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Seaford Community Centre,
 corner of Station Street and
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 Monday to Friday, 9am–5pm
 Saturday 9am–12pm

Langwarrin Customer Service Centre

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

Carrum Downs Library and Customer Service Centre

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 Waterfront
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Mayor's message

New policies boost good conduct

I was pleased to see the revised Councillor Code of Conduct adopted in February, which aims to prevent misleading or harmful behaviours and provide guidelines on appropriate Councillor conduct. Not long after, the new Communications Policy, which in part governs appropriate social media use by both the staff and elected Councillors, was adopted in April. The Gifts Policy, determining what if any gifts Councillors and staff may appropriately give and receive while performing their roles, was also adopted in April. These are critical policies that set a solid framework for good governance across the organisation and I look forward to seeing the positive effects in the coming years. Council also recently updated our Sexual Harassment Policy, in response to the Victorian Auditor-General's recommendations in December. The revised policy, as well as changes such as mandatory training, anonymous reporting options and protocols for managing sexual harassment.

Consultation opens in May for Annual Budget and Council Plan

I encourage residents to take advantage of the many opportunities to provide feedback on our key priorities. Both our Council Plan and Annual Budget will be

out for consultation this month. This is your opportunity to have your say on the services we provide and where funding goes. We have an extensive schedule of online and pop up community consultations happening in May and June for our Council Plan and Budget and other key projects. If you see us in your neighbourhood, I really encourage you to take a moment to tell us your thoughts or simply head to the Council website. To provide feedback on any of these critical policies and more, visit: frankston.vic.gov.au/HaveYourSay.

New Hall of Fame location

We have seen tremendous progress on many key projects planned before COVID-19 surfaced, with delivery thankfully not delayed by the pandemic. In the past three months a series of exciting openings have occurred throughout the municipality. The city's first synthetic sports field opened at Carrum Downs Recreation Reserve, upgraded female change facilities opened at Skye Road Pavilion and the Orwil Street Community Centre opened following extensive refurbishment works.

In particular, I am very proud of the newly-relocated Hall of Fame installation and the improvement works



in Clyde Street Mall which were recently completed. The Hall of Fame, which honours 23 local high achieving individuals and groups, has officially moved from Frankston's Waterfront to its new home in Clyde Street Mall. Frankston City has been home to many inspiring people who have excelled in their chosen field. From sports to science, medicine to entertainment, their contributions continue to make the world a better place. It is wonderful to be able to honour them in a purpose built area of our city centre. It was great that some of the project funding was non-government based and I thank Vicinity Centres for their \$50,000 contribution, as well as the \$230,000 developer contribution. Council funded the remainder of the \$1.07 million project. In addition to the refreshed Hall of Fame, mall upgrades include pedestrian lighting, paving, new surfaces, garden beds, street streets and CCTV.

Cr Kris Bolam, Mayor

Message from the CEO

Each year, we prepare an annual budget outlining how we will deliver services and programs to the community. The budget covers things like managing our waste, maintaining our infrastructure, community facilities and parks, operating our libraries, events, festivals and arts centre. We also provide services to people at all stages of life.

Our draft budget sets out approximately \$175 million in operating and \$65 million in capital expenditure, with much of this committed to funding essential services and community services. In April, we completed a pre-draft budget public consultation, to allow residents to have input at the critical planning stages. This was a first for Council and part of our push to increase engagement and transparency with our community. Also for the first time this year, the budget and four year Council Plan have been merged into a single document, to better reflect how these two important pieces of work complement each other in the delivery of

critical services and infrastructure for our City. This merged document, the 2021–2025 Council Plan and Budget, opens for consultation this month.

We are ensuring everyone has a chance to have their say, with in-person feedback sessions occurring across Frankston City. Visit the Council website for more information. Our Community Panel has become instrumental in helping to influence so many of Council's key projects and plans, including the Council Plan, since the group formed in 2020. I would like to thank them for their invaluable contribution to the future of Frankston City.

We are in planning stages for Council's next Community Satisfaction Survey and this year are extending the survey beyond what is expected of us under the Local Government Performance Reporting Framework. The revised survey, which will also go out to more residents in May, will measure the importance of particular services, sentiment and satisfaction with Councils performance.



This new approach will help us to identify service specific issues and opportunities. It will also enable us to develop actions to address any issues with our service delivery and improve overall community satisfaction. Results should be out in June, keep an eye on the Council website for more information.

Lastly, it has been wonderful to see our city come back to life with the further easing of restrictions these past few months. I look forward to seeing us continue progressing to a 'business-as-usual' approach to daily life over the remainder of the year.

