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Customer Service Centres

Civic Centre

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

Seaford Customer Service Centre

Temporarily closed. See Council website for further updates.
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

Hoon driving

1800 333 000 (Crime Stoppers)

Graffiti removal

1800 66 8247 (1800 NO TAGS)

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Mayor's message

Welcome to the first edition of *Frankston City News* for 2021. Last year was a difficult one for all of us, made worse by a string of tragic deaths in locations across the City, just as we were all emerging from extended lockdown and readying for festivities to bid goodbye to 2020. We also farewelled a number of treasured local community members, who advocated and worked hard on behalf of the City for many years. On behalf of Council and the entire Frankston City community, I send my deepest sympathies to the families of those impacted by these tragic passings. I have no doubt Frankston residents will band together in solidarity for surviving family members.

Waterfront Festival

Like many things in 2020, COVID-19 interrupted our usual calendar of events, including the much-loved Waterfront Festival – usually held in February. Due to the pandemic's changing nature, and related changes to government advice on major events, we have tentatively rescheduled for March. We are awaiting final government confirmation regarding whether we can safely hold the festival this year and will keep you informed as things progress.

In the event health restrictions allow for it, the Council is primed and ready to put on the best Frankston Waterfront Festival yet with our rebranded Live and Local @ the WATERFRONT event!

Ensuring accountability and transparency:

The past two years, I have worked with Council officers to put together a comprehensive package to improve Council's governance and accessibility. The measures in this package were designed to help enhance public trust and confidence in Council's commitment to transparent and accountable practices. The package contained over 160 action items that have been implemented, or are currently being implemented. Some of these reforms include:

- The creation of a Developer and Lobbyist Register
- The Conflict of Interest Register for Councillors being made publicly available
- An online database for the public to view Council submissions and funding requests
- The public availability of Council's Lease Register
- A review of Council's website to apply a lens to the transparency of the content
- The CEO is to report to Council any staff or councillor Code of Conduct contraventions and community complaints about services
- Senior staff remuneration to be made more prominent on the Council website



- Greater quarterly disclosure of developer contributions through Town Planning Progress reports
- Departmental consultancy expenses and general expenditure is now provided to Council quarterly
- Commercial and contractual matters are now determined at public meetings
- Annual overview of Freedom of Information requests
- Contractual outcomes will now be published on the Council website (goods and services from \$150,000 and services and contracts over \$200,000)

Furthermore, the reform package has paved the way for a target of no-more than 10 per cent of Council business being determined behind closed doors.

I will provide a future update on how this new approach is tracking in the near future.

Cr Kris Bolam, Mayor

Message from the CEO

I continue to be proud of how we have all adapted to the challenges COVID-19 has brought to our daily lives. I wanted to pause for a moment to reflect on some of our lesser known achievements during this period. This includes innovations within our Customer Service Team, who adapted rapidly to the changing circumstances last year to introduce our Live Chat function on the Council website. Live Chat has been very well received by residents, who have quickly made this their preferred way of contacting Council and praised the fact they are speaking to an actual person rather than an automated answering service. Customer service is traditionally a face-to-face operation and the transition to working from home was a huge adjustment for this team in particular. This new feature has meant we were able to continue serving the needs of our community during lockdowns, without losing any of the benefits of a personalised service. We will retain Live Chat as a platform on

offer for our customers, and are also continuing to improve our out of hours' chat-bot service to ensure residents are able to contact us at any time.

Similarly, our Planning team has proven remote working is no barrier to productivity; continuing to process planning applications to well within the State Government statutory time frame of 60 days and above the 70% Council benchmark – climbing steadily year-on-year. This has been achieved by ensuring good collaboration between departments, empowering our staff, creating dedicated customer facing roles within planning and reducing the steps in the planning application process. For residents and businesses this has meant shovels in the ground – new dwellings completed and new businesses opening with no delay. Well done to the team.

Our Community Vision 2040 and Council Plan 2021–2025 continue on track, with our 45 member Community Panel are working hard to agree upon the themes



and priorities for the Community Vision 2040, and making recommendations to assist with the development of the Council Plan 2021–2025. The Health and Wellbeing Survey, building on our first round of community consultation in August and September last year, is now open to residents, workers and visitors and will help to inform the health and wellbeing actions in our new integrated Council Plan. I encourage everyone to get involved. Visit the Council website for more information.

**Phil Cantillon
Chief Executive Officer**

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Council boosts its COVID-19 Relief and Recovery Package

Council has provided a further \$258,500 to help the community recover from COVID-19. Council voted to increase the value of its Relief and Recovery Package to \$7.121 million at the Ordinary Council Meeting on Monday 14 December.

Frankston City Mayor, Kris Bolam said the enhanced package would complement completed work and that which is still underway to support individuals, businesses and community groups in their recovery. "Council has so far invested more than \$3.3 million to support Frankston City's recovery from COVID-19, however we know our community's needs are continually evolving. We've committed these additional funds to further assist those who have been most impacted by the pandemic, our vulnerable residents," Cr Bolam said.

Additional Council officer redeployments valued at \$258,500 have been made available to Community Support Frankston (CSF), to assist in providing emergency relief to the community. In addition, \$200,000 of savings identified in the 2020-21 Capital Works Program will be reallocated as follows:

- \$103,000 to Peninsula Community Legal Centre for advocacy and legal services for family violence and tenant's rights
- \$47,000 to the Frankston Charitable Fund to support grant allocations
- \$50,000 to 'top up' existing grants to attract businesses to operate long-term vacant shopfronts.

For more information on COVID-related support, visit: frankston.vic.gov.au/FTLOF



From left, Monash University's Prof Christina Mitchell, Federal Health Minister Greg Hunt MP, Peninsula Health Chief Executive Felicity Topp, Mayor Kris Bolam and Federal Member for Dunkley Peta Murphy MP

Frankston Hospital breaks ground on medical research centre

The multi-million dollar Frankston Hospital expansion is underway, with the first sod officially turned on 17 December 2020. Mayor Kris Bolam said the sod turning ceremony for the hospital's new Academic and Research Centre — a joint venture between Peninsula Health and Monash university — marked a significant milestone in the development of the Frankston health precinct.

"Frankston is on the move. In recent years we've seen the redevelopment of Frankston Station and Chisholm TAFE's Frankston campus. The Academic and Research Centre will attract the best healthcare professionals and provide great outcomes for locals," the Mayor said. For more information, visit: peninsulahealth.org.au



Officers assisted Community Support Frankston to deliver food parcels to families in need prior to Christmas

Making your feedback count

Our 45 member Community Panel has been hard at work since November, considering your first round feedback and helping to create a bright future for our city.

An external consultant assisted with selecting the panel, with a focus on diversity, a high level of engagement and an enthusiasm for the local area — ensuring the final panel is truly representative

of our residents and their interests. Their contribution will inform our Community Vision 2040 and Council Plan 2021-2025, to help make Frankston City an enjoyable and dynamic place to live, work and play. A draft of both the Vision and Plan is expected to be available for public feedback in April 2021. For more information, head to: frankston.vic.gov.au/CommunityVision2040

Why volunteer?

Volunteering offers vital help to people in need, worthwhile causes, and the community, but the benefits can be even greater for you. The right volunteer role can help you to find friends, connect with your community, learn new skills and even advance your career. Giving to others also supports good mental and physical health; alleviating stress and depression.

Impact Volunteering is a free, Council-run service providing a personalised service to individuals looking to volunteer in the community. To get started, email: info@impactvolunteering.org.au or visit: impactvolunteering.org.au



Check water quality before you swim this summer

Get water safety alerts straight to your phone.

The Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) forecasts water quality for 36 beaches in Port Phillip Bay, including those in Frankston City. Sign up to EPA's FREE SMS service and you'll get a text when the water at a beach near you is forecast to have poor water quality.

Beach report season is now open until 8 March. Always avoid swimming near stormwater or river outlets 24-48 hours after heavy rain. For more information, visit: epa.vic.gov.au

Our priority is always the safety and security of our residents and visitors

There are a number of ways Council ensures Frankston City is a safe and welcoming place to live and to visit, including recent changes to our General Local Law — which covers most community

safety issues in Frankston City. The local law was reviewed and relaunched in 2019–20 as the Community Local Law and has helped streamline how we manage a variety of issues

impacting physical and environmental safety. You can help Council to keep Frankston City a great place to live by being aware of your responsibilities as a resident

and making sure we all act respectfully and responsibly. Here are just some of the ways we can work together for a safer Frankston City:



More beach patrols over summer

Council has increased patrols across the City's beaches this summer, to help ensure residents and visitors feel safe. Mayor, Kris Bolam, said as well as increasing their physical presence on the foreshore, Community Safety officers were working to enhance CCTV capabilities around the city.

