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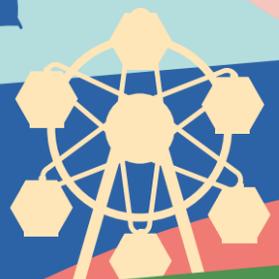


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Customer Service Centres

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

Circuit breaker lockdown

I'd like to commend resident's resilience during our recent 'circuit breaker' lockdown. While this was a brief event, I am aware it still impacted the mental wellbeing of some residents — particularly those who are socially isolated.

Thankfully, the rollout of the vaccine is now underway, and I want to reassure residents that should we re-enter lockdown in the future, your Council will, as always, be here for you. Our vital services, whether it be in-home care, meals on wheels, Maternal and Child Health or Customer Service, will not stop, nor will our ongoing efforts to identify new ways to support your recovery.

I encourage anyone needing support, or a service referral, to contact our Community Recovery Call Centre on **1300 322 322** during business hours, or to contact Lifeline on **13 11 14**. As we move forward into 2021, please continue to follow State Government advice and remember — this too shall pass.

Reversal of glyphosate ban

Following community feedback relating to an increase in weed vegetation, the excessive cost of natural methods (forecast at \$600,000 in 2021) and careful consideration of health-related science, Councillors recently endorsed

the reintroduction of glyphosate as a method of weed control.

During the previous ban we learnt a lot, and we will continue to use chemical-free weed control techniques where practical, particularly in and around pre-schools and playgrounds, where steam alternatives will be used at all times.

Since we reinstated the limited use of glyphosate in February, officers are already reporting a rapid decline in weed matter, and our residents will be too. Further to this, the reintroduction will save residents more than \$500,000 annually. Council will continue to review and refine weed management practices, with verifiable science and cost-effectiveness at the forefront of any decision-making.

Mid-year budget outcomes

I'm incredibly proud of Council's achievements during a difficult 12 months. I would like to particularly congratulate staff and Councillors who were able to produce a cash surplus of \$500,000, despite unfavourable economic circumstances. The proceeds from January's Midyear Budget include expanding our CCTV network in areas such as the Seaford foreshore and Frankston's city centre; and to deliver the long-awaited Urban Forest Action Plan. Similarly, we can continue delivering important upgrades and new builds



across the City, even managing to add a number of new projects! Some additional planned works include upgraded sports lighting for the Frankston Baseball Club, renewal of the Baxter Park Netball Court, and the upcoming refurbishment of the boardwalk from Nepean Highway (opposite Seaford Road) to the beach. We are also undertaking pavilion design and construction at Pat Rollo Reserve, upgrades to Frankston Park and the McClelland Drive/Skye Road roundabout, and streetscape upgrades in Station Street Mall. Further projects with enhanced scope this year include the reconstruction of Brighton Street in Frankston South, the implementation of the Sweetwater Local Area Traffic Management and the McCormicks Road pedestrian crossing upgrade via a Federal Government grant. These projects alone represent a combined investment of more than \$4.5 million by Council — to be delivered before June 30.

Cr Kris Bolam, Mayor

Message from the CEO

Council has a number of key strategic, long-term plans in development, including the Community Vision, Long Term Financial Plan, Council Plan, Asset Plans and Long Term Infrastructure Plan and many more.

The Local Government Act 2020 requires Council to integrate our planning with our community and key internal departments. We are ensuring we are delivering on these requirements by reflecting and embedding the principles in the Act every day, across all areas. Community engagement is a key component of this integrated approach — ensuring we deliver plans, visions and strategies that reflect the needs and wants of our community. So far, the feedback we have received through our Community Panel and numerous community consultations have generated constructive and incredibly useful commentary, which is helping to shape these key projects. We are also now asking for residents' feedback on our Annual Budget 2021–2022. We want

to hear from our community about the services they value and think are important. This will then feed into the financial plan and budget to fund critical services and infrastructure. Keep an eye out for this upcoming Annual Budget consultation. Follow **@FrankstonCity** on social media or subscribe to our fortnightly eNews for more updates, visit: [frankston.vic.gov.au/Subscribe](https://www.frankston.vic.gov.au/Subscribe)

Council recently responded to a resident's submission to the 15 February Council Meeting, regarding key issues I believe are likely of interest to many residents. Specifically, the growth of weeds around key City landmark areas and vacant shopfronts in Frankston. In response to many residents raising the same concerns, and following significant research, Council has made the decision to reinstate the use of the herbicide, glyphosate across the City. Likewise the concern regarding empty businesses in our city centre is certainly a valid one. Council is conscious of the pressures on traders. We have put a number of supports in place to help traders to stay



open and to encourage new investment in our city centre and surrounding suburbs. Most recently with the \$650,000 Victorian Government funding that enabled us to deliver the growing Outdoor Dining Program. On this note, I would like to thank the key staff involved, who collaborated fantastically to deliver our Outdoor Dining Program, with an offering that has really lifted the benchmark for urban design. This was a huge project undertaken to a very tight deadline and I have been so proud to see the vibrant and popular expanded alfresco dining that has sprung up across the City these past three months.

Phil Cantillon
Chief Executive Officer

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Seaford Beach Patrol 'cleans up' with Council grant

Congratulations to 3198 Seaford Beach Patrol, who received a \$1,000 Environmental Sustainability Grant through Council's Community and Business Support Grant Program.

The funding has enabled volunteers to continue cleaning up litter from the beaches safely and to raise awareness about the impact of consumption, excess packaging and plastic that plagues our coastline and local environment.

The group, which meets monthly, held a clean-up on Sunday 24 January – its first since Clean Up Australia Day in March 2020, due to COVID-19 restrictions.

Upcoming meeting dates include:

Sunday 28 March, 9–10am

Sunday 18 April, 10–11am

Sunday 23 May, 10–11am

Sunday 20 June, 10–11am

If you would like to volunteer your time for an hour each month to help keep our beaches clean, email: 3198@beachpatrol.com.au or visit: beachpatrol.com.au

For more information on the Community and Business Support Grant Program, visit: frankston.vic.gov.au/CouncilGrants

A day out in Ballam Park just became even sweeter

Ballam Park is a popular play-date destination for so many families in Frankston City, including Deputy Mayor, Nathan Conroy and his nephew, Brooklyn. As two-year-old Brooklyn discovered last week, a trip to the park is now even sweeter, with Bohorama mobile coffee shop serving up tasty babycinos from its new home at the main park entrance on Cranbourne-Frankston Road.

Bohorama moved in five weeks ago and owner, Tristan Stass, said locals were loving the coffee and snacks made from locally sourced produce.

"I've lived in Frankston a long time and I was keen to give back to the local area. We specialise in great coffee and crepes... our strawberry and cream crepes are going off!" Tristan said.

Cr Conroy said it was great to see locals coming out to support the new business. "We love that another exciting new business has chosen Frankston City. Operating from a converted horse float is a very cool idea as well. It is transportable and open early to serve those rushing past on their way to work, as well as families out for a play."

Parking at Ballam Park is now easier too, with the newly-sealed overflow carpark, near the dog agility training area. There are now 41 additional car parks, including a disabled bay and two new linking footpaths at a total length of 120 metres.

"When the community said they wanted more parking, we listened, and it is looking a treat, with kerbs made from recycled bluestone pavers and graffiti removed from the substation next door.

"The car park is set to be illuminated by new solar lights that complement 10 existing solar light poles installed late last year on paths connecting the park entrance to the new pavilion and playground," Cr Conroy said.

During the same period, more than 230 native trees and shrubs will be planted around the car park as part of the \$340,000 project.

Bohorama is open 6am-1pm weekdays on the Cranbourne-Frankston Road slip lane car park, out the front of Ballam Park and weekends between 9am-3pm in the car park next to (left of) the main playground.



Need your next immunisation? Book it online!

You can now book your next scheduled immunisation anywhere, any time at 10 different locations across Frankston City — so it's easy to find one near you.

Council provides FREE immunisations to infants aged 0–5 years, secondary school children,

pregnant women and their partners, as well as catch up vaccines.

Book an appointment today, visit: frankston.vic.gov.au/Immunisation

**please note Council will no longer be accepting immunisation appointments over the phone.*

Hardship Rates Relief Waiver still available

Council has introduced new rates assistance measures, to help those who are struggling during COVID-19.

The Hardship Rates Relief Waiver is a once off waiver of \$200, available only to eligible ratepayers

who are suffering financial hardship due to COVID-19. Upon successful application the Hardship Rates Relief Waiver will be applied to your upcoming Rates Instalment for the 2020–2021 financial year.