**Phil Cantillon
 Chief Executive Officer**

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Mayor Kris Bolam and the State Member for Frankston, Paul Edbrooke MP (centre) with (from left) Groomed to Go Board member Robyn Tredinnick, Headspace Frankston Team Leader (youth and diversity) Kylie Quirk, Chisholm Skills and Job Centre Manager, Andrea O'Bryan, Mas National Career Development Consultant Team Leader, Steve Roberts, Groomed to Go President, Marian Gandy, Job Find Regional Manager, Xell Oliver-Frauca, Frankston Mornington Peninsula Local Learning and Employment Network Executive Officer, Carol Smith, Brotherhood of St Laurence Transition to Work Program Manager, Bek Willmott, and Chisholm Workforce Solutions General Manager, Paul Konig.

Jobs Victoria Advocates to help job seekers in Frankston

Frankston City job seekers will receive vital support thanks to a partnership between Council, the Victorian Government and key organisations.

Three new Jobs Victoria Advocates funded by the Victorian Government will soon be working in community spaces in Frankston where they will offer face-to-face support to job seekers. The Jobs Victoria Advocates will help connect people with local employment opportunities and services such as training, counselling

or mentoring support to help them get back to work. Working from locations including Frankston Library and local community centres, the Jobs Advocates will provide personalised support to ensure nobody is left behind in the recovery from COVID-19 and the economic downturn. As part of our \$7.038 million Relief and Recovery Package, \$110,000 was also set aside to establish the Frankston City Job Seeker Alliance. For more information, visit: frankston.vic.gov.au

New disability parking permit scheme

The Victorian Government has introduced a new disability parking permit scheme known as the Accessible Parking Permit (APP) Scheme.

The APP Scheme will standardise permits to better align with the Australian Disability Parking Scheme

(ADPS), making sure Victorian permits are recognised across the country.

All existing permits will remain valid until their expiry date. For further information on the APP Scheme, including FAQs, visit: frankston.vic.gov.au/DisabilityParkingPermits



Reconciliation Week 27 May–3 June

Join us online for a special National Reconciliation Week Storytime with two of your favourite storytellers, Monica and Bev, available on the Frankston City Libraries website from Monday 24 May.

National Reconciliation Week is an important week for all Australians and stories are an important part of our culture. First Australians have been sharing stories for thousands of years. Stories help to share history, culture and achievements, and to explore how each of us can contribute to achieving reconciliation in Australia. Visit: library.frankston.vic.gov.au

IDAHOBIT Day Monday 17 May

Council recognised the International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia with an official rainbow flag raising ceremony and celebration morning tea.

Mayor Kris Bolam spoke at the event about the importance of celebrating diversity and combating discrimination.

For more information on IDAHOBIT Day, visit: idahobit.org.au



Celebrating our volunteers

National Volunteer Week, 17–23 May, is an annual celebration to recognise the generous contribution of our community's volunteers. This year's theme is Recognise, Reconnect, Reimagine. The week recognises the more than 16,800 people within Frankston City who volunteer their time to support their local community.

A number of Council services and local community groups, sports clubs and schools rely on volunteers, who kindly give their time to help others and the environment.

Impact Volunteering Team Leader, Sue Dunn, said this is a great opportunity to pay tribute to our volunteer

workforce, who give back so much to their communities.

"Volunteers play an integral role in our community, lending their time and talents to support and enhance the lives of others. On behalf of Council and the Frankston City community, I'd like to pass on my sincere thanks for everything our volunteers do.

Anyone looking to give back to their community by volunteering should contact Impact Volunteering."

For more information on local volunteering opportunities, email: info@impactvolunteering.org.au or visit: impactvolunteering.org.au



Frankston Visitor Information Centre volunteer, Helen

Celebrating seniors



Small business creates big connections for seniors

A Council initiative recognising the importance of small businesses as places for older people to connect with others is launching in July.

The Seniors Friendly Small Business pilot project will identify and promote local businesses that are friendly, welcoming and accessible for older people. The project was kick started by the Age Friendly Frankston Ambassadors (AFFA), an advisory committee established in 2019. The AFFA meets regularly to discuss challenges facing older adults within our community and members identified small businesses as a key place to promote connection within the community.

Ambassador, Brian, says the idea that staff within small businesses may be the only interaction some older people

have throughout the day is the project's main driver.

We want to make sure every older resident has a chance to have the same meaningful daily interactions that so many of us take for granted. Social isolation is a huge issue for older Australians and there are lots of little things we can all do to ensure no one ever feels lonely," Brian said.

The AFFA describes senior-friendly businesses as those who remember customers' names, are physically easy to access, keep an eye out for people and generally create a welcoming and inclusive environment, particularly for older people. The Ambassadors will work directly with small businesses across Frankston City in the coming months. Keep an eye on the Council website for more updates, visit: frankston.vic.gov.au/PositiveAgeing

Seniors are no laughing matter!

Working for Victoria Arts Therapist Laura Trenerry has been facilitating the Comedy & Connection program throughout March. This six week series is an exploration of physical comedy for seniors, in collaboration with Council's Positive Ageing Team.