Officers will be patrolling every day during the summer peak periods, on foot and via Council's All-Terrain

Vehicle (ATV), to support police, discourage disruptive and anti-social behaviour and enforce local laws and animal management regulations on and around our beaches. There will also be more CCTV at Seaford Foreshore, with additional CCTV installation planned this year. To find alternate, patrolled swimming spots and updates about crowded or closed beaches, visit: lsv.com.au/summersafety

Hoon driving

Anti-social driving behaviour includes:

- Tail-gating
- Speeding
- Revving engines
- Skidding
- Manoeuvres called fishtails and doughnuts
- Defacing or damaging road surfaces
- Leaking oil
- Screeching brakes

To report hoon driving, phone Crime Stoppers on: **1800 333 000**

Short Stay Accommodation

In April 2019, Council introduced the Short Stay Rental Accommodation Local Law, to help ensure the welfare of residents in these properties, as well as neighbours.

The local law is designed to minimise the risk of such accommodation affecting the peace of neighbours, who may contact Council to complain about chronic noise. Please be aware of any noise disturbances coming from your property and be considerate of your neighbours.

Monitoring drone flying

Drones are fun to operate and there would have been plenty handed out as Christmas gifts, however it is important to remember they are more than just a toy and need to be used with care.

Be aware that drones, as well as model aircrafts, remote control boats and cars may cause injury to bystanders. There may also

be restrictions on where you can operate your drone and privacy concerns if flying over private property.

For more information on rules and regulations around flying a drone for personal use, visit the Civil Aviation Safety Authority website: casa.gov.au/knowyourdrone



Council's Emergency Management team during an emergency drill in 2019

Responding to COVID-19

In addition to all of our business-as-usual community safety measures our Community Safety Team has worked collaboratively with departments such as Family and Health Services, Operations and more, to coordinate Council's emergency response during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Their rapid and efficient reaction to this once-in-a-lifetime event ensured critical Council services, including

bin collection, grass mowing, immunisations, maternal child health and others, could continue while protecting public safety. Council needs to be equally vigilant about responding to other emergencies that could impact residents' safety and Emergency Management Plans are in place to deal with almost any issue. For more information, visit frankston.vic.gov.au/COVID19

For more information on all our community safety initiatives, visit: frankston.vic.gov.au/CommunitySafety

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Reporting litter and graffiti

To report graffiti or illegal dumping, download the Snap Send Solve app for a quick and easy way to report all local maintenance issues. Council has also installed extra bins at our beaches this summer, so there are

plenty of places to pop your rubbish. If you're making the most of our parks and reserves for catch ups with family and friends, please remember to take your rubbish with you when you leave.

Council committed to preventing family violence

Council is committed to promoting gender equity, respectful relationships and preventing family violence. Cr Steven Hughes said family violence includes violent or threatening behaviour that coerces or controls a family member or causes that family member to be fearful. This includes physical, sexual, emotional, psychological and financial abuse.

"As the level of government closest to the community, Council recognises its role in co-ordinating initiatives tailored to preventing family violence in the local community.

"Council adopted a Family Violence Action Plan late last year and several important initiatives are, for the first time, funded for delivery in Council's 2020-2021 Annual Budget," Cr Hughes said.

Cr Hughes said some of the key initiatives adopted as part of the plan included:

- A Men as Role Models volunteer program commencing with a forum
- A co-designed upgrade of the 'Choose Respect' app for young people, including suitability for the LGBTIQI community
- Enhancing access to legal support for people experiencing the impact of family violence

- A promotional campaign to discourage disrespectful relationships and provide avenues of support for those in Frankston seeking help.

"Doing more to assist people to adopt respectful relationships and reach their full potential increases their contribution to the community, the economy and reduces the impact on the community's scarce resources," Cr Hughes said.

Support services

If you, a child, or another person is in immediate danger call 000.

Safe Steps

www.asksomeone.org.au
Phone: 1800 015 188
(24 hours 7 days a week).

WAYSS

www.wayss.org.au
Phone: 9781 4658

SECASA

www.secasa.org.au
Phone: 9594 2289

No To Violence

ntv.org.au
Phone: 1300 766 491

Noise complaints

Often noise disputes between neighbours can be easily resolved by chatting to your neighbour directly.

There are different pathways to resolving other noise disturbances, such as from commercial properties, Council-owned buildings, cars, schools or community halls and other

entertainment venues. In 2020, Council purchased a high-tech noise monitoring device to allow Council to monitor, record and analyse excessive noise — such as construction or loud music, to assist with resolving noise complaints. Visit: frankston.vic.gov.au/NoiseComplaints



Responsible pet ownership

You can help keep your furry friend safe and well by ensuring they are registered and properly vaccinated.

Registration helps Council to reunite you with your pet if they do get lost.

It is also important to ensure you walk your pets on a lead unless in a designated off-leash area and to keep them in your property when you're

not at home – to keep other pets and their owners safe. Council also provides a discount on pet registration for dogs who have undergone approved obedience training. For more information, including details of our new Domestic Animal Management Plan, visit: frankston.vic.gov.au/Animals

Bin your pet waste better

Taking our dogs out for much-needed fresh air and exercise is fun for us and for them, but it's important to make sure to pick up after your pooch when out and about.

As part of Council's ongoing campaign to ensure we keep the 'poo off your shoe' we have rolled out stickers on all dedicated dog waste bins across the City, as well as larger decals on



footpaths to help you find the right bin for dog waste. When out for your next walk, keep an eye out for a bin displaying the above sticker.

Bushfire management

Council prepares for bushfire season with controlled burns before the fire danger period and has a number of measures in place to keep residents safe should a bushfire occur. There is also lots you can do to prepare your property. For more info, visit: frankston.vic.gov.au/FireSafety

Downs Estate improvements

Council has committed a total of \$558,000 to complete the Downs Estate improvement works.

I am proud to have worked with volunteers and fellow residents to deliver much needed improvements for this precinct. Downs Estate has historical significance as it was the last working farm in Frankston. Over the years, the buildings have fallen in to disrepair and the area has largely been under-utilised by the community, while the rest of the land has provided additional wetland habitat to native wildlife. However, thanks to the efforts of the Downs Estate Community Project volunteer group, the site is now having something of a community resurgence. The ultimate aim is to not only preserve what is very important local history, but to also create a location for the public to better enjoy in the beautiful surrounds of the Seaford Wetlands. The volunteer group, in collaboration with University of Melbourne, has developed a Business Case to guide potential activities for the next 10 years. Council contributed a further \$25,000 to the University of Melbourne and the volunteer group for this very task.

Over the last few years Council's funding has achieved the following:

- Compost toilet with disability ramp
- Large veranda for shelter and activities
- Solar Lighting
- CCTV
- Landscaped car park
- Entrance and wayfinding signage
- Industrial rainwater tank with irrigation
- New walking and bicycle paths connecting the estate with/to other Seaford Wetlands trails
- New seating
- Pest plant and animal control
- Fencing
- BBQ

It is expected that the site improvements should be completed by the middle of this year. If you haven't been yet, I really encourage you to visit and/or volunteer. The Downs Estate can be found at 190 Old Wells Road, Seaford.

Seaford Wetlands update

Council recently renewed the lease for two mobile CCTV units installed in sensitive vegetation areas within the reserve, to dissuade dangerous and destructive monkey bike riding in the Seaford Wetlands.

Furthermore, at Council's request, Victoria Police has formally agreed to conduct sporadic patrols of the Seaford Wetlands in an all-terrain-vehicle (ATV).

Please report monkey bike riders to Crime Stoppers, phone: 1800 333 000 or if it is currently occurring and dangerous phone: 000



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Professionalism the key driver for Supplier Code of Conduct

To ensure Council's contractors demonstrate the same high standard of professionalism expected of their officers, we have adopted a Supplier Code of Conduct.

I am a strong supporter of the revised Code, which ensures the best service delivery to residents. The contractors we enlist are not only there to deliver projects and services, they are representing us as an organisation and we therefore expect that they conduct themselves in a professional manner.

Council introduced the Code as part of our commitment to ensuring our contractors, consultants and suppliers engage in ethical behaviours at all times. The Code describes Council's minimum expectations for the achievement of a professional and productive work culture, characterised by the absence of any form of unlawful or inappropriate behaviour.