Council has also suspended penalty interest on late rate payments until 30 June and we will not pursue any new legal action regarding unpaid rates until 30 June.

If you're not eligible for the Waiver and are unable to pay your rates on time, you can apply for an Arrangement to Pay.

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

Honouring our inspiring citizens

Frankston City's most inspirational residents were honoured at the Citizen of the Year Awards on Tuesday 26 January.

The awards, which included welcoming 33 new citizens, are about honouring locals who go above and

beyond to serve their communities, in many different ways.

Recipients of the 2021 Citizen of the Year Awards are:

2021 Citizen of the Year
Timothy Cutrona

2021 Young Citizen of the Year
Kai Malcolm

2021 Senior Citizen of the Year
Robert Thurley

2021 Community Event of the Year
Chill Out & Look About

(Sarah Bahramis and Sarah Jane Balharry)

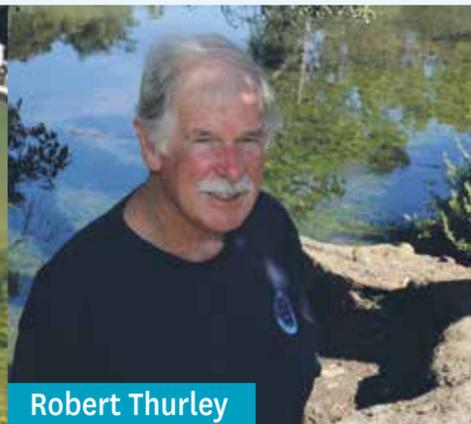
For more information on this year's recipients, visit: frankston.vic.gov.au/CitizenoftheYear2021



Timothy Cutrona



Kai Malcolm



Robert Thurley



Chill Out & Look About



Bear and Cub café in Seaford

Buy local and win for Harmony Week!

The message of Harmony Week (15–21 March) is **Everyone Belongs. It is a day of cultural respect for everyone who calls Australia home, from the Traditional Owners of this land to those who have come from many countries around the world.**

To celebrate, we are asking you to pick a restaurant or café from the wide range of cuisines on offer in Frankston City and buy a meal there between 15–21 March. Simply take a pic of the meal (or better yet, you and your loved ones enjoying the meal), post it to your socials with the hashtags **#FoodforHarmony #HarmonyWeek2021 #FrankstonCity** and in three words tell us what cultural harmony means to you.

Don't forget to tag or mention the restaurant as well. No social media? That's okay, just email your image to: communitystrengthening@frankston.vic.gov.au

Make sure to hold on to your receipt for a chance to **WIN one of five \$100 vouchers** to the local eatery of your choice!

Let's support our local businesses, while celebrating the many cultures that make us who we are. For more information on Harmony Week, visit: harmony.gov.au

Committing to better engagement with you

Council is committed to improving the way we engage with our community. We want to hear from a diverse mix of voices to ensure our decisions are fair, informed and consider community views, experiences and expertise.

Improving how we include our community in decision-making started with Council adopting a new Community Engagement Policy on 1 March 2021.

Our Policy sets Council's commitment to how we will engage our community on decisions that impact and affect you. The Draft Policy was out for Public Exhibition during January–February 2021.

In response to community submissions on our Draft Policy, we have changed the wording of the Policy to directly reflect the community's aspirations, voices, and needs. The most significant change was the inclusion of a sixth engagement principles, in addition to the five principles set out in the new *Local Government Act 2020*.

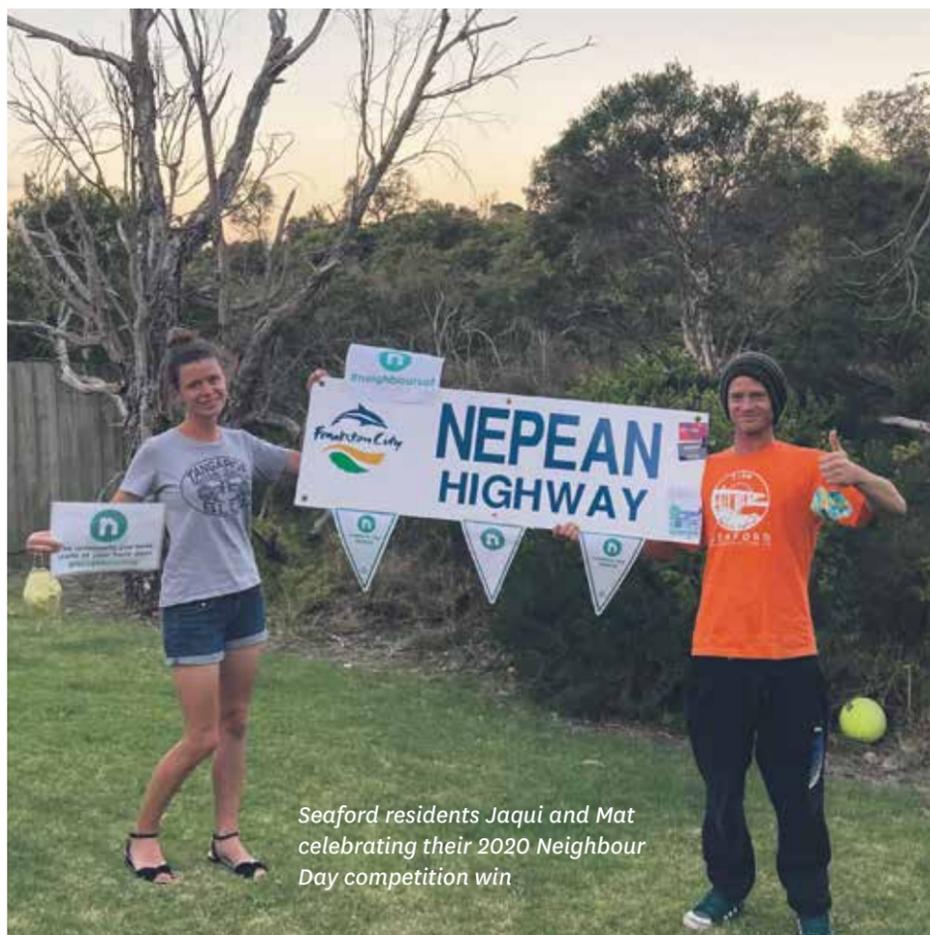
Our principles now ensure that Council's community engagement activities will:

- Have a clearly defined purpose, objective and scope
- Provide participants with access to information
- Include diverse and representative participants
- Support participants to meaningfully engage
- Inform participants how the process will influence Council's decision making
- Inform participants how the process has influenced Council's decision making.

Our next step in March–June 2021 will see us work on developing our Community Engagement Framework, to which we will invite the community to participate in further engagement and deliberation activities to shape the future of our engagement.

Thank you to everyone who provided their feedback. Keep an eye on our website for more information in the coming weeks, or subscribe for updates at engagement@frankston.vic.gov.au
Visit: frankston.vic.gov.au

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Seaford residents Jaqui and Mat celebrating their 2020 Neighbour Day competition win

Celebrate with a snag this Neighbour Day!

Neighbour Day Sunday 28 March is Australia's celebration of community, encouraging people to connect with others who live in their neighbourhood.

Creating social connections has never been more important and this is the perfect opportunity to get to know your neighbours and feel part of your local community. We encourage everyone to get creative, reach out and promote social connection while keeping physically distanced. Social distancing does not mean social disconnection.

Residents and community groups in Frankston City can make the most of

Neighbour Day by hosting an event or inviting their local neighbours around for a cuppa or barbecue. This is a chance to say hello to each other, make new friends or just discover who actually lives in your street!

To help celebrate, Council has given away barbecue packs worth \$100 to 25 lucky residents, with five of these winners also receiving a souvenir street sign! Thank you to everyone who entered and congratulations to our lucky winners. For tips on how you can make the most of Neighbour Day, visit: neighbourday.org



From left, Cr Suzette Tayler and Quest Frankston Serviced Apartments General Manager, Nellie Tinga

Council provides vital support for tourism sector

To ensure the long-term viability of the local tourism sector, which contributes more than \$300 million to the local economy annually, Council is developing an extensive tourism support program.

North-East Ward Councillor, Suzette Tayler said Council is committed to supporting its local tourism operators, acknowledging that many had been severely impacted during the COVID-19 pandemic.

“We realise that local tourism took a major hit in 2020 and we know that many operators are struggling, which is why we have allocated \$30,000 of recurrent annual funding in our 2020–2021 Budget for an ongoing support program.”

Insights from a local business survey conducted in late 2020 are being used to develop the program, which is expected to launch in the coming weeks.

