantly, I encourage all group members to carry on the project work and to start projects of their own within their respective communities. Let's not lose this wonderful

momentum to build a stronger, more connected community.

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# Levelling the playing field

Council has several responsibilities in its portfolio of service provision and facilities management. Some of the most obvious and notable are the sporting grounds peppered across the municipality. A large amount of rates is expended annually on the upkeep and maintenance of such grounds and facilities. Recently, Council has had an influx of requests from sporting clubs across the municipality to upgrade their pavilions. Upon closer inspection of the requests it is evident that most of these pavilions were built in the 1970s and failed to provide any female-friendly facilities. Given that women have always played and participated in sport, failure to

have female-friendly facilities is both extraordinary

women's cricket league was set up in 1894; women's

participation in modern soccer has been recorded

and shocking. In Australia, to name just a few, a

since the 1920s; and women's football began to be organised in the early 20th century, with the Victorian Women's Football League forming in Melbourne in 1981. The inaugural AFL Women's National Championships occurred in 1992.

It is 2020, but just how far have we come? If I am being generous then I can say for 40 years (it is clearly much longer), as a Council and a community, we have failed to provide facilities for women. This is, in my opinion, an indictment on every person who has sat on the Council during that time, overseeing pavilion development which ostensibly excludes participation of women – half of the community – and failing to address this most obvious of inequities. What has become abundantly clear is that dramatic steps must be taken to address the inequality, and to

ensure that Council is responding to the necessities of all members of the community. Council needs to take the lead, in what has become a male-dominated industry, to redefine how we view and address the future of diversity to enable the full participation of women and Council must address the inequities of the past. Good governance requires gender equality and highlights the need to bring more women into management and leadership roles and to increase

collaborations and partnerships, particularly within our sporting community, to promote gender equality.

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# **Councillor Columns**

# **U3A to Karingal PLACE**

The University of the Third Age (U3A) offers courses and activities tailored to over 55s, encouraging continued learning and development. In early 2019, U3A approached Council, seeking a new place to base their operations. Fortunately Council found a new headquarters for U3A at Karingal PLACE Neighbourhood Centre and allocated \$112,000 towards a number of improvements to the building prior to U3A moving in, to ensure it was fit-for-purpose. Having U3A remain in Frankston, and operating out of Karingal PLACE, is a real coup and I look forward to them continuing to provide what is a valuable service to our community. Visit: u3af.org.au

#### Park upgrades

Wingham Park, located next to Karingal PLACE on Ashleigh Avenue in Karingal, has recently undergone a \$50,000 upgrade includes a BBQ, drinking tap, benches, picnic tables, bins, shelter, lighting and soft landscaping.

There is also a new dog roam-free area for Telopea Reserve in Frankston North. In response to requests from residents and a local dog walking group, \$70,000 has been purposed by Council to fund a spacious fenced area for dogs and their owners. The works are intended to include wayfinding signage, a multi-use drinking tap, a dog bag dispenser, bins, a solar light, park bench and picnic table. Both Telopea and Wingham projects should be delivered to the community in early 2019.

#### **Kananook Community Garden completion**

In late 2017, I was contacted by volunteers who were keen to start a new community garden in the Kananook area. Fast forward to today – the Kananook Community Garden is now a reality! The garden is maintained by dedicated volunteers and the community can access free vegetables and herbs at no cost whatsoever. I was able to obtain funding — a total of \$37,000 to help build community garden fencing, raised beds, lighting, signage, bins and a

water connection. I was thrilled to present the Kananook Community Garden Committee with an acknowledgement award at the 16 December Ordinary Council Meeting, in recognition of the groups' ongoing dedication to creating and growing this amazing community asset. In addition, these funds have been used to build a nearby storage shed for Frankston Rotary. This new shed will enable the storage of equipment for the marvellous Seaford Community Market. Council has also facilitatedaccess to the Junior Football League Pavilion for Kananook Community Garden and

Frankston Rotary committee meetings. To become a Kananook Community Garden member, email: kananookcg@gmail.com

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## In need of review and reform

#### A new CEO

Council recently appointed Phil Cantillon as Chief Executive Officer. Phil's role is to oversee and manage the organisation. His approach is fair, just and very considered. We are, I think, very lucky to have someone of his calibre, who has the skill to listen and not arbitrarily dictate his views. He is already greatly valued because of the respect and regard that he provides to others.