Suppliers are advised to review the Code to ensure that the principles set out are met when engaging with Council. Council suppliers include, but are not limited to, professional and non-professional providers, construction and utility companies, tradespeople, IT services, manufacturers, wholesalers and retailers across all industries. The key principles of the Code include compliance with relevant laws and regulations, the avoidance of conflicts of interest, and maintenance of the highest standards of honesty, integrity and fairness. We are only as good as the teams we create. Our residents deserve the best and this is just one of the many ways we are ensuring they get it. View our Supplier Code of Conduct in full on the Council website: frankston.vic.gov.au/policies

Karingal Hub update

As many residents would have already seen, construction is well underway on the \$160 million transformation of Karingal Hub. Works will be staged over 18 months with some stores closing and new sections opening progressively throughout this period. The Hub continues to be open for business during the entire redevelopment. A vibrant new Town Square, market-style fresh food precinct, more free parking and the addition of new retailers and mini majors are some of the exciting changes. The expansion includes significant tree plantings in the car park area, as well as Cranbourne Rd and Karingal Drive, which Council negotiated as part of the planning application process and we have assisted in providing trees as part of the planting program. The Council's planning permit stipulated that indigenous trees along Cranbourne Rd were retained and protected.



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Community supporting community

The impact of last year's COVID-19 lockdowns was felt keenly by young people already experiencing a range of personal and family issues.

In response, local youth advocate, Hannah Swinnerton – Impact Volunteering 2019 Youth Volunteer of the Year – began a campaign to help. Hannah, who founded Young People with a Purpose (YPWAP), reached out to long time YPWAP supporter Glenn Cooper from Frankston Community Connect, to help set up a way for young people to meet on a regular basis. The group initially started virtually via zoom and finally, in November, Hannah was able to arrange the first in-person event, inviting Victorian duo Bo'Ness to come along and sing.

Glenn himself utilised his own passion for connecting and supporting his community – and for fishing – to help support those who struggled during lockdown. Glenn runs local community group That's The Thing About Fishing and his organisation brought young people together for fishing clinics as soon as restrictions would allow. Participants included young people with disabilities, young people excluded from the school system, young volunteers and children and adults with a range of learning and other disabilities. He provides all the fishing rods, equipment, certificates of participation and medals for all the kids. Well done to these two amazing champions of community, who have gone above and beyond to recreate connections following such an unusual period of social isolation. It has been great to see other community events starting up with volunteers organising the clubs, activities, sporting competitions and people getting back to gyms and team sports. Let's all continue to stay safe so that we can continue to enjoy these simple pleasures.



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Launch of Frankston City's first recycled footpath with myself and Cr Harvey

Ensuring lockdown didn't derail critical upgrades

This has been a year of significant uncertainty and stress.

Prolonged periods of lockdown meant that we all had to adapt quickly to changing circumstances, including Council and its services. In fact, it soon became very clear when we assessed what changes would need to be made just how vital many of these services are to our community, whether it's delivering meals to those who would otherwise go without, providing personal care such as bathing and dressing, immunisations, supporting new parents, maintaining parks, collecting waste, cleaning streets and so on. Our capital works program – the upgrades to existing facilities as well as new projects – was no exception. In working to adapt our program of services to ensure they could safely continue, we made sure to include any upcoming works scheduled for 2020. As a result of these efforts – and the adaptability of the officers involved – Council was able to deliver an astounding 95 per cent of the planned works for the last financial year.

I would like to personally thank those involved and to congratulate them on a truly tremendous effort. While many other construction projects across the state were forced to stop, we were able to progress planning for key upgrades and renewals, such as Jubilee Park Indoor Stadium Redevelopment, RF Miles Recreation Reserve Redevelopment and Belvedere Bowls Club upgrade and complete scheduled road, footpath, park and toilet upgrades among others. I look forward to watching the team's progress in the coming months, with 230 projects, including 37 projects carried over from the last financial year, planned for the 2020–2021 financial year.

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Building stronger local economies while creating community spaces

We often don't think twice about popping up to the local shop for some milk, a latte in the morning, our Friday night pizza or to share a meal with a friend or a neighbour but our local shopping strips are often the hub of the community they serve.

Not only are they a great place to socialise but by choosing to spend your money there you are also providing important support to a local business owner — many of whom in turn give back by supporting a range of sporting groups and organisations.

Council's draft Local Shopping Strip Action Plan, which is currently open for public comment, will play a crucial role in ensuring local shopping strips are best placed to serve their communities and the individual businesses that occupy them.

The plan is designed to guide the future design, development and management of all shopping strips in Frankston City over the next 10 years. We have 26 local shopping strips and we want to make sure that each is vibrant, attractive, functional and safe. To do this, we have developed the draft plan, which assesses the existing conditions of each shopping strip and identifies opportunities for their improvement. Importantly, it also includes a recommended program of local shopping strip improvement projects to be implemented over the next decade.

Well-designed local shopping strips are beneficial for so many reasons. They attract visitors and foster a strong economy, while encouraging social community engagement and promoting outdoor activity. Attractive shopping strips will encourage residents to spend time and money locally, instead of being forced to inner city locations. Studies have found strong correlations between rental value, accessibility, active shop frontage and attractive public realm. I encourage all residents to have your say on the Local Shopping Action Plan before **Sunday 24 January** and to show your support for your local traders wherever possible. Visit: frankston.vic.gov.au/HaveYourSay

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Improving pedestrian crossing safety

Works are expected to commence shortly to improve safety for pedestrians utilising McCormicks Road in Carrum Downs.

The upgrades will include installation of new pedestrian operated signals with a raised safety platform near the Skye Oak Tree Retirement Village. This is a particularly busy road, used by around 12,000 cars every day. Council expects to deliver this \$743,911 project by mid-2021, made possible through Federal Government funding. Council lobbied hard for the funding for this and other key road upgrades in the area, to ensure improved safety for both drivers and pedestrians.

Upgrades for Langwarrin's dog off leash area

There is nothing better than having the chance to let your dog off the lead for a bit of unrestrained exercise. Our dedicated off-leash areas are wonderful community facilities for dog owners to enable our furry friends to stretch their legs in a safe space. It had come to Council's attention that the free roam area at Melaleuca Reserve in Langwarrin was in need of an upgrade and I am pleased to confirm that this is now almost complete, making this a more inviting space for both owners and their pets. The upgrade includes new fencing and two new dog water fountains.

Easy reporting of local maintenance issues

I would strongly encourage residents who come across standard maintenance issues when out and about in the City to report these to Council to action. Issues can include things like damaged footpaths, graffiti, illegally dumped rubbish and so on. The Snap Send Solve app is a quick and easy way to do this. Council is keen to make sure we are maintaining our infrastructure and we often rely on residents you be our eyes and ears, to help us get on top of these things as quickly as possible. You can download Snap Send Solve via the app store on your phone.

Lastly, I would like to say how wonderful it is to be back at Frankston City Council, at the beginning of what will be my fourth term as a Councillor. Heading into this, my tenth year of service to my community, I would like to reiterate my passion for this area and the community who make the City such a dynamic, fun and inspiring place to live. In particular, I look forward to passionately advocating for North East Ward and I encourage all residents wishing to bring a local issue to my attention to reach out to me, my details are below. I look forward to hearing from you.

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North-East Ward

Langwarrin >> Carrum Downs >> Sandhurst >> Skye

Councillor columns



A much-anticipated occupant for Frankston Yacht Club

It was with great pleasure that I attended the Frankston Yacht Club building in December, to meet the owners of the café and bar Oliver's Corner.

They were hard at work fitting out the ground floor of this long-vacant space and it was wonderful to see this area finally being put to good use. Owners Brendan Theobald and John O'Halloran leased the lower floor of the Yacht Club and are in the midst of creating an inviting space for residents to enjoy a weekend breakfast, street food, local wines and beers or just coffee and a cake while the soak up the spectacular view. The café is expected to open in April

Brendan and John are passionate about the local area and it will be great to have them join our local hospitality scene. Their café is particularly significant I think, given the space it will be occupying. I know our community has wanted to be able to utilise this prime waterfront location for many years now. I want to reassure you that Council has heard your frustration and it goes without saying that this process has taken longer than anyone could have anticipated. Finally though, your patience is being rewarded and I, for one, will be one of the first in line to enjoy a sip or two by the water this autumn. Visit: OliversCorner.com.au to keep up-to-date.

Overport Park Masterplan

Our local parks and reserves are such fundamental community assets. They provide flora and fauna important to our local eco system and critical spaces for community play and recreation. Overport Park is one such highly-valued community space, identified as in need of improvement. A draft Overport Park Masterplan has been developed, based on multiple rounds of community feedback over the past two years. I would encourage anyone who utilises this space to provide their feedback on Council's plans to improve the parks functionality, while protecting this as a natural asset. Feedback closes Sunday 14 February, visit: frankston.vic.gov.au/HaveYourSay



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Roads, Rates, Rubbish: food waste and our changing climate

Issues relating to sustainability, conservation and climate change are clearly very important to the people of Frankston.