“As the first point of contact, it is important that our local businesses are providing services and experiences that support our visitors and residents to enjoy their time in Frankston City,” said Cr Tayler.

Quest Frankston Serviced Apartments General Manager, Nellie Tinga said, “Our front of house staff are often the first point of contact for guests seeking information on all the things they can see and do while in the area. This program will enable us to upskill our staff and ensure we are providing relevant information and quality customer service that meets their needs and interests.

“We see this program providing opportunities for us to work more collaboratively across industry, cross promote the experiences, generate new business and contribute to positive visitor experiences that will keep them coming back for more,” Ms Tinga said.



Reminder: pet registrations are due Saturday 10 April

You should have received a lifetime tag to pop on your pet's collar when you first register them with Council. If you have lost your pet's tag, contact us for a FREE replacement.

Owners of registered pets found wandering without their tag may be fined. If your pet loses its tag, phone: 1300 322 322 to request a free replacement.

Don't forget, you can also receive a discount on your pet's registration once they have completed obedience training with an approved provider. For more information, visit: frankston.vic.gov.au/Animals

Reducing Council fees

I am proud to have fought to waive and eliminate over a dozen service charges in recent years to help ease the burden on local families. Some of these changes pre-date the pandemic, while others were initiated as part of our COVID-19 Relief and Recovery Package.

Some of the fees that I have worked to halt include:

- Library adult and child learning fees
- oval hire for local schools fees
- filming, photography, circus, commercial and community events fees
- waterfront: commercial/community events, filming/photography fees
- parks, beaches, reserves, commercial/community filming/photography fees
- residential minor works permits fees
- residential fence permits fees
- commercial project permit (projects up to \$15,000) fees.

We will shortly be asking residents for their feedback on the 2021–2022 Annual Budget and I encourage residents to let us know what you believe we need to invest in over the coming 12 months, including any charges you believe should be waived.

Funding our community's recovery

As we have all seen during these past 12 months, this pandemic has been a constantly evolving situation. More residents and businesses are finding themselves in financial distress and as a result struggling to meet their basic needs. For this reason, Council's response to the pandemic has had to be equally fluid and the Council was recently proud to be able to provide additional funds totalling more than \$450,000 in early January towards critical community support services to assist with social and economic recovery efforts.

This funding will be spent on Council staff redeployments to Community Support Frankston (CSF), valued at \$258,500 enabling CSF to continue providing emergency relief to residents doing it tough. Furthermore \$103,000 has been allocated 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 fund grant allocations that support the work of Frankston charities, \$50,000 to 'top up' existing grants to attract businesses to operate long-term vacant shopfronts in the city centre. To date, we have provided more than \$3.3 million of the originally allocated \$7.121 million Relief and Recovery Package to residents and businesses in need. Moving forward, the Council will continue to reassess and distribute remaining funds to ensure they go where they are needed most.



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Finding new spaces for communities to connect

Parks and open green spaces are incredibly important to community health and wellbeing, as we all learned to appreciate during our periods of lockdown last year.

They give us a chance to get outside and enjoy our beautiful natural environment, connect with our neighbours and friends, work up a sweat or simply slow down and take a breather. I was incredibly proud of the concepts for our new pocket park in Evelyn Street and even more so the fact that this new green space is to be located in our city centre. My thanks to the Victorian Government, which funded the \$1.3 million project — to provide this wonderful space to our community. Particularly for those who live in or near the city centre and who may not have access to a green space of their own. Keep an eye on works commencing around July this year, for a February 2022 completion.

A pedestrian and bike-friendly City

Seaford residents have been enjoying the completed portion of a new shared user path these past few months, completed as part of the Level Crossing Removal Project (LXRP). The path was opened by the LXRP in early December, allowing people to use the path from the Eel Race Road underpass to Cricklewood Avenue, 600 metres north of Frankston Station. Council will commence building the remaining section in 2022. Council will be building on LXRP's work to extend the path to run alongside Dandenong Road East from Cricklewood Avenue to Beach Street (beside the signal box). Some planting adjacent to the path around Seaford will be completed by mid-2021.

Major revamp for Karingal PLACE Kindergarten playground

Council's \$400,000 investment to improve the kindergarten playground at Karingal PLACE has been money well spent, with plenty of positive feedback from both teachers and, most importantly, the kids. The new play area incorporates a creek bed with running water, veggie patches, a digging patch and seating and is a large increase in the available play space, designed to comply with all-ability and equitable access requirements. The area now features sensory elements with tactile opportunities, including water play, sand and digging pits, vegetable gardens, climbing and a selection of fragrant plants. For residents who have not yet enrolled their child in either 3 or 4 year-old kindergarten, there are still places available for 2021.

Visit: frankston.vic.gov.au/KindergartenRegistration



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The value of democracy

Since taking my Oath of Office four months ago, I have met Council Officers in briefings, aligned policy with Local Government Act 2020 requirements, listened to feedback from residents, attended community events, spoken to people across Frankston, debated in Chamber and voted on many issues impacting our municipality. How I work as a Councillor has got me reflecting on our governing framework in Australia — democracy.

The name 'democracy' and its constitution as a form of government dates back 2,500 years. Like me, you can be forgiven for questioning why we have not yet perfected this organising system at local, national and international levels, to be stress free, efficient and productive. Brought up in a democracy, I have watched with curiosity (disbelief on occasion), news from countries where societies are subject to different government controls and influence.

All systems of government are organised by people. In my opinion the value of democracy, is that it takes many people, all of us in fact, to make it work. It depends on all sorts of people coming together to debate and evolve it. Spoiler alert: this is why the system is not perfect at times, people are not perfect! We are inconsistent, change constantly, have different views, looks, languages and a variety of motivations and aspirations. Life is complex. Yet democracy helps us navigate living together and the system embodies laws and policies to help keep us safe, healthy and supported.

As a Councillor I work with all Councillors, the CEO and Council Officers within the boundaries of State and Federal legislation, a Code of Conduct and various policies. Our 'imperfections' as people are guided by these documents, providing a language, outlines of best practice with the freedom to debate and question anything and everything on behalf of the community before casting a vote. We are not perfect and neither is democracy, so the right to challenge by lobby and advocacy groups or individual is an essential part of the democratic process to start and embolden conversations.

Our work as Councillors is greater than the sum of its parts. Democracy is hard, yet I for one am committed to working with its perfect imperfections to deliver great outcomes for us all.



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Council committed to new and upgraded footpaths

Paved footpaths are vital to liveability, as well as enabling residents and visitors to socialise, stay fit and explore neighbourhoods.

Council is creating greater accessibility and connectivity for all with a clear commitment to upgraded and new footpaths across the municipality.

Our municipality has almost 1000km of footpaths that are well loved and used by locals and visitors. In the 2019–2020 financial year, we replaced 4181 square metres of footpaths. The footpath network has grown approximately 12km over the past four years as a result of new and upgraded footpaths.

Key projects include:

- McClelland Drive shared path \$1.1 million
- Cranbourne Road \$210,000
- Citywide path construction \$200,000
- McCormicks Road \$190,000
- Liddesdale Avenue \$180,000
- Frankston Flinders Road (east side) \$170,000

Projects in the current Capital Works Program include:

- Stotts Lane shared path (Golf Links Road to Escarpment Drive)
- Baxter Trail Shared Path (Monash University to City centre)

If you would like to recommend a project or believe your local footpaths need attention, email: info@frankston.vic.gov.au or phone: 1300 322 322

Out and about in Frankston City

It has been exciting to see our events calendar starting to fill up again and watch as locals get out and about to enjoy everything our amazing city has to offer. I have been making the most of some of these activities myself, including a trip to Ballam Park to support our newest resident vendor — Bohorama — who have taken up residence to serve amazing treats to park-goers. I also stopped by one of our Yoga in the Park sessions, to try my hand at some outdoor yoga for the first time. I won't lie, yoga is a lot harder than it looks! Despite a few unfortunate falls off the mat, it was so great to enjoy one of our local parks, in the sunshine and under the wonderful guidance of Calm Heart Yoga. I will also be heading down to support local businesses during the Do It Outdoors Bumper Weekend commencing 19 March and I look forward to seeing you all there.

Cr Nathan Conroy, Deputy Mayor

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Curbing problem gambling in Frankston City

During lockdown, when access to gaming venues was limited, our local community saved around \$32 million that would have been spent on gambling.

Between 2018 and 2019, \$559 was lost at the poker machines per adult in Frankston City, which is higher than the Victorian average of \$538. Residents lost more than \$62 million during this period. These losses have far reaching consequences for our community, beyond their financial impacts. Gambling can be detrimental to relationships, mental health and overall wellbeing.