### **Community Centres**

I recently visited Belvedere Community Centre and as always was impressed with the presentation of the facility and to again see how valued the centre is by everyone who visits. We have a number of Community Centres and Neighbourhood Houses in Frankston City. All have a very positive reputation and are an important connector for people with others in their

own area and a pathway to new skills and activities. I want to also acknowledge all the tremendous voluntary contributions that are so freely given and that essentially help these centres to function.

#### Lucas

A young Seaford resident recently took it upon himself to grow some food plants at home. He is currently a secondary school student and has developed a dedicated interest in fresh food production. His interest has expanded to a wide variety of berries, citrus and stone fruit. Each year now the crops increase, which fulfils the journey he embarked upon. Congratulations Lukey!

## Peggy

Nearby is a new addition to a family. She has four legs, is glossy black and has bright eyes! 'Peggy' is a lovely dog. She is cared for and walked (on leash)

and has quickly become a local community 'personality'. Importantly, Peggy's owners manager her responsibly and take active steps to socialise her. This also reemphasises the important part pets play in our lives, in terms of company and engagement with others who have similar interests.

#### **Christmas and New Year**

By the time this issue is published and distributed across Frankston City, Christmas will have been and gone. I trust the Christmas period was memorable and

sustaining for you, your family and friends. In particular, I hope the New Year will be good to you in every respect.

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# **Growing facilities for a growing City**

In November, Council joined club members, Member for Carrum, Sonya Kilkenny MP and Federal Member for Dunkley, Peta Murphy MP, to celebrate recent upgrades to Carrum Bowling Club pavilion. The need for upgrades follows a 40 per cent growth in membership over the past four years, the expansion into a junior program, school bowling program and increased female participation.

The new-look pavilion features, a new meeting space, female toilets and change areas, three unisex toilets and upgrades to other key facilities.

The \$470,000 upgrade is thanks to:

- Victorian Government, \$200,000
- Federal Government, \$200,000
- Carrum Bowling Club, \$100,000
- Frankston City Council, \$70,000

We also opened the newly-refurbish Kananook Pavilion on 21 November, alongside Member for Carrum Sonya Kilkenny MP. This project also represents a \$470,000 investment in local sport, with \$420,000 from Council and a \$50,000 Victorian Government contribution.

The upgraded pavilion is a welcome addition to Kananook Reserve and I'm sure it will be well received by those involved with Kananook Sports Club, Seaford Cricket Club and by the wider community. As well as creating a more comfortable experience for players and members, the upgrade will make this a more appealing and accessible location for female participants, families and future members. Council thanks the Victorian and Federal Governments

for their commitment to delivering even more recreation opportunities for residents in Frankston City.

### Become a friend to our environment

Everybody loves to celebrate the New Year with friends. Why not resolve to expand your network in

2020 by joining a local Environmental Friends Group? These groups, resourced entirely by volunteers, are vital to conservation in our key natural assets such as reserves and creeks. Volunteers from nearly 20 groups meet regularly in the reserves they help manage throughout the year, with a well-deserved break over summer. They love to meet like-minded people and enjoy sharing their knowledge and expertise. Although the groups aren't active over the summer period, they are accepting expressions of interest and a helping hand with their 2020 calendar of activities. A list of volunteer

friends groups can be found on the Council website, visit: frankston.vic.gov.au/GetInvolved

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# Creating sporting pathways: Brekkie with Dermott Brereton

Council hosted a free breakfast for Frankston sport and recreation clubs on Wednesday 20 November at the Frankston Lifesaving Club, with guest speaker local AFL legend, Dermott Brereton.

Dermott, who discovered his love of football as a young player with the Frankston Rovers Junior Football Club spoke about the importance of creating sporting pathways from local to national and international levels.

The event was also an opportunity to thank club volunteers, who give up much of their time to run sport and recreation clubs that are a critical part of community health and wellbeing. Council hosts regular forums for local clubs each year. These information sharing and networking opportunities are FREE for Frankston City Council sport and recreation clubs. Council's next forum will be held in February 2020, keep an eye on the website for more information: frankston.vic.gov.au

# Pines Forest Aquatic Centre (PFAC) is open for the season!

This summer enjoy a range of family activities at PFAC including:

#### **Free Family Fridays**

FREE entry, a sausage sizzle and waterslide fun every Friday, 4–7pm

#### **Lazy Sundays**

On the last Sunday of every month FREE entry from 12–3pm, a sausage

sizzle and activities.