This message came through loud and clear during the campaign period, and these issues are very close to my heart. This coming year I will be Council's delegate to SECCCA (South East Councils Climate Change Alliance) and the Metropolitan Local Government's Waste Forum.

One of the Council initiatives that is making a big difference in my own home is the Kerbside Food Waste Collection Service. I am one of many residents who have requested a free kitchen caddy and compostable liners as part of this innovative garden waste service. The service allows residents to place all food waste they generate in their homes into the garden waste bin – even meat scraps, dairy and bones! This is then processed to create high quality compost for Victorian farmers. That said, I'm also a keen home veggie gardener, so I also compost what I can at home. Along with avoiding unnecessary packaging, using the fortnightly Council recycling service and the RedCycle soft plastics recycling, my waste to landfill now represents only one tiny little bag per week.

Given that food waste ending up in landfill generates greenhouse gas emissions that contribute to climate change, supporting alternatives to divert food waste from landfill is a Council priority. Waste services are also one of the biggest expenditure areas for Council, so sending less to landfill by reducing, reusing and composting at home means less pressure on our rates and fewer cars on the road!



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A Christmas gift for those who needed it most

A \$10,000 grant from Council this past Christmas helped Frankston Life Community to provide its 19th annual free Christmas Day lunch at Frankston Football Club's SkyBus Stadium.

I am proud to be a part of a Council that supports this important event each year, which was attended by almost 500 people and staffed by 150 volunteers. The lunch gives comfort to the disadvantaged and isolated and it's a wonderful example of the true meaning of Christmas.

The additional funding Council provided — along with its continued support to Frankston Football Club through infrastructure investment and related assistance — has meant a very Merry Christmas for those in attendance. The lunch enables people who may not be able to afford to put food on the table or who would otherwise be alone, to enjoy a hot meal and the company of others on a day that should be dedicated to family, friends and community. The sense of connection and togetherness at this event is tangible and what Christmas is all about.

The lunch is normally held at the Frankston Arts Centre but needed to be adapted to keep it COVID-safe. I would like to warmly thank Frankston Football Club for their use of SkyBus Stadium in Frankston, which enabled the event to go ahead despite restrictions. The club made its commercial kitchens available for use on the day and also liaised with their partners, Bertocchi Smallgoods and Coulson Party Hire, who supplied ham and tables and chairs.

I would also like to thank all those who donated a gift to the Christmas Giving Tree at Frankston Library. Some of these gifts, meant for children up to 16 years-old, were provided to lunch guests on the day, with the remaining donated to other children in need across Frankston City. Well done to the volunteers at Frankston Community Life, another amazing effort from all involved.



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FRANKSTON ARTS CENTRE

2020 program

Bookings: 9784 1060 or thefac.com.au



BOOST YOUR MENTAL HEALTH WITH ART AND CREATIVITY

In a year when staying home to protect your health took centre stage, the Frankston Arts Centre (FAC) team adapted quickly to provide live-streamed and recorded performances, virtual art exhibitions, a short film competition, creative activities for kids, short story submissions and more, the feedback was clear – engaging in the arts improves your mental wellbeing.

Council's Draft Arts and Culture Strategic Plan survey in July 2020 found 79 per cent of respondents strongly agree arts and culture have the power to improve mental health and wellbeing. The arts also help at community level, with 71 per cent of

respondents strongly agreeing that arts and culture help alleviate loneliness, anxiety and isolation.

Opportunities to engage in the arts as a form of self-expression and entertainment are in abundance at FAC, with workshops and

performances planned for early 2021 thanks to COVID-safe planning and updates.

In 2021, FAC will feature work created by Frankston residents during the pandemic, including an anthology by local writers, short films from our

Lockdown Short Film Competition and eight original creations from sculpture to performances from successful Creative Industries Professional Development Grant or Artist Project Grant recipients.



Art

Artwell

Wednesdays, 10.30–12.30pm,
\$6 per session, RSVP essential

A Community Arts Program run weekly in Cube 37 for people with, and in recovery from, mental illness, promoting mental health wellness through arts practice. Facilitated by artist, art therapist and experienced mental health professional, Peter Fanton, with guided activities suitable for all levels of experience.



Music

Daytime Music + Theatre

Gorgeous Valentines

Friday 12 February, 10.30am &
1.30pm, tickets: \$19–\$21

Starring Australia's favourite leading ladies of musical theatre, Rachael Beck and Rhonda Burchmore.

A delightful, heart-warming, humorous concert of first class entertainment and glamour.



Art

Ventana Arte

Tuesday 23 February
– Friday 7 May, FREE

Celebrating Ventana Fiesta reimagined in 2021, FAC will exhibit artworks to inspire the wider community and bring in a dialogue of hope for a new future in the FAC Mezzanine Gallery.



Theatre

Jude Perl: I Have a Face

Saturday 20 February, 7.30pm,
tickets: \$30–\$40

Comedy and cabaret with multi-award winning songwriter and comedian Jude Perl, who will talk about some tough stuff, make you laugh and make you feel truly human. Her personal and relatable mental health struggles of being an adult are clever and comical.



Frankston City Libraries

What's on

Libraries After Dark

Carrum Downs Library is now open until 10pm on Thursday evenings! Pop in and say hello and enjoy the range of programs and events we have on offer, all thanks to the Libraries After Dark initiative.

FrankTALK with Julietta Henderson *The Funny Thing About Norman Foreman*

Thursday 11 February, 12.30pm,
Frankston Library, FREE,
bookings essential

How can he make them laugh, if he's forgotten to smile? Julietta Henderson is a brilliant new star of Australian fiction, and her debut novel *The Funny Thing About Norman Foreman* is

bound to bring a smile to your face.

This is Little Miss Sunshine meets *Mamma Mia* for readers who loved *The Rosie Project* and *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time*. Meet Julietta at her Frankston Library book signing.

Strengthening Families: The Core of it All

Tuesday 9 February,
7pm, via Zoom

Join us for this informative and hands-on workshop to explore the challenges facing families at this unique time and uncover the importance of the family and the household. This session draws on research, real-life experiences and models to support parents to leave with practical strategies to help build

a strong and united family - healthy relationships, habits, boundaries, creating routines to assist each family member to achieve their best.

Love letter writing with Andrea Thomas

Wednesday 10 February,
6pm, via Zoom

Learn the subtle art of love letter writing in this virtual workshop with established local writer, Andrea Louise Thomas. A heartfelt letter to a loved one or simply a hello to a neighbour is worth a million dollars. Develop the age old art of the hand written letter, those we used to keep safe in our diaries, or in those boxes under our beds as keepsakes.

Getting to know your iPad or Tablet

Thursday 11 and 25 February,
10.30am, Frankston Library

Did you receive an iPad or tablet this holiday season? Or perhaps you have one you never quite mastered. Would you like to learn all about the settings, apps, tabs, cookies and more? Then join Frankston City Libraries for an in-library session all about getting the most of your device.

**All in-person events are subject to restrictions at the time and will be presented via Zoom if gatherings are limited.*



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

Do It Outdoors

**NIBBLE. SIP. PLAY.
STOMP. CHILL.**

Whether you want to nibble, sip, stomp, chill, play or shop, you can *Do It Outdoors* in Frankston City. From creatively constructed new parklets and extended kerbside dining, to yoga in the park, art exhibits and live music while you chomp, our city is thriving with outdoor adventures as part of our *Do It Outdoors* campaign**.



NIBBLE

A new outdoor dining experience

From Frankston South to the CBD, to Seaford and beyond, outdoor dining is alive in Frankston City. There are now four new parklets complete with planter boxes and shelter at:

***Frankston: Two on Wells Street and one on Beach Street**

***Seaford: One on Station Street**

You can also find extended dining options in Frankston South at Culcairn Drive and Norman Avenue. For a complete list of upgraded kerbside dining and the many venues with existing outdoor dining options in Frankston City, visit: [discoverfrankston.com / doioutdoors](https://discoverfrankston.com/doioutdoors) or see page 16 for a snapshot.



SIP

Frankston City is fast becoming the hot spot for Sunday sippers with a number of breweries now offering the outdoor experience. Join the trail now and explore a wide range of craft beer bevies.

Beer and Spirits Trail

Cheers to the Beers! Delicious food, craft beer and spirit tastings, coupled with tours, events, live music and more – a unique craft beer and spirit experience awaits your crew. Discover some of the best tap houses, breweries and distillers, and enjoy Frankston City's Beer and Spirits Trail.