Libraries After Dark was initially launched in 2018 and I'm very excited we have added Carrum Downs Library to the program, in a bid to combat social isolation and gambling-related harm. Carrum Downs library is now open until 10pm every Thursday night, providing residents with a safe place to meet new people, join in the activities on offer, read a book and enjoy a cuppa. If you believe you have a gambling problem, there is plenty of support available. Phone the Gambler's Helpline, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week on **1800 858 858**.

Frankston City Economic Scorecard

The Frankston City Economic Scorecard is a quarterly publication detailing the latest figures and statistics in and around the local economy, business support and tourism services by Council. The most recent edition from December notes the 7.3% fall in jobs within Frankston City by September 2020, before recovering by the end of the year to record a 1.3 % drop, when compared to employment levels prior to COVID-19. Whilst the employment result is a positive indicator for a post-COVID recovery in the region, these figures do not include local businesses that have utilised the JobKeeper subsidy during this time. More than 55 percent of Frankston-based businesses applied for JobKeeper in 2020, with only two other Victorian councils recording a higher percentage. The Construction, Retail and the Accommodation and Food Services sectors make up nearly one third of all employment in Frankston City and have each been heavily impacted by the pandemic. Council will be closely monitoring statistics that will impact the local economy, particularly the JobKeeper subsidy, which is due to finish in March. For more information and to access the Frankston City Economic Scorecard visit: frankston.vic.gov.au/Business

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Working to activate our Waterfront

The fit out of new Frankston Yacht Club building tenant, Oliver's Corner Café and Bar is progressing on schedule to meet the much-anticipated 2021 opening date.

Owners Brendan Theobald and John O'Halloran have leased the building's lower floor and are working hard to create a top notch dining experience that will make the most of this long-vacant space. Our new Council has now turned our attention to discussing possible uses for the Yacht Club's first floor and current layout. We are keen to pursue a commercial tenant to occupy the remaining space, alongside the current space utilised by the Coast Guard.

To this end, a new planning application will be lodged in April 2021, to allow for the first floor to be used as both a restaurant and Coast Guard space. An architect has been engaged to undertake fit-out design work on the first floor and it is anticipated the design will be completed and ready for construction in the second half of 2021. Council Officers are planning to undertake an advertising campaign in April 2021 to secure a commercial restaurant operator. We anticipate this previously near empty building will be fully occupied and open to residents by 2022.

Upgrades, improvements and exciting new builds for North East Ward

There are some fantastic upgrades currently underway for North East Ward in FY2020-2021, including major new facilities and critical infrastructure upgrades.

Some of the key projects happening near you this financial year include:

- Langwarrin Equestrian Centre: Develop Equestrian Masterplan (\$15,700)
- Sandfield Reserve Dog Off Leash Area (\$160k, including \$87K Victorian Government contribution)
- Road upgrade: McCormicks Road: Local Road and Community Infrastructure Project (\$550,000)
- Road upgrade: Warrandyte Road safety and congestion improvements (\$600,000)
- New Centenary Park Tennis Centre (\$1,964,000)
- Centenary Park Golf Course Irrigation Upgrade (\$518,000)
- Lawton Reserve: Stage 2 Sportsfield lighting design and construction (196,523)
- Lloyd Park Senior Pavilion Redevelopment (\$200,000).

Councillors and officers are working hard to bring these projects to fruition, to provide the very best outcomes for our community.

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North-East Ward

Langwarrin >> Carrum Downs >> Sandhurst >> Skye

Improving safety on local roads

Local Area Traffic Management (LATM) works to reduce traffic volumes and speeds in local streets, increase amenity and improve safety and access for residents, especially pedestrians and cyclists.

Work is now underway on an LATM for the Sweetwater Precinct, following consultation with residents to address major traffic issues including speed, ineffective roundabouts, high volumes of traffic along a number of local streets, lack of footpaths on some narrow roads and irresponsible driving. The traffic management plan is expected to be completed by the end of the 2021–2022 financial year at a projected cost of about \$1.1 million. A similar LATM is also underway in Seaford. If you believe there's a traffic safety issue in your area, don't hesitate to email us at: info@frankston.vic.gov.au or phone: 1300 322 322.

Enforcing health and safety standards

Our Environmental Health Officers are responsible for ensuring high health and safety standards in businesses across the City, to protect the health of our community and our environment. They have continued to work throughout the pandemic, including the lockdown period. New processes across all facets in regards to Environmental Health were implemented to adapt to the ever changing environment. This includes more desktop assessment, shorter face to face inspections, further support for business in regards to their COVID-19 plans and providing additional services where it was going to have a direct impact on public health.

Long serving staff a testament to loyalty and dedication

Council recognises our long serving staff, those who have worked with us for at least 10 years, with regular recognition ceremonies. Council's latest event recognised 60 staff for what amounts to a collective 1000 years of service — not only to Council but to our community. Seven of these staff have been with Council for between an incredible 25 and 30 years. I would like to acknowledge and thank these long serving staff members for their invaluable contribution and passionate dedication to Frankston City Council, which ensures vital services, programs and infrastructure are able to be provided to our residents and businesses.



Recognising diversity and celebrating the power of community

On the 26th of January, I was privileged to stand alongside three other new Councillors as guests of the Willum Warrain Aboriginal Association.

This organisation seeks to provide a safe, cultural space for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to gather on the Mornington Peninsula. Many non-indigenous folk from across the Mornington Peninsula took this opportunity to demonstrate solidarity with our nation's first peoples and express a willingness to continue on a journey of friendship and learning. Despi O'Connor (Mayor), Sarah Race (Deputy Mayor) and Kerri McCafferty are all newly elected to Mornington Peninsula Shire Council and this event provided an opportunity for us to finally meet in person after a largely 'digital' campaign season in 2020.

Later that week I also joined Cr Brad Hill and Cr Sue Baker in attending an Australia Day Ceremony at the Langwarrin Mosque. Hosted by the Ahmadiyya Muslim Association Victoria, during the gathering we heard moving tributes paid to the important work of the CFA and Peninsula Health within our community, as well as being treated to a scrumptious feast of curries.

In recent months I have been amazed to learn even more about the diverse array of groups at work within our community. They gather to engage in sport and recreation; to serve vulnerable members of our city; to work and advocate for the protection our natural assets and to collaboratively provide valuable services and gathering spaces. We truly are more than the sum of our parts: our diverse community is at the heart of who we are as a City, and this is something that I want to continue to recognise and celebrate.

Supporting students to learn during difficult times

As someone who has just begun a double degree in mechatronics and accounting this year, I have a new understanding and appreciation for what it means to be a tertiary student.

Fees, textbooks and the technology needed to complete the course are expensive. I'm lucky that I am in a position where my parents are able to help me with these costs and I am able to work to contribute my share but not everyone is so fortunate. I was honoured to meet Chisholm student Leanne recently, who received one of Council's Student Scholarship Grants. Her laptop had stopped working properly and kept breaking down while she was trying to work, making study incredibly stressful and nearly impossible. Leanne is a full time carer to her mum and nephew, who have multiple health issues, and on a carer's pension she had no way to replace her laptop. Thanks to the grant she was able to buy the first new laptop she has ever owned and continue her Allied Health studies. I was in awe of her strength and humour during stressful times and I am so happy we could help her continue to fulfil her dreams.

Upskilling our creative young people

I was also lucky to have the chance to see firsthand some of the amazing youth services Council offers, which provide a real chance for young people to upskill, create connections and gain confidence in themselves. The first was the FReeZA Program based out of a purpose built studio at the Ebdale Community Hub and supported by Council and the Victorian Government. This program, run by our Youth Services Team, provides an opportunity for participants to plan, organise, promote and run all-ages music, arts and culture events and projects for the Frankston community. My next stop was to Frankie's Café at the Frankston South Community Centre. The café helps people aged 15–24 years-old, who are not employed or engaged, in education or training, to learn key hospitality skills to improve job outcomes and, in many cases, lead them back to school. It's great to be part of a Council that recognises and invests in young peoples' potential.

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From left: Frankston MP Paul Edbrooke, Frankston International Motel owner and Committee for Greater Frankston member, Phil Jones, Council CEO Phil Cantillon, former Councillor Glenn Aitken and Councillor Sue Baker

Pocket park to transform Evelyn Street open space

Existing open space on the corner of Evelyn Street and Fletcher Road, Frankston will be transformed into an exciting park for the community to enjoy.

The Victorian Government has provided \$1.3 million for the park to be built on the pocket of vacant Council-owned land between the Nepean Highway, the Frankston International Motel and Frankston Police Station.