The centre is open weekdays, 6am-7pm and weekend and public holidays, 8am-6pm.

For group bookings, lap lane availability and to find out more, like PFAC on Facebook or visit: pinesfrankston.com.au



Did you know there are sporting clubs in more than 34 different categories across Frankston City? Most clubs offer FREE trials, so you can try any number of sports with no obligation to join. Find a club near you: frankston.vic. gov.au/SportingClubs



# Get ready for a summer of tennis

All the gear but no idea? Never fear, Tennis Victoria is hosting Open Court Sessions at a club near you. Sessions run for around 90 minutes and are for players at all levels.

There is no need to bring equipment and no obligation to join.

Just show up, enjoy a game, a chat and maybe even a snack and a drink or two

How to prepare? Dress comfortably (think sneakers) and come with or without a racquet. Bookings at: play.tennis.com.au

# Get fit for FREE (or really cheap) in Frankston City

Frankston City has everything you need to get fit this summer. There are many FREE or low-cost ways to get out and moving across the city, so now is the time to follow through on those New Year's resolutions.

Find a skating, riding or walking path: Discover all of Frankston City's natural beauty by taking a stroll on some of the city's walking trails, including the Waterfront boardwalks. You can also follow the Peninsula Link Trail, running for 25km from Patterson Lakes to Moorooduc, with routes including wetlands, parks and natural bushland. There are also a number of skateboarding, rollerblading, BMX and scooter facilities. Frankston Skate Park was opened in 2006 and is regarded as one of the best skate parks in Australia. For the full list of

parks and trails, including the Peninsula Link Trail map, visit: frankston.vic.gov.au/SkateBikeWalk

Join a Bicycle Users Group: It can be hard to stick to a new exercise routine or a new sport on your own. There are lots of local cyclists who get together regularly to ride on the Peninsula and gather socially, such as the Frankston Bike Users Group and Peninsula Pedallers and more. Search online for a group near you.

**Get fit in the pool:** Peninsula Aquatic and Recreation Centre (PARC) holds both swim lessons and fitness classes. Either pay a small fee per visit or grab a season pass, which also allows you access to the Pines Forest Aquatic Centre. Visit: frankstonparc.com.au

# Frankston youth helping smokers 'butt out'

Council's Youth Services, Peninsula
Health and Frankston Primary
School students have joined forces
this spring to discourage people
from smoking at Frankston
Hospital's main entrance. It is
hoped the Smoke Free PA System
Project, initiated by Peninsula
Health's Health Promotion Team will
also reduce the exposure to
second-hand smoke for service
users, visitors and staff.

The project was inspired by an innovative approach being taken by a hospital in the UK, where audio messages recorded by children were used to deter people from smoking outside the hospital. As part of the pilot project, Council's Youth Services ran workshops with a group of students from Frankston Primary School.

Students wrote and recorded their own messages about smoking, and the impact it has on the health of the smoker, people around them and the environment.

Council Senior Youth Workers Jane Thomson and Teneille King worked with the students throughout the process.

"The students' enthusiasm and willingness to try something new in an unfamiliar environment was fantastic," said Ms Thompson.

The recorded messages were played at different intervals on the PA system outside the hospital in October and November.

A team of researchers, led by
Peninsula Health Anaesthetist, Dr
Ashley Webb, monitored the footage
and evaluated the project's impact.
This was done in conjunction with
Peninsula Health's Health Promotion
team and Smoke Free Working Group.

"We found there was a significant reduction in the number of people smoking outside the hospital when the announcements were played. There were 4.4 cigarettes smoked per hour during non-broadcast periods, falling to 3.6 an hour when the



recordings were played five minutes apart, and 1.7 an hour when the announcements were played three

minutes apart," Dr Webb said.

To view the full article, visit:
frankston.vic.gov.au/LatestNews

# Recycling and Garden Waste Calendar 2020 Your recycling bin and your garden waste bin will be collected on alternate weeks on the same day as your garbage bin. Tick your colour 26 27 28 29 30 31 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 29 30 31 JULY 2020 JUNE 2020 AUGUST 2020 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 SEPTEMBER 2020 OCTOBER 2020 NOVEMBER 2020 S M T W T F S S 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 29 30 27 28 29 30 31 NOTE: Blue area recycling collection dates also apply to Frankston's city centre. Collections will take place on public holidays. Enquiries: 9775 1909