*** The Hop Shop, 26 Playne Street, Frankston**

*** Dainton Brewery, 560 Frankston – Dandenong Rd, Carrum Downs**

*** Biersal Brewery and Beerhall, 27 Hartnett Drive, Seaford**

*** Mr Banks Brewery, 12 High Tech Place, Seaford**

*** That Sprited Lot Distillers Unit 4/42 Hartnett Dr, Seaford**

*** The Cheeky Squire 510 Nepean Hwy, Frankston**



STOMP

Ventana Fiesta Life

Get your hips shaking and your feet stomping to celebrate the wonderful Latin American, Portuguese, Spanish and Italian cultures at the vibrant and colourful Ventana Fiesta. With roving and busking, live music, traditional dance performances and much more this really is a unique free cultural event you don't want to miss! See page 17 for more information.

Snap and win!

While you're out and about this summer, make sure to grab a pic of all the amazing things you're doing because the Discover Frankston Photo Competition is back! Each month we'll be on the hunt for stand out inspiring photos that scream 'Frankston City is an awesome place to discover'. All you have to do is tag @DiscoverFrankston and/or #DiscoverFrankston for your chance to win a \$100 gift voucher each month. So get snapping and share your love of Frankston City. For more info, visit: discoverfrankston.com/contest

Leading the Chase

Every Friday evening, 5:30pm start, Saturdays and Sundays (10am or 2pm start), allow between 1.5–2 hours to complete the course

Unveil your competitive spirit and discover some of the hidden gems in our community, by joining one of our two Chase courses

available in and around the Frankston area. Get a group of friends or colleagues together, solve clues and complete tasks to make your way around a secret course and book your Chase today!

Walks and Bike Trails

Whether cycling or stomping, strolling or skipping, there's a plethora of riding or walking trails to keep you active outdoors in Frankston City. From Peninsula Link Trail, the Kananook Creek there's a trail for everyone.



Bush walks at McClelland with Living Culture*

Thursday 21 January, 9.30 am and 11 am, duration: one hour

McClelland's bushland is rich with Indigenous significance and abundant with native fauna and flora. Your guide will point out the plants and areas of interest in the park along your walk and share details about their use and significance in medicine, bush tucker and Indigenous culture.

*All McClelland Sculpture Park + Gallery programs are at no extra cost to visitors unless otherwise stated. Visitors are required to pre-book their visit to McClelland and a booking fee applies: \$6 for adults, children and members exempt. To book any of these programs, or for more information, visit: mcclellandgallery.com

**All activities and events may be subject to change or cancelled based on the latest COVID-19 health advice.

Do It Outdoors

#Doitoutdoors



CHILL

Live music outdoors

Good vibes and sunshine is setting the scene for summer in Frankston City with live and locally sourced chillout music complementing the many outdoor dining locations.

* **Friday Sunset Sessions**
Norman Ave, Frankston South
@ The Pizzeria on Norman
@ Mr Frankie, 6–8pm

* **Station Street, Seaford**
@ Thai Beach Café,
@ Grilled and Fried Fish and Chips,

@ HomeStockEatery,
@ + Spanish Bar, 5–7pm

* **Saturday Sounds**

@ Frankston Foreshore,
Pier Promenade, 1–3pm

* **Sunday Sessions @ Broughton Reserve Seaford, 1–3pm**

* **Wells Street @ The Groove Train & Grill'd Frankston, 1–3pm**

Wells Street Central @ Hoyts Cinema Forecourt, 3–5pm

* Throughout January. Dates and times may be subject to change.

Yoga in the Park

Yoga's a breath of fresh air this summer, with Yoga in the Park commencing in February at the following locations:

* **Broughton Park, Seaford**

* **South Gateway Park, Langwarrin**

* **Ballam Park, Frankston**

* **Beauty Park, Frankston**

* **George Pentland, Frankston**

Follow **@FrankstonCity** or **@DiscoverFrankston** for more details.

ART: Liquid Architecture: Unheard Relations

Saturday 20 March, 2–4 pm,
McClelland Park + Sculpture Gallery

Liquid Architecture is Australia's leading organisation for artists working with sound and listening. Liquid Architecture Artistic Director Joel Stern has worked with artists Amy Hanley, Thembi Soddell, Tina Stefanou, and Xen Nhà to produce new sonic works that reflect, respond, extend, depart or otherwise connect to environments in and around McClelland.

Inspired Minds and Bodies: Weekly fitness and mindfulness sessions for your body and mind

27 January–3 March (12 sessions), every Wednesday, 5 pm and Friday, 9.30 am, McClelland Park + Sculpture Gallery, \$12 per session or \$20 double ticket offer

Guided by a mindful-fitness instructor, explore a range of practices that will connect your body and mind, in a unique art and nature setting. Activities are different every week and infused by yoga, pilates, fitness, dance and mindfulness. Suitable to all levels.

SHOP

Outdoor Markets

Whether you want to discover a crafty bargain, indulge in some locally grown produce or score a bric-a-brac treasure, Frankston City is the place to hunt and stroll!



* **Frankston Community Market**
Every Sunday from 8am to 1pm

* **Little Beauty Market**
Saturday 23 January, 27 February, 27 March, 24 April,
9am-2pm

* **Seaford Farmers Market**
Third Sunday of the month,
8am-1pm

PLAY

Frankston Street Art Tours

Nothing screams Frankston more than street art! Strolling down our streets and laneways, you are sure to be 'wowed' by the wonderful masterpieces spread throughout the City. Our monthly Street Art Tours are back up and running, with a guaranteed 1.5 hours of world-class art right before your eyes! Don't miss out and book your tour today at **discoverfrankston.com**.

The Big Picture Fest 2021

An epic spectacle of colour and vibrancy showcasing Frankston's evolving arts and culture edge, this FREE festival will see Frankston City become a canvas for some of the world's best street artists. Traditionally held in March – check our website and social media pages for more information as we finalise the program for the scheduled 2021 event.

Party in the Park

It's time for the whole family to party and there's no better place to do it than at Party in the Park at Cruden Farm in Langwarrin. With so many awesome interactive activities, families look forward to this FREE community celebration every year. Traditionally held in April – check our website and social media pages for more information as we finalise the program for the scheduled 2021 event.

Sculpture Trail

Explore the many fantastic Sculptures by the Sea dotted around Frankston's iconic beaches and city streets and finish the wander with a drive to the award winning McClelland Sculpture Park + Gallery. Visit **discoverfrankston.com** to check out where to find them.

Frankston City Explorers Club

Whether lovers of the seaside or budding artists in the making – our Little Explorers Club is sure to keep those little explorers on their toes.

Seaside Explorers

Codes on the pier, puzzles, buried treasure and a trip to the playground, there is no better way to explore the Frankston Waterfront with the little kids. Complete all 6 activities and become a Certified Seaside Explorer.



Street Art Explorers

A paint splash trail, art murals to find and plenty of drawing, there is no better way to explore Frankston's city centre while discovering some of Australia's freshest street art with the little kids. Complete all six activities and become a Certified Street Art Explorer.

Parks and Gardens

When it comes to stunning playgrounds, reserves and parklands in our city, Frankston and its surrounding suburbs are spoilt for choice. Whether you want to sit by the lake at Beauty Park, explore the Langwarrin Flora and Fauna Reserve or play for hours at George Pentland Botanical Gardens, you don't have to go far find your happy place. Visit **discoverfrankston.com** for ideas.

For more information and event bookings visit:
frankston.vic.gov.au or
discoverfrankston.com/DoItOutdoors

Climate a hot topic

Results from Council's recent Climate Change Community Survey show that our community is deeply concerned about climate change.

Over 750 people provided feedback on ways we can work together to meet the challenges of climate

change at a local level. The survey, hosted by an independent agency between July to September 2020, shows that **eighty per cent** of respondents are 'extremely concerned' or 'very concerned' about climate change.

The local climate change impacts of most concern to respondents were:

- Loss of biodiversity / flora and fauna/ vegetation / habitat
- Sea level rise and/or coastal erosion
- Harsher and longer fire seasons/ bushfires
- Extreme weather events
- More hot days and heatwaves/ drought

Respondents told us the four most important areas for Council to work in to address climate change are:

- Preserving and enhancing biodiversity and urban forests
- Increasing renewable energy use
- Avoiding and reducing waste
- Achieving sustainable buildings and homes

To support community climate action, respondents would like Council to:

- Provide advice and incentives to help people make their homes and other buildings more energy efficient
- Provide grants for community groups to work on environmental projects that address climate change issues, e.g. to reduce emissions, increase vegetation, trees etc.
- Advocate on behalf of the community for climate action (e.g. to the State and Federal Government)

The valuable community input will inform the development of Council's Climate Change Strategy and Action Plan, including ways to support

individual and community climate action. For more information on the survey key findings visit: frankston.vic.gov.au



Shining a light on Council's Environmental performance

Council is committed to using natural resources sustainably and its latest report on the organisation's performance in this area shows some positive outcomes.