The park will include an amphitheatre and elevated performance space, a rainforest garden incorporating water sensitive urban design principles, planted arbours, footpath connections to Nepean Highway and Fletcher Road, seating and solar lighting, as well as an informal play area and grassed recreation areas. The gathering space will also feature barbecues, a drinking fountain, bike hoops, a sculpture and references to local Indigenous culture.

Tree planting along Fletcher Road will be extended as part of the project and native and deciduous trees will also be planted within the reserve.

Councillor Sue Baker and Council CEO Phil Cantillon met with Frankston MP Paul Edbrooke and Frankston

International Motel owner and Committee for Greater Frankston member, Phil Jones, at the site on Wednesday 27 January to discuss the park's exciting future.

Cr Baker thanked the Victorian Government for contributing to the project through the Suburban Parks Program. Round two funding was announced by Minister for Energy, Environment and Climate Change, Lily D'Ambrosio, on Sunday 24 January.

"Council nominated this project for the program because we knew a park like this would be a tremendous asset for our residents. This is a wonderful outcome for the local community and will ensure this open space in the heart of our City, can be enjoyed for many years to come," Cr Baker said.

Mr Edbrooke said, "The pandemic has brought into sharp focus the value of open green space in our community and this new park will deliver just that – building on Frankston's reputation as the lifestyle capital of Victoria."

Work on the project is expected to commence in July this year and be completed by the end of February 2022.

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Lettuce Eat! Frankston Food Swaps are back

You can once again swap all your homegrown goodies each month, after a long hiatus due to COVID-19.

The FREE community event is an opportunity to share your surplus homegrown foods with other locals, including fruit, vegetables, herbs, eggs, seeds and seedlings.

The swaps are run by a team of volunteers and are a fun way to meet other gardening enthusiasts, swap tips and tricks and try different foods. For more information on the next scheduled swap, follow @FrankstonFoodSwap

LIVE & LOCAL



LIVE AND LOCAL EVENT SERIES

Frankston City is celebrating all things local events this March, including live music, street art, markets good food and entertainment.

Put some comfortable shoes on and get ready to explore our great City as we take you on a travelling journey through different outdoor sites Saturday 20 and Sunday 21 March 2021.

There is something for everyone at each of the different event sites, with many activities and precincts to explore as you venture through Frankston and Seaford throughout the weekend. Don't forget the Big Picture Fest Street Art tours will also depart from our Wells Street and Youth Central sites.

LIVE AND LOCAL AT THE FORESHORE

Live and Local at the Foreshore will showcase the natural beauty of the beach and bay, as you enjoy the many things on offer throughout our spacious event site.

See what our market stalls have on offer, ignite your taste buds as you enjoy food from our vendors or if twists and turns are more your style visit the family rides and amusements across the creek. There will plenty of live music with our stage activated right through the event featuring Bo'ness, Riley Catherall and Greta Ziller not to be missed.

Make sure you stick around to watch the beautiful sunset each day before you continue to enjoy the atmosphere and activities into the evening.

LIVE AND LOCAL AT SEAFORD

Live and Local at Seaford will have you and the family listening to classic children's stories, before you're up and dancing well into the afternoon. In the evening, the site transforms into an acoustic music and food haven, so kick back and relax while watching local artists do their thing!

Our stage will be host to some special Storytimes with Frankston City Libraries' favourites you know and love. Grab your physically distanced spot on the lawn for a front row seat to all of the stage performances, including Iaki Vallej and Frankston City's own The Lorenz Band Duo. Visit the Seaford Library or one of the many food vendors onsite or restaurants surrounding the precinct, there is plenty to do in Seaford!

LIVE AND LOCAL AT YOUTH CENTRAL

Live and Local at Youth Central will showcase some amazing performers from the FReeZA program and beyond. Don't miss Ed Moon and Matilda Pearl Saturday and Sunday evening respectively, as they perform their best tracks.

Tap into your artistic side and check out our Youth Street Art Workshop run by a local professional street artist. Take a visit to the Frankston Library and explore new and exciting additions to their digital collections or if gaming is more your style come and chill at Youth Services' The What Bus and see if you and your mates have what it takes to be the ultimate gamer.

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SEAFORD 10AM - 8PM SATURDAY

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10AM - 8PM DAILY

WELLS STREET
WELLS STREET, FRANKSTON
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LIVE AND LOCAL AT WELLS STREET

Live and Local at Wells Street is your chance to relax and unwind with chilled music and entertainment as our performers take to the streets, including Sherry Lee and Velvet Bloom.



These events are conducted in line with current COVID-19 restrictions and are subject to change. For more information on COVID-safe events visit: frankstonevents.com.au

PARTY IN THE PARK

FREE fun day out for kids
BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

Sunday 11 April 2021
10am – 2pm
Cruden Farm, Langwarrin

Storytime with comedian Claire Hooper & illustrator Jackie Nguyen
Tractor rides • Animal farm Activities • Market stalls
Information on local children's services

To book your free tickets visit frankstonevents.com.au
No tickets will be available on the day

Please leave your pets at home, service animals welcome.

Frankston City

Party in the Park

Party in the Park is returning in 2021 and we are ready to party at the magical Cruden Farm!

Speaking of farms, this is the theme of our event this year, so come dressed in your farm-inspired outfits for your chance to win some great prizes.

Party in the Park is a family favourite event on our calendar, with 2021 set to have an amazing line-up of children's activities and market stalls, an animal farm and tractor rides — you will want to mark this in your calendar!

Meet Melbourne comedian, Claire Hooper, for Storytime at 10.30am. Claire will read her new book,

Princess Benjamina Has a Very Cheeky Bum! You'll meet Claire as well as illustrator, Jackie Nguyen and of course your favourite Storytime tellers...Kerry, Monica and Bev from Frankston City Libraries!

Due to the current COVID restrictions, we are required to cap our numbers for the event; as a result, for the first time in 2021 we will require you to book in to attend.

Bookings will open on **Wednesday 7 April**. Head to frankstonevents.com.au for more details and to book, as we get closer to the event.



Karingal Hub expansion set to impress

Work on the \$160 million Karingal Hub expansion has ramped up, with the enhanced shopping centre due to open later this year.

Frankston City Council Mayor, Kris Bolam and CEO, Phil Cantillon, were lucky enough to sneak a peek of the progress when they toured the site in February.

Cr Bolam said residents would love the upgraded centre which would provide exciting new retailers, dining, entertainment, playgrounds and even more free parking.

"The area will also be enhanced by tree planting along the periphery of Karingal Hub, which Council negotiated as part of the permit approval process," the Mayor added.

"Everyone wants to know what is going on behind the scenes so it was amazing to tour the site and the project is coming along beautifully.

"The revitalised shopping centre will be an absolute asset to Karingal. I commend ISPT for investing in our community and encourage other developers to explore the benefits of Frankston City."

Mr Cantillon said the development was in a prime location for local families.

"It is the largest private investment locally in decades and is creating jobs and providing attractive new dining, retail and entertainment options which will boost our economy by ensuring people shop close to home." ISPT General Manager, Retailer Services, Sam Curry, said centre owners, ISPT, were very pleased with the progress of works at Karingal Hub Shopping Centre in what had been a challenging 12 months.

"We have reached a significant number of milestones including the unveiling of our new Food Court, a refurbished Woolworths store, opening of the new lower ground car park along with upgrades to our existing centre," Mr Curry said.

"We are very excited about what is yet to come and look forward to announcing new retailers and delivering a revitalised Karingal Hub in the months ahead.

"The support from Frankston City Council to help realise the vision has been tremendous along with the ongoing support of the centre's retailers, our local community and customers".

The revitalised centre will be home to Woolworths, Coles and Aldi, a market style fresh food experience, the only Big W in the Peninsula region, a new mix of specialty retailers and a modern, vibrant dining and entertainment precinct.

To complement Village Cinema, the Town Square will feature a range of new dining experiences and play spaces for younger and older children.

The fresh food mall will open in mid-2021, but the new look Woolworths store is already complete with convenient and direct access from the centre's brand-new lower ground, undercover carpark. Once complete, the shopping centre development will offer 650 extra free car parking bays (2750 in total).

The redevelopment is also expected to create more than 200 jobs during construction and 300 ongoing full time and part time jobs thereafter. For more Karingal Hub updates, follow [@karingalhub](https://www.facebook.com/karingalhub) on Facebook.



Frankston Autumn Family Fun

Keep the kids active and captivated in the outdoors this Autumn in Frankston City. With an array of activities including street art tours, an explorers club, school holiday programs, events, competitions and more, there's something for everyone.



Be inspired by larger than life wall murals on a guided Street Art Walking Tour (bookings and fees apply). Free self-guided brochures also available.



From art and craft activities and games to performances, workshops and guided ranger walks, our free online school holiday guide is a great resource.



With a paint splash trail, art murals to find and plenty of drawing, uncover the hidden art in Frankston's city centre with our Street Art Explorers booklet.



Codes on the pier, puzzles, buried treasure and playground fun, there's no better way to explore the Frankston Waterfront than with our Seaside Explorers booklet.



Celebration is a Frankston speciality. Check our website for the latest updates on family-friendly events, markets and shows enlivening our City during Autumn.



Enter our monthly photo competition to win a \$100 gift voucher. Simply snap a photo anywhere in Frankston and #discoverfrankston.

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Do It Outdoors

19-21 March

Bumper Weekend

Outdoor entertainment is calling and Frankston City is answering its call!

In collaboration with businesses, community groups and various performers, Frankston City is hosting the **Do It Outdoors Bumper Weekend** on **Friday 19 March–Sunday 21 March**.

Spread throughout the city, your favourite pastimes are back with a plethora of outdoor activities on offer including live music, outdoor markets, outdoor cinema, street art, food trucks, Yoga in the Park, dancing and much more.

The action-packed weekend includes the Live and Local Event Series on the Saturday and Sunday,

involving four mini-performances taking place in Frankston and Seaford.

The popular Spanish-inspired Ventana Festival also returns for the Bumper Weekend plus The Big Picture Fest is back to splash our city with colour, art and culture.

You can tantalise your tastebuds at Frankston City's festival of food –

Graze Frankston – where businesses in and around the City will be putting their best menus forward.

If you're ready to explore the outside world with a nibble, sip, stomp, chill, play or shop, Frankston City's **Do It Outdoors Bumper Weekend** is the perfect place for your adventure.

NIBBLE

Outdoor Dining Parklets

Friday 19 March–Sunday 21 March, Seaford and Frankston

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

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

***Seaford: Station Street**

You can also find extended dining options interventions in Frankston South at Culcairn Drive and Norman Avenue. For a full list of kerbside dining available and the many venues with existing outdoor dining options in Frankston City, visit:

discoverfrankston.com/doitoutdoors



Graze Frankston City

Friday 19 March–Sunday 21 March, City-wide

Dine in or takeaway at Frankston City's first festival of food. Create your own grand grazing menu with drink specials, meal deals, speciality dishes and brunch packages to choose from.

Try one menu item or try them all – then head to [@discoverfrankston](https://www.facebook.com/discoverfrankston) on Facebook and Instagram to share your grazing journey for your chance to win vouchers to attend more participating venues so you can continue your grazing journey. **Graze Frankston began 15 March and will be ongoing until end of April.**

SIP

Beer and Spirits Trail

Friday 19 March–Sunday 21 March, various locations throughout Frankston City

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 with most venues offering outdoor options. Contact the venue to ensure you secure your sipping spot!

*** 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**

*** Frankston Brewhouse, 10 New Street, Frankston.**



STOMP

Ventana Musical Sculpture Tour and Concert

Thursday 18 March, 6–8pm, McClelland Sculpture Park + Gallery

Join us for this one-of-a-kind experimental tour with acclaimed Italian band Santa Taranta, Dark Folk at the McClelland Sculpture Park +

Gallery. Inspired by the park and artworks, musicians and will improvise and interact with the sculptures with their instruments. The tour will be followed by an Italian world music concert. Book online via the McClelland Sculpture Park + Gallery website. For more Ventana events and exhibitions visit:

VentanaFrankston.com.au

SHOP

Frankston Community Market

Sunday 21 March, 8am–1pm, 79–83 Young Street, Frankston

The Frankston Community Market is a free weekly community outdoor market located in the very heart of Frankston, featuring an ever-changing variety of stalls varying from new and pre-loved fashion, bric-a-brac, fresh produce, flowers, plants, food and coffee (including the famous hot jam donuts), family entertainment and a whole lot more.

Seaford Farmer's Market

Sunday 21 March, 8am–1pm, Broughton Street Reserve (off Station Street)

The Rotary Club of Frankston runs the outdoor Seaford Farmers' Market on the 3rd Sunday of each month. The market offers a range of fresh produce including fruit and vegetables, fresh and smoked meats and fish, breads, pastas, cakes, desserts, jams and preserves, pickles, soaps, olive produce, pancakes and poertjies.

Wells Street Frankston

All weekend: Saturday 20 March–Sunday 21 March

Explore the many cafes, outdoor dining and shops along vibrant Wells Street. Whether you want to sit outside Grill'd and Groove Train for some burgers, enjoy a delicious coffee from Parcha or a Vietnamese dish from Baba on Wells, you can do it all on wonderful Wells Street. Don't forget to make the most of the new outdoor dining parklets spotted along the street. Most shops open from 9am and close 5.30pm, some cafes and restaurants open later.

Station Street and Nepean Hwy, Seaford

All weekend: Saturday 20 March–Sunday 21 March

Station Street has boutique shops, cafes, restaurants and plenty of outdoor dining options both on Station Street and around Nepean Highway. Sit outside any enjoy Spanish Bar's famous paella or pop over to Grilled & Fried Fish & Burger Bar for some carb-filled tasty treats, followed by an ice-cream at the renowned Gelato UNOU on Nepean Hwy.

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CHILL



All ages welcome but kids must be accompanied by a parent or guardian at all times. A gold coin donation will also secure you a sizzling sausage and cool drink. Follow @TTTAF on Facebook for more information.

Live and Local Event Series

Saturday 20 and Sunday 21 March, Various times and locations

Frankston City is celebrating all things local, including live music, street art, markets good food and entertainment. Put some comfortable shoes on and get ready to explore our great city as we take you on a travelling journey through different outdoor sites.



That's the Thing about Fishing (TTAF) - Kids/Family Fishing Clinics

Sunday 21 March, 9.30am-1.30pm, sign in Kananook Creek BBQ area

Do something different this Bumper Weekend, and bring the family down for some fishing with the experienced TTAF Team.



Yoga in the Park

Four locations:

- Keast Park, Seaford, Saturday 20 March, 9am,
- Sandfield Reserve Carrum Downs, Saturday 20 March, 5pm
- Southgateway Reserve, Langwarrin, Sunday 21 March, 9am
- George Pentland Gardens, Frankston, Sunday 21 March, 5pm

Join any of these four FREE Yoga in the Park sessions with a qualified Calm Heart Yoga instructor. The ongoing Yoga in the Park series began Saturday 27 February and will run until Sunday 28 March. Look out for more upcoming dates.

To book visit: discoverfrankston.com

The Do It Outdoors Family Fun

Friday 19 March-Sunday 21 March

Food Trucks: various locations Langwarrin and Carrum Downs

Cinema: Astro Boy, Friday 19 March, Centenary Park Golf Course, McClelland Drive, Langwarrin, 5.30pm, Sausage Sizzle 6.30pm movie

Treat the family to hours of fun this Bumper Weekend with cinema, food trucks and a whole lot more — all in the great outdoors. BYO picnic rug or chair to enjoy the cinema experience. Entry is just \$5 entry per person, refunded on food purchases. Keep an eye out on our social media pages or visit: discoverfrankston.com/doitoutdoors-bumperweekend for locations and more information.

PLAY

Frankston Family Carnival

Saturday 20 March, 1pm-9.30pm, Sunday 21 March, 1pm-6:30pm, McCombs Reserve, Frankston

Bring the family and enjoy some good old fashioned fun at Frankston's Family Carnival this Bumper Weekend. Ferris wheel, tea cups, carnival games and more! There is something for every thrill seeker this weekend.

Sculpture Trail

Friday 19 March-Sunday 21 March

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/things-to-do/sculptures to check out where to find them.



The Big Picture Fest 2021

Friday 19 March-Sunday 21 March

The Big Picture Fest is back for another year and bringing with it 10 of the most diverse and talented large scale mural artists from around Australia. This all Australian line-up is set to transform various walls around Frankston City, helping to

cement Frankston City's growing reputation as an arts and culture destination. Get set to witness masterpieces being created right before your eyes as you soak up the city's creative energy.



Frankston Street Art Tours

Throughout Frankston, various times, all weekend

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, and offer a guided 1.5 hours tour with an experienced guide who will talk you through the inspiration, and background of each piece. To book visit: discoverfrankston.com

HWBE 4s Beach Volleyball

Saturday 20 March, registrations open 8am, Frankston Foreshore

Join HWBE 4s for beach volleyball fun. Open to everyone. Sign up on the day. Team of four, \$60. Each team must have at least one female player.