The recently released report on Council's greenhouse gas emissions and energy and water usage highlights some of Council's major achievements in 2019-20. These include:

- Reducing greenhouse gas emissions by 2 per cent (334 tonnes) through energy conservation and rooftop solar, lessening Council's contribution to climate change and progressing towards its carbon neutral target by 2025
- Reducing mains water usage by 19 per cent, saving 37 million litres of water (enough to fill 14 Olympic-size swimming pools)
- Sourcing 43 per cent of Council's water usage from recycled water (treated wastewater from the Eastern Treatment Plant),

conserving precious drinking water supplies and helping reduce the amount of wastewater discharged by Melbourne Water into the ocean at Boags Rocks on the Mornington Peninsula. The recycled water is used to irrigate key Council reserves throughout the City.

To reduce Council's emissions and energy and water usage further, projects are also underway to:

- Install two large scale rooftop solar systems at Peninsula Aquatic Recreation Centre (PARC) and the Frankston Civic Centre and continuing lighting upgrades of Council facilities
- Assess and prioritise several new recycled water schemes that have the potential to improve water security for Frankston City.

For more information, visit: frankston.vic.gov.au/GreenhouseandWater

Post-Christmas declutter

Did you receive well intended but unwanted gifts for Christmas? If so, you may wish to consider ways to responsibly rehome them.

There are lots of options on how to do this, including:

- Selling or giving away the items online, such as through Gumtree, Facebook Marketplace or Zilch
- Donating the items to an op shop (please check they are happy to accept the items you wish to donate first)

- Putting the items aside to re-gift to someone else at a later point
- Giving the items to someone else that may have a use for them, such as a friend or neighbour

For more options to assist you to donate, sell or give away unwanted goods, visit Council's online A - Z Waste and Recycling Directory, frankston.vic.gov.au/AtoZ



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Helping Victorians with their energy bills

The Victorian Government recently announced a \$797 million investment to help communities reduce energy bills and make homes more energy efficient.

The initiative includes:

- **Energy efficient heating and cooling**
Upgrades for low income and vulnerable households
- **Energy efficiency upgrades for social housing properties**
Including insulation, draught sealing and installing energy efficient appliances such as heating and hot water systems
- **\$250 Power Saving Bonus for concession card holders**
A once-off payment of \$250 to help eligible households with their energy bills
- **Expanding the Victorian Energy Upgrades program**
Providing discounted energy

efficient products and services for households and businesses, including replacing gas appliances with efficient electric alternatives and much more

- **Improving energy efficiency standards for new homes**
Raising the standard for new homes to a new 7-star level
- **Minimum energy efficiency standards for rented homes**
Helping renters who struggle with energy costs while trying to keep their homes comfortable in all seasons
- **Expanding the Solar Homes program**
Providing more rebates to help households get solar and batteries and a new rebate for small businesses to install rooftop solar

For more information visit: victorianenergysaver.vic.gov.au



From left, Cr Claire Harvey, Deputy Mayor, Cr Nathan Conroy and Replas Managing Director Mark Jacobsen.

Council trials recycled plastic in local footpaths

Council and local recycled plastic manufacturer Replas have teamed up with Frankston Sand and Soil and SR Engineering to install a concrete footpath containing recycled soft plastic aggregate on Seaford Road (near Brunel Road), in Seaford.

We are proud to be the first council in Australia to use this innovative

eco-friendly product, which is made from soft plastics such as frozen pea bags and bread bags dropped off at REDCycle collection bins – located at most major supermarkets.

We look forward to introducing more of these initiatives in the future. For more information visit: frankston.vic.gov.au

Frankston Arts Centre: lighting the way to energy savings

If you have visited the Frankston Arts Centre and Library recently you may have noticed a change in the lighting throughout the carpark, with a much-needed upgrade completed by Council in October 2020.

Two hundred and ninety-one lights, including batten lights, emergency, entry and exit lights were replaced with energy efficient LEDs as part of Council's commitment to save energy and reduce greenhouse gas emissions and the burden of increasing energy costs on ratepayers.

The new lights:

- Improve lighting levels for access and safety
- Will save an estimated 122 tonnes of greenhouse gas emissions each year

- Provide a return on investment in less than 2.5 months
- Have lower maintenance costs (as the lights last much longer than the old lights)

The project was estimated to cost just under \$30,000, however thanks to the Victorian Government's Victorian Energy Upgrades (VEU) program, Council was able to complete the entire project for approximately \$5,000. The project forms part of Council's *Towards Zero Emissions Plan*.

For more information on the VEU program and how businesses and households can cut energy bills through energy efficiency, visit: victorianenergysaver.vic.gov.au

Did you know...?

According to Sustainability Victoria research, the top five types of waste mistakenly put in household recycling bins in Victoria are plastic bags, soft plastics, food scraps, clothing and polystyrene. Make sure your waste doesn't end up in landfill by recycling correctly. For more information visit: frankston.vic.gov.au/recycling



Victorian Budget delivers for Frankston City

The 2020-2021 Victorian Budget is set to deliver huge improvements across the municipality, including:

Education

- Chisholm Institute's Frankston Campus redevelopment stage 2 - **\$67.60 million**
- Frankston Special Developmental School - **\$12.633 million**
- Carrum Downs Secondary School - **\$2.8 million**
- Nepean Special School - **\$2.8 million**
- Karingal Primary School - **\$4.1 million**

Revitalisation

- Frankston Revitalisation, delivering upgrades and improvements to community spaces - **\$1.7 million**

Health and Wellbeing

- Frankston Hospital expansion - **\$16.2 million** in 2020-2021 (part of a \$562 million election commitment)

For more information on the 2020-2021 Victorian Budget, visit: dtf.vic.gov.au/state-budget



Amazing progress at the RF Miles construction site in Seaford, as the \$9.147 million redevelopment, funded by Council, Victorian and Federal Governments, takes shape.

Excelsior Drive shopping precinct poised for redevelopment

The Excelsior Drive shopping strip in Frankston North has taken another step towards a significant redevelopment, with the completion of draft plans to be released by Council for public feedback in February. The project will be delivered in 2021, thanks to funding from the Victorian Government and Council.

Ian Warren from Golden Bakery on Excelsior Drive said the project, which will include revitalising the precinct with trees, garden beds and exposed aggregate footpaths, would improve the appeal of the area. "There are a lot of businesses here; my wife Le has owned the bakery for 17 years, and anything that helps people stay in their local area to shop, is a good thing," Mr Warren said.

"Attractive shrubs and evening out the footpath will definitely make the area more appealing which is great, because with what we've just been through with COVID, we've seen that shopping locally has a lot of benefits."



Council thanks the Victorian Government for its \$100,000 contribution towards this project, in particular, MP Paul Edbrooke for his ongoing support. Works are expected to commence in April for completion in June 2021.

Locals have their say on Frankston Hospital expansion

The Victorian Health and Human Services Building Authority has released a report on a recent community survey in relation to the Frankston Hospital expansion.

Over 300 members of the local community participated in the survey, with key insights highlighting the following:

- 92 per cent of respondents said emergency treatment was the most important service. Other services that ranked highly were access to specialists, access to elective surgery, medical imaging and other specialist services including mental health
- Respondents felt the most important benefits of the hospital are services close to home, prompt high-quality and supportive services, easy to access by car and public transport and easy to navigate wayfinding and signage

You can view the community survey report at: vhhsba.vic.gov.au and participate in the consultation process at: engage.vic.gov.au/frankston-hospital-redevelopment

Collaborating for a prosperous community

The Greater South East Melbourne group of councils (GSEM) is taking a regional approach to achieving positive change to improve the economic, social, health and environmental wellbeing of each represented community.

Prior to the 2019 Federal election, GSEM secured a commitment from the Federal Government to deliver a GSEM City Deal. This deal will allow councils involved to advocate together for shared prosperity and create positive partnerships with industry, community, state and federal governments. This collaboration means we are able to harness the local expertise of eight Councils, to create innovative solutions to issues in our area. Councils involved include: Frankston City Council, City of Casey, City of Cardinia, City of Greater Dandenong,

Knox City Council, City of Kingston, City of Monash and Mornington Peninsula Shire.

South East Melbourne is one of the fastest growing regions in Australia. COVID-19 has had a significant impact on our collective communities and it is critical we all adapt to meet residents' changing needs. The GSEM City Deal will help all Councils involved to band together to find creative solutions to problems we are all experiencing. Locally, this means better access to funding and a greater ability to influence government policies, all for residents' benefit.

Invest Frankston



The newly opened Hop Shop has been a welcome addition to Playne Street since restrictions lifted

It's all happening on Playne Street!

General Public, a one stop shop for music, drinks, food, and entertainment is opening soon at 16-22 Playne Street in Frankston.

With two levels consisting of pool tables, arcade games, tenpin bowling, a bar, an eatery and five function rooms, it's no wonder this new venue has been the talk of the town. To add to the excitement, the two adjoining tenancies are set to bring Lavezzi Gelato and Rebel Donuts to Frankston in early 2021.

Also buzzing on Playne Street is the already popular The Hop Shop, at number 26, which opened in November last year. The bar and take away bottle shop also serves the amazing cuisines from the chefs from Bang Bang in Mordialloc and is complete with an outdoor area and kerbside dining for summer. IF you have your heart set on starting your business dream in 2021, get in touch today for potential opportunities and investments in Frankston. Visit: frankston.vic.gov.au/Business

Business mentor program update

As part of Council's ongoing commitment to support local businesses at every stage, we continued to deliver our FREE Mentor Program throughout 2020 despite the challenges we all faced.

Our exceptional panel of 11 skilled business mentors delivered one-on-one free consultations to 66 businesses providing advice on how to adapt during these new unprecedented times, marketing skills, digital expertise, finance and general business know-how.

Mentor Rachel Gill from Inspired Momentum believes a problem shared, is a problem solved. "To have access to free support during Covid-19 demonstrates how proactive Council are at supporting their business community. Each business owner I have spoken



with has demonstrated a strong commitment to growing their business, and matching their services and products to the needs of their customer bases."

IF you're looking for guidance on your next business move, or even a push to get your business started on the right path, then look no further. Contact our Business Concierge on: 1300 322 322

Virtual love

This year Invest Frankston has focused on increasing our virtual presence, to ensure you remain connected and informed.

IF you're looking for post COVID inspiration, look no further than our updated, easy to navigate IF website.

Complete with city demographics, blog, feature videos, and the latest development and prospect news, you really can find all the information and resources you need at the click of a mouse.

Check it out at investfrankston.com

You can also find us on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and LinkedIn @InvestFrankston. Come on – show us some virtual love!

Commercial and Public Open Spaces

Commercial operators from the municipality are invited to capitalise on our progressive region by setting up temporary commercial operations in specific parks, public spaces and sites throughout Frankston City Centre.

IF you share the vision and the passion for what can be, we invite you to apply to conduct regular commercial activities in Frankston City Council's Foreshore Reserve, Ballam Park, Beauty Park, Station Street Mall, White Street, Mall and Clyde Street Mall for a twelve month licence in 2021-2022.

For more information on how to get involved, visit: frankston.vic.gov.au/Business



Virtual Merchandising Workshop

Thursday, 28 January, 2020, 7pm, FREE, bookings essential. Location to be confirmed.

They say you should never judge a book by its cover but when it comes to the shopfront, first impressions can be vital. To help your business start the New Year with a new look, we are offering a FREE Virtual Merchandising Workshop with

leading industry professional Ching Ching Lee from Pop Creative. Open to all Frankston City businesses, this workshop will give you tips and tricks to revive your window display and all participants will receive a goody bag to get the transformation started. To book, visit: frankston.vic.gov.au/Business

For more information visit: investfrankston.com

Outside never looked so alive in Frankston City

Council continues to offer as much dining, entertainment and activities outdoors as possible this summer to further align with the State Government's COVID-safe plans.

The creatively constructed new 'parklets' (outdoor dining spaces utilising car parks) and extended

kerbside dining are coming together across the City, with Council working with countless businesses to expand their outdoor dining options since restrictions lifted in October.

Since then, more than 30 outdoor dining permits have been issued using the new, streamlined application process, which is supporting local

hospitality businesses with the Victorian Government's Extended Outdoor Dining Program. The program provided a \$650,000 funding boost to Council, to help reinvigorate local hospitality businesses while keeping diners COVID-safe. There have also been four new high-end parklets erected across the city.

Music outdoor dining in some locations. See below some examples of the restaurants and cafes who are currently offering enhanced outdoor dining options.

To find great outdoor dining options near you, visit: discoverfrankston.com



Norman Avenue, Frankston



Spanish Bar, Seaford



Getting Parçia COVID ready once restrictions eased



CEO Phil Cantillon (right), Mayor Kris Bolam with Parçia owner Bel, Wells Street Frankston



Rosie's Kitchen Pantry Culcairn Drive, Frankston

FRANKSTON'S LATIN ARTS FESTIVAL

VENTANA 2021

9 FEBRUARY
TO 24 MARCH

Reimagined

*The city
comes alive...*

MUSIC | DANCE | MEXICAN WRESTLING | ART EXHIBITIONS | ONLINE WORKSHOPS

ONLINE PROGRAM

All activities are FREE, bookings essential

In addition to our usual amazing program of activities, Ventana Fiesta 2021 is also heading online for the first time — bringing the best of Latin cultures into your living room! Enjoy a taste of the Ventana program from the comfort of your home, with an array of online activities and workshops available.

The online program includes 16 workshops covering cooking, drinks, craft and dancing from Spain, Latin America and Italy, all with an Australian twist.



Visit: VentanaFrankston.com.au for ingredients and supplies needed for online workshops. Categories include:



EAT

Launching Thursday 4 March, 2pm

Learn to make Spanish paella, mouth Mexican watering tacos, Italian panzerotti and a Colombian arepa cocktail party.



DRINK

Launching Thursday 11 March, 2pm

Make margarita icy poles, sangria, mojitos and for the kids, an authentic berry drink and yuca bread.



DANCE

Launching Thursday 18 March, 2pm

Kids join in the fun with Capoeira demonstrating cool acrobatic animal moves, learn Salsa, Tango or discover the traditional folk dance traditions of Cumbia.



CRAFT

Launching Thursday 24 March, 2pm

Face and head art for kids, design your own fantasy mascot, learn how to wear a contemporary poncho and watch traditional Guatemalan weavers at work.



MEXICAN WRESTLING FIESTA

With Mariachis, Dancers and the lot Sunday 7 March, 6:30pm foyer activities, 7pm Theatre Show (90 min), Frankston Arts Centre, tickets \$18, bookings essential

Come to the Frankston Arts Centre for a taste of authentic Mexican Wrestling, with Lucha Fantastica, Sin Frontera and The Lone Mariachi with the Silver Masked Men bands, the gracious Mexican dancers and more!

PRE-SCHOOL BILINGUAL STORYTELLING

Tuesday 16 March, 10.30am at Carrum Downs Library (English-Spanish) Friday 19 March, 11.30am at Frankston Library (English-Portuguese) FREE, bookings essential

Come along with the kids for a fun story time told in two languages! Enjoy the beautiful sounds of Spanish and Portuguese languages.

MUSIC AND DANCE POP UPS

Saturday 27 and Sunday 28 February, 12pm-2pm, various locations in Seaford and Frankston, FREE

Keep an eye out for Caribbean and Brazilian sensual dances, acrobatic acts and amazing Latin beats popping up throughout Frankston and Seaford!

ART EXHIBITIONS

Thursday 28 January-Saturday 8 May, Frankston Arts Centre, FREE, bookings may apply

Six exhibitions celebrating Latin culture will run throughout Ventana Fiesta and beyond. Guided tours and school incursions available on request. Available in English, Spanish, Portuguese and Italian. Here's just some of the exhibitions available for you to enjoy:

Urban Capsules by Morano

Watch the artist in progress: Tuesday 9 February, Thursday 11 February, Thursday 18 February, Saturday 20 February, 10am-1pm
View the mural: Friday 26 February-Tuesday 23 March, Cube 37, Frankston Arts Centre

Jump into Morano's mind and experience his street art gain energy and momentum. Visit Cube 37 to watch his mural painted in real time from the street front. Live projections of the finished artwork at night.

Who is Nature? by Adrian Hearn

Friday 26 February-Thursday 25 March, Cube 37, Frankston Arts Centre

Take a virtual journey guided by Traditional Elders, with an exclusive live performance on Friday 26 February, 7pm, bookings essential, visit: VentanaFrankston.com.au

For more information on Ventana Fiesta Reimagined 2021, including event bookings, visit: VentanaFrankston.com.au



Positive Ageing Action Plan: focus group volunteers needed

Council is asking residents over 60 to participate in one of two focus groups, either online or in-person, to be held in the first two weeks of February.

The focus groups are your chance to help Council to develop our Positive Ageing Action Plan; enabling a

healthier and more positive approach to ageing for residents.