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

Need some help to reduce your energy bills?



With rising energy costs and many people working from home this past year, you may have noticed an increase in your power bills and started to think of ways to reduce this. Here are some opportunities available to help you with this.

- **Free 20 minute energy consultation**

Council's partnership with the Australian Energy Foundation (AEF) means Frankston City residents can arrange for a free 20 minute energy consultation. The AEF provides a range of energy advice to make your home more energy efficient, including advice on installing solar on your home, how to get a better deal on your energy bills and much more. All you need to do is book in a time and an AEF energy advisor will call you. Book your FREE consultation, or phone: **1300 236 855**

- **Rebates for energy efficient heating and cooling**

The Victorian Government has announced a new rebate to help low income and vulnerable households, such as concession card holders, install high-efficiency heating and cooling systems in their homes. To find out more and to register your interest visit: solar.vic.gov.au or phone: **1300 376 393**

- **Once-off Power Saving Bonus**

A \$250 power saving bonus for pensioner concession card holders and some health care card holders (including JobSeeker, Youth Allowance, Austudy and Abstudy recipients) is now available. The bonus is a once-off \$250 payment to provide direct support to vulnerable Victorian households experiencing energy bill stress due to the COVID-19 pandemic. To submit an application visit: compare.energy.vic.gov.au or for more information, or to be connected with an approved community organisation who can assist you with your application, phone: **1800 000 832**

- **Energy Assistance and Broker Program**

The Brotherhood of St. Laurence has launched a new service for eligible Victorians, to provide help and advice on their energy bills. They can help you to understand your bills, ensure you are receiving your energy concession, negotiate a cheaper energy offer, improve the energy efficiency of your home, and get help from your retailer to pay your energy bill or fix a billing error. The program is supported by the Victorian Government and delivered in partnership with the Brotherhood of St. Laurence, Australian Energy Foundation and GV Community Energy and Uniting. To find out more and to check if you are eligible visit: bsl.org.au or phone: **1800 830 029**



Council powers up its fight against climate change

Council has joined more than 130 of its counterparts in signing on to the Climate Council's Cities Power Partnership. North-West Ward Cr Sue Baker said the partnership would allow the City to be at the forefront when it came to tackling climate change.

"The councils involved represent half of Australia's residents and this partnership allows us to share knowledge, strategies and access the latest expert advice. This includes information on ways to further reduce greenhouse gas pollution, switch to clean energy and build resilient communities."

Last year's Climate Change Community Survey aimed to better understand the community's priorities for responding to the emergency and ways of working together to meet these challenges locally. Feedback received will contribute to the draft Climate Change Strategy and Action Plan, which is due to Council mid 2022.

South Ward Cr Claire Harvey said 80 per cent of survey respondents were 'extremely concerned' or 'very concerned' about climate change. "Council received 762 responses to the survey, plus over 50 ideas, comments and votes submitted to the Big Ideas Forum, showing a very high level of interest in this issue and that our community wants meaningful action on climate change.

"Having received the survey report, Council is now well placed to draft the Action Plan which will outline how we will work to address climate change and support individual and community climate action," Cr Harvey said.

Council has moved to implement a series of wide ranging initiatives in response to the challenge of climate change. For more information, visit frankston.vic.gov.au/climatechange



Did you know...?

Meat and fruit trays are now recyclable! So make sure to pop them in your yellow-lidded recycling bin before the next collection — remove the plastic lining first. Please note: polystyrene and black meat trays are not recyclable. For more dos and don'ts for recyclables, visit: frankston.vic.gov.au/AtoZ

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Greening Our Future

FREE webinars and outdoor events

Our ever popular series of environmental events is back, with online sessions continuing to be a great way to learn, until 'in person' indoor events can safely return. We also have some great outdoor events too! Join us, connect with your local community and learn interesting, practical tips for sustainable living. For more information and to book your place, visit: frankston.vic.gov.au/EnviroEvents

Pollinator Power: part of Frankston Indigenous Nursery Open Day

Saturday 27 March, 9am-1pm

We all know the importance of having flowers pollinated to produce seeds and fruits. But have you ever wondered who does the pollinating? Come along to the Frankston Indigenous Nursery Open Day to hear our guest speaker, Luis Mata (Research Fellow from RMIT University) talk about wild pollinators and what kind of plants you can select for your garden to attract them. One of our rangers will be doing a pollinator count on the day and would appreciate your help! For more information on the Indigenous Nursery Event visit: frankston.vic.gov.au

This will be a great practice run prior to the official **Wild Pollinator Count** starting on 11 April.

During the week starting on 11 April, the Wild Pollinator Count will be held

around Australia so that we can learn more about how native insects contribute to pollination. This citizen science project is simple to participate in and all the resources you need are readily available at wildpollinatorcount.com It simply involves spending 10 minutes observing a flower or group of flowers in your garden or local park and recording what comes to visit, using the easy to use identification guides. Your records can then be submitted to the website.

Earth Hour: Nature After Dark FREE guided night walk

Saturday 27 March, 8.30pm, Paratea Flora and Fauna Reserve, Frankston South, bookings essential

Why not switch your lights off as you leave the house and join our rangers for an evening exploring the bush as it comes to life at nightfall. We will be using red covered spotlights to observe nocturnal wildlife without disturbing their vision. Bookings close at 4pm Friday 26 March. To book, phone: 1300 322 842 or visit: discoverfrankston.com

How to Save Energy in Your Rental Home

Tuesday 20 April, 7.30-8.30pm, online, FREE

Are you renting? Wondering what you can do to make your home energy efficient, cut down your carbon emissions (which contribute to climate change) and pay less for energy? This free webinar will help you discover cost effective ways to

make your rental home more energy efficient without sacrificing on comfort.

Find out:

- Where your home uses energy and what areas you should prioritise
- Simple DIY ways to make your rental home more thermally comfortable without needing landlord approval
- Technologies, products and simple solutions available to help you save energy
- How solar works and the steps needed to install solar on a rental property
- How to switch to renewable energy through GreenPower

The webinar is proudly brought to you by Frankston City Council and the Australian Energy Foundation.

Composting and Worm Farming for Beginners: Webinars

Wednesday 19 and Thursday 20 May, 7.30pm-8.30pm, via Zoom, bookings essential

If you don't eat it, your garden will. Learn how easy it is to create nourishing compost or 'worm juice' to improve your soil in either the garden or pots and help grow healthy plants, while reducing food waste sent to landfill. Good for you and your garden and good for the environment!

There will be two separate webinars, so choose the one you're most keen on (or both!).

Urban Forest Action Plan responds to climate emergency

Council has allocated a further \$60,000 – in addition to the \$65,000 already committed this financial year – to implement its Urban Forest Action Plan, as part of wide ranging initiatives in response to the challenge of climate change.

Councillors voted at their 27 January Meeting to put the funds towards the strategic plan for how Council will work over the next two decades to create a healthy and well maintained urban forest — which is the sum of all trees across the municipality.

South Ward Cr Claire Harvey said ensuring Frankston City both maintained and increased the tree coverage and green space within the municipality must be a priority.

“Tree coverage has a range of environmental, economic and social benefits for the community, but we need a coordinated and planned response rather than an ad hoc approach. Funding a comprehensive plan will ensure a best-practice strategy that meets a range of challenges well into the future including climate change mitigation and adaptation as well as biodiversity protection,” Cr Harvey said.

“Our aim is that within 20 years the tree canopy cover across all areas of Frankston City will increase from 17 to 20 per cent and Frankston City will look a lot greener and be a lot cooler,” Cr Harvey said.

To achieve this Council will prioritise planting where heat impacts are high, where tree canopy cover is low; in high pedestrian activity areas such as surrounding schools, playgrounds, shopping strips, public transport stops and shared user paths; and increasing vegetation for greening and cooling within the Frankston Metropolitan Activity Centre.

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

For more information on Greening our Future events or to book visit:
frankston.vic.gov.au/EnviroEvents

Invest Frankston



Linking students with business!

Council is collaborating with Monash Business School to provide first-hand work experience of business operations in the local region.

If you have been looking for an extra pair of hands to help in your business and you're keen to help provide further training and employability skills to our future workforce, then this is your opportunity.

The 'Linking to Business Program' aims to place students with a local business to assist them to develop

important employability skills and aid their transition into a career after graduation. The program also provides an opportunity for employers to share valuable industry knowledge and experience and help to mentor students, as well as demonstrate the diverse career options available in our city.

Host businesses located in Frankston City, which have five employees or more, can now apply to participate in the 2021 program. For more information, visit: frankston.vic.gov.au

Save the date!