Expression of Interests close **Sunday 31 January, 5pm**. Please email PAAP@frankston.vic.gov.au or contact Paige Carroll, Coordinator Assessment and Positive Ageing on: **9784 1738**.



Yacht Club café set to serve more than just bay sunsets

At the ground floor of the Frankston Yacht Club, fit out work is underway for Oliver's Corner, a beach bar and café inspired by The Bucket List on Bondi Beach.

Floor to ceiling windows will provide the perfect bay backdrop for sipping local wines and beers from the upmarket drinks list as the sun sets. Imagine casual weekend brekkies, lazy afternoons spent enjoying simple street food like barbecued corn on the cob, mini souvlakis or fish and chips on the deck or dropping in for coffee and cake with the family after a stroll on the boardwalk.

Brendan Theobald and John O'Halloran leased the lower floor of the Yacht Club, seating just over 100 guests in total, inside and on the deck, from Council so they could bring this vision to life for Frankston locals and visitors.

"It will be nice and simple, not overcomplicated; we want everyone to feel like they're on holiday," Brendan said.

Oliver's Corner will close at sunset, year round – 9pm over the six warmer months of the year and 6pm during winter.

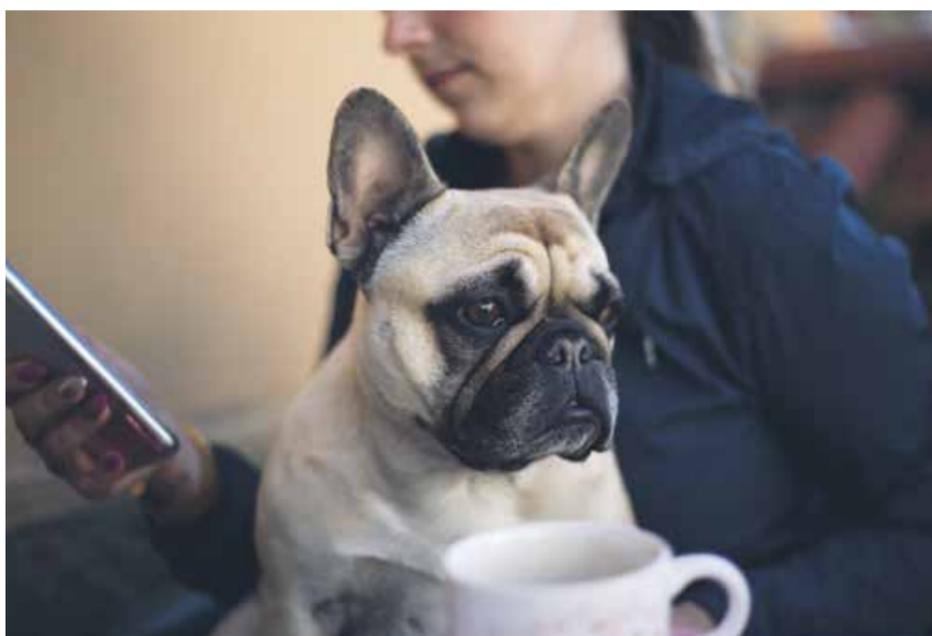
"During those winter months, we might hold functions after we close," Brendan said.

Councillor Brad Hill, met Brendan and John at the Yacht Club on Thursday 17 December, to get a sneak peek of the works underway.

"This venue is going capture the absolute best of Frankston – the beach, the bay views and sharing great food and drinks in good company," Cr Hill said.

"Everyone at Council is so excited to see it all coming together. I'll definitely be here on opening day."

Oliver's is expected to begin welcoming patrons in April 2021. Visit: OliversCorner.com.au to keep up-to-date.



Spoil your pooch with a meal out

Frankston City has some amazing cafes and restaurants with some really divine outdoor dining options. Luckily, eating out doesn't always mean leaving your

best mate at home. We have researched the top five 'paw-fect' dining options for you to try with your puppy pals, visit: discoverfrankston.com

Beach volleyball on the Waterfront

Every Tuesday from 6.15pm at the Frankston Waterfront (next to the Frankston Lifesaving Club) until the end of daylight savings. Registration essential for individuals or teams.

Beginners/juniors 5-6pm: \$10 each
All others: \$15
minimum of 4 games

Sessions also include kids' games, family activities and music. The sessions are run by HWBE, who

champion health, wellbeing and equal opportunity and specialise in NDIS Support Coordination, Youth Education and Community Engagement. To book, visit: hwbe.com.au

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Peninsula Horse Riders Club shines at local awards

Peninsula Horse Riders Club was awarded the Horse Riding Clubs Association of Victoria's (HRCAV) 'Top Club Award' for 2020.

Sponsored by Horseland, this prestigious award is aimed at fostering club spirit and recognising clubs which embrace the aims of the HRCAV. It is based on performance points gained by members placing at competitions while representing their club. To be

eligible, clubs must hold regular rallies and clinics and host official HRCAV events throughout the year. It is a team effort, as the club relies on all members to help run its three rally days each month and competitions. The club was presented with a glass trophy and a voucher for \$2000 from Horseland. To enquire about joining Peninsula Horse Riders Club, visit: peninsulahrc.com.au



Run or ride across your City this summer

Frankston has long been Melbourne's favourite family playground offering the best beaches, beautiful parks, gardens and playgrounds and, of course, the entry point to the Mornington Peninsula.

Frankston City is also home to some of the most exciting cycling facilities in

the region, including on and off-road bicycle paths. You can also take in all of the City's amazing natural beauty by taking a stroll on some of our gorgeous walking tracks.

To find a walking track or bike path near you, visit: frankston.vic.gov.au/SkateBikeWalk



Is your child 13 years-old or over and wants to become a lifesaver?

With high school kids enjoying their holidays, January is the perfect time to express your interest in joining the Frankston Lifesaving Club (FLSC) and registering for a Surf Rescue Certificate (SRC) or Bronze Medallion course at the FLSC. The club has some amazing community-minded SRC members and great trainers to mentor your teenager. FLSC has also kicked off the Nippers season with places still available for under 6 to under 13 year-olds. Let the kids kick start the weekend with their feet in the water, with Nippers running every Friday afternoon. To join the fun, email: membership@frankstonlsc.com.au

Just a day at the beach...

Frankston City's local surf lifesaving clubs provide a vital service to the community during peak beach season.

Seaford Life Saving Club, established in 1936, has been providing a lifesaving service to the Seaford and surrounding community for almost 85 years. Through their affiliation with Life Saving Victoria - the peak water safety and aquatic education organisation in Victoria, we are one of 57 volunteer lifesaving clubs across the state with one common goal ... to keep the beachgoing public safe.

Run entirely by volunteers, the Club provides beach patrols on weekends and public holidays (November to mid-April each year), as well as continuing to run its regular nipper program, educating children on the importance of water safety. Seaford Life Saving Club relies on the generosity of the local community, fundraising and grants to continue keeping our beaches safe during the warmer months. To donate or volunteer and for more information, visit: seafordlsc.com.au

Make sure you 'cycle safe'

Cycling is a fantastic hobby; it's fun, environmentally friendly and it's a cost effective way to stay fit and healthy. However, cycling is not risk free and it is crucial all the basic measures are taken to prevent injury at all times.

Helmets

Wearing a helmet is the most important safety requirement for riding a bicycle. They will substantially reduce the extent of head injuries if an accident occurs. Helmets save lives. By Victorian law, all cyclists are required to wear a helmet.

How to cycle safely

The first step to being a safe cyclist is learning how to handle your bike. When you are on the road, ride on the left and take up a good road position. Ride in a straight line and be predictable. Do not forget to look behind yourself regularly. Keep a safe breaking distance from the vehicle in front, stay out of blind spots and communicate with other road users.

Shared paths

- Keep to the left
- Don't race
- Don't endanger other path users
- Be courteous

Riding on footpaths

Cyclists aged 12 years and older must not ride on the footpath. This does not apply to shared paths, or cyclists supervising another cyclist under the age of 12.

Recycling and Food and Garden Waste Calendar 2021

BLUE AREA

 Recycling Bin Fortnightly
 Food and Garden Waste Bin Fortnightly

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Your recycling bin and your food and garden waste bin will be collected on alternate weeks on the same day as your garbage bin.

NOTE: Blue area recycling collection dates also apply to Frankston's city centre. Collections will take place on public holidays. Enquiries: 9775 1909



Snap Send Solve makes it easy for you to identify and report issues you spot while out and about in your neighbourhood.



The 2021 Street Sweeping Calendar is available to view

To find out when we'll be heading to your street, visit: frankston.vic.gov.au/StreetSweeping