Our popular Mumpreneur Workshop Series is BACK! Save the dates as this six week workshop for mums (dads are welcome too!) will be held every Wednesday from 17 March to 21 April 10am-12pm. These workshops are selling out fast.

Open to those looking to start their own business or learn more about running their existing business.

Hosted by industry experts, you can gain fundamental skills about creating a business plan, finance management, marketing, branding, website design, social media and more.

Kids are welcome and a qualified carer will look after your children while you learn.

The idea of these workshops is to give parents with young children a chance to learn about starting a business.

More details to come. Stay tuned to Invest Frankston social media pages for details or to express your interest, email: business@frankston.vic.gov.au



Hop Shop co-owner Ed

Council's Invest Frankston campaign reaps rewards

Frankston is open for business! That's the message from Frankston City Council's Invest Frankston campaign, which is attracting business and investment to the municipality.

South Ward Cr Brad Hill said that the campaign is reaping rewards, with Council currently facilitating over 100 business and investment enquiries through the establishment of its Business Concierge and Investment Attraction specialist services.

"We offer a tailored service to support investment from first attraction or enquiry through to establishment. Council has developed a suite of resources to attract investment since the endorsement of the refreshed Investment Attraction Program 2019 - 2024.

"Successful businesses such as The Hop Shop bar and bottle shop and General Public have been attracted to Frankston through this campaign and are now revitalising several long term vacancies within Frankston's city centre.

The Hop Shop co-owner Ed Cox said business had been great since

opening in Playne Street last year. He said the beachside locale and a gap in the market contributed to the decision to open.

"I've been in the craft beer industry for about five to six years in a variety of different roles. We knew there were a lot of young families coming to the area — we thought it was the right time for Frankston to get a venue that was more than your regular pub.

"We're really lucky to have craft breweries Mr Banks, Dainton and Mornington Peninsula Brewery around us. We were always going to get involved with them and champion them when we could. You've always got to do that for your locals. It's a great way of showing off the area," Mr Cox said.

Mr Cox said support from residents since the business opened had been fantastic, adding: "It's been really cool to see the local community come down."

For more information about the Invest Frankston campaign, visit: investfrankston.com

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FRANKSTON ARTS CENTRE

2020 program

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SALUTE TO THE ANZACS: MORE GREAT SONGS OF THE WAR YEARS

Experience a production dedicated to those brave men and women who gave of their lives in service of our country, **Salute to the Anzacs: More Great Songs of the War Years** will feature many hit songs, stories and laughter that came from World War I, World War II and The Vietnam War, all in front of a backdrop of incredible images on the big screen.

Featuring a stunning cast led by producer and narrator **Chris McKenna**, star tenor **Roy Best**, musical theatre star **Jaz Flowers**, international soprano **Alison Jones** and Opera Australia's **Caroline Vercore** this production will take place in the lead up to Anzac Day.



Theatre

Daytime Music + Theatre

Salute to the Anzacs: More Great Songs of the War Years

Friday 9 April, 10.30am and 1.30pm

Tickets: \$19 - \$21



Ballet

The Australian Ballet School

Friday 21 May, 1.30pm & 6pm

Tickets: \$19-\$21



Workshops

Workshops for Seniors

Comedy and Connection

Tuesday 23 March - Tuesday 27 April, 10am-12.30pm

Cost: \$10 for 6 weeks



Music

Danilo Rojas & Afro Latin American Jazz Ensemble

Pan-American Highway

Wednesday 24 March, 7.30pm

Tickets: \$27-\$45



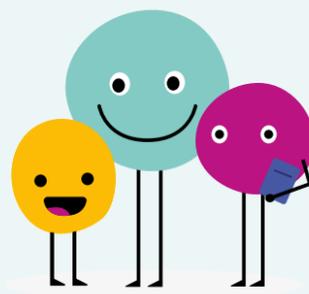
Comedy

Melbourne International Comedy Festival

Comedy Festival Roadshow

Sunday 2 May, 8pm

Tickets: \$27-\$60



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James Haley, Long Island Cricket Club President

Numbers add up for local sporting clubs

Councillors voted in February to extend its relief for sporting clubs and outdoor fitness providers by waiving summer tenancy fees and ground hire fees totalling \$134,000.

South Ward Cr Brad Hill said the forced hibernation of the majority of sporting clubs has severely impacted their financial sustainability and the fee waiver will provide critical relief to 27 summer sporting clubs in Frankston City.

“The clubs’ ability to generate revenue has been limited and they will need to ensure financial sustainability and stability as community sport recommences in a COVID normal environment,” Cr Hill said.

“Without the need to raise as much money, club volunteers will be able to complete the COVID-19 reporting requirements and enable the community to come together to

play sport and connect with each other,” Cr Hill said.

Council has already provided approximately \$197,000 to support sporting clubs, including grants and waiver of tenancy and ground allocation fees for local sporting clubs over winter, via our \$7.038 million COVID-19 Relief and Recovery Package.

Long Island Cricket Club President James Haley said the tenancy fee waiver has given the club a huge boost when it needed it most.

“It’s a fair bit of pressure off with the season restricted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. It takes the pressure off for the committee and the members financially and allows us to regroup,” Mr Haley said.

For more information on available COVID-19 supports, visit: frankston.vic.gov.au/FTLOF

Frankston Archery Club

Come and Try sessions, Saturdays, 9–10.30am, Baxter Park, Frankston South

Frankston Archery Club has been a local fixture of Baxter Park for over 40 years. Since restrictions lifted to club and non-members, there has been a strong interest from people wanting to attend the archery ‘Come and Try’ sessions and the club’s Basic Archery Courses.

The club sees archery as a sport for all ages, abilities and fitness levels. There is a long tradition of nurturing young and old archers alike into the sport. The current youngest archer at the club is

8 years-old and the oldest, somewhere in their 80s.

The club has members who practice with many different types of bows, including Olympic Recurve, Compound and traditional bow types such as Longbow. There are archers who meet up with friends for friendly ‘hit and giggle’, right through to members who compete at national and international level. All levels practice and socialise together, with the club encouraging a friendly, community environment. To join or for more information, visit: frankstonarcheryclub.com.au

Centenary Park: Two great tennis clubs merge and move house

Two local tennis clubs have now moved into their amazing new home at the revitalised Frankston East Tennis Club facilities at Centenary Park. Frankston Tennis Club and Frankston East Tennis Club have also merged to form the Frankston Centenary Tennis Club.

The merge began after Frankston Tennis Club’s previous club grounds were acquired by the Victorian Government to make way for the vital Frankston Hospital expansion. Since then, Council has worked with the two clubs and Tennis Victoria/Australia to complete the \$4.2 million redevelopment.

The project is nearing completion thanks to the hard work from both clubs who contributed a combined \$35,000, together with \$1.15 million from Council, \$3 million (sale of land costs provided to Council by the Victorian Government) and \$50,000 from Tennis Australia. Final landscaping works will complete the project in the coming months.

Features include:

- 13 hard surface courts with new lighting and fencing

- Upgrade of existing pavilion featuring open social space, kitchen and bar, storage and cool room, accessible shower, accessible public toilet, new male and female change rooms and amenities, meeting room and tournament office, external painting and service upgrades
- Car park upgrades meeting DDA compliance requirements
- Landscape works

Frankston Centenary Tennis Club President, John McGillivray said, “The new facility looks fantastic and is a tremendous asset for not only tennis but it is a show piece for Frankston and will attract and support tennis players from the broader community. Thank you Frankston City Council and we are looking forward to our grand opening once landscaping is completed.”



The 'Skye's' the limit for women in sport

The almost \$1 million upgrade of Skye Recreation Reserve pavilion change facilities is now complete, providing a significant boost to female sporting participation in the area.

In addition to the \$811,000 Council investment, the project was completed with the help of a \$100,000 commitment from State Member for Carrum, Sonya Kilkenny MP from the Victorian Government’s 2018–2019 Female Friendly Facilities Fund.

Skye Cricket Club and the Skye United Football (Soccer) Club currently use the grounds, with both benefitting from two additional change rooms with supporting female compliant amenities. The upgrade has also provided two unisex umpire facilities,



ensuring that female participation in the sport of soccer and cricket is supported in all spheres of the game. The upgrade also included first aid and storage with supporting amenities.

The two clubs are now better positioned to cater for female players by offering additional participation and competition opportunities. Clubs will have the ability to better support progression of female junior players to female senior teams and accommodate a broader variety of weekend competitions and weekday training. For more information on joining Skye Soccer Club, visit: skyesoccerclub.net.au For more information on joining Skye Cricket Club, visit: skye.vic.cricket.com.au