The workshop combines games, movement, voice and explores theatrical techniques and styles such as clown, improvisation and characters. The workshop runs as a theatre movement style class, with each participant able to move at their own pace.

The Frankston Arts Centre (FAC) and Positive Ageing Team are exploring the possibility of continuing this engagement and working towards a performance outcome for Seniors Festival 2021. Keep an eye on the FAC

website for more information, visit: thefac.com.au

'This is a delight! Can't wait to get back here each week to connect and feel the joy. Can't believe how liberating it is. Congrats to Laura' – Jackie O'Brien

'The happy endorphins are zipping around in the pathways of the brain – very beneficial for seniors' – Beverley Allen

'It was entertaining to entertain. My mind and body felt more in tune than I normally feel. I am happy to be happy' – Brian

Want to become an Age Friendly Frankston Ambassador?

The Ambassadors meet every second month and play an important role at Council, providing direct feedback into Council plans and strategies and

how programs are delivered to support ageing locally.

A focus for the group in the next 12 months to support and help build

respect, social inclusion and accessibility for older adults in the local community.

To register your interest, visit the Council website: frankston.vic.gov.au/AgeFriendlyAmbassadors

Get your skates on Langwarrin – your skate park is set for an upgrade!

Council has committed \$40,000 for design and community consultation works to upgrade Langwarrin Skate Park and applied for a \$20,000 Federal Government grant to progress the project. If successful, Council will provide a further \$20,000 to match this funding, with the view of starting construction next year.

Caiden, 13, who rides and skates at the park with his brothers, is the driving force behind the project. He recently gathered 355 signatures on a petition to improve the skate park.

"The ramps don't really cater for younger kids and all the different skill levels. I think if there's more kids, there will be more parents so it will be a safer experience to come here,"

Caiden said.

Deputy Mayor Nathan Conroy caught up with Caiden at the skate park recently.

"We will be speaking directly with the kids who use the park and the wider community to ensure we're delivering a space they can enjoy, that meets their needs," the Deputy Mayor said.



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Community engagement update

Can you help shape Council's community engagement?

We need our community's input on our new Community Engagement Framework. The Framework will demonstrate Frankston City Council's commitment to:

- A consistent and coordinated approach to community engagement
- Improving awareness and understanding of community engagement
- Embedding our six Engagement Principles, including reporting back
- Providing guidelines and a toolkit for planning and delivering community engagement

We want you to let us know, so we can directly input into the Framework:

How we can best engage with our community

Where should we engage with you locally, and

What Council policies, plans and projects should we engage with our community on

We will be seeking your input at Community Pop-up stalls throughout May

Online engagement options are also available, so please follow @FrankstonCityCouncil on Facebook or visit: frankston.vic.gov.au/HaveYourSay for further details.



New community engagement platform coming soon

We are currently developing a new community engagement platform, which will feature all of our current projects or engagement opportunities for the community to read about, subscribe to or engage with us on. This will replace the current website 'Have your Say' page and other external survey tools.

The site will allow community members to take part in a variety of activities, on a single portal, and to learn more about current projects being developed within Frankston City. Key features include:

- A single portal for all Council's online engagement
- Broad range of functions: stories, social maps, budget tools, surveys, Q&A, interactive chat, polls, ideas boards



- Enhanced public engagement and greater participation

This improved way of engaging with our community will ensure Council can understand more about residents' interests and hear from a more diverse audience.

The new platform will be available by June 2021. In the meantime, please follow @FrankstonCityCouncil on Facebook or visit: frankston.vic.gov.au/HaveYourSay for all feedback opportunities.

Orwil House reopens after renovation

Congratulations to Orwil Street Community House for reopening for the first time since COVID-19!

The 40 year-old community house also recently underwent a \$715,000 Council redevelopment, designed to encourage social, recreational, educational and personal growth activities.

Mayor Kris Bolam and Cr Sue Baker officially opened the new facility on Sunday 28 March. The ceremony coincided with both Orwil Street Community House's Open Day, as well as Neighbour Day, and celebrated the new multipurpose room, counselling spaces and a dedicated computer room. For more information, visit: frankston.vic.gov.au/OrwilStreetopens

Rates relief still available for eligible residents

Current assistance available for residents impacted by COVID-19:

- To assist our Ratepayers during this difficult time, Council has introduced the Hardship Rates Relief Waiver
- Penalty interest is suspended until 30 June 2021
- Council will not be pursuing any new legal action regarding unpaid Rates until 30 June 2021 (legal action that is already underway will however continue to proceed)

If you're not eligible for the Hardship Rates Relief 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/RatesRelief

We want your feedback on....

2021-2025 Council Plan and Budget

The Council Plan and Budget play a vital role in shaping Frankston City's future, addressing key community challenges and opportunities expected over the coming four years. The plan also outlines the next phase of Council's COVID-19 Recovery Package.

In a first for Frankston City, the Council Plan and Budget have been developed and presented together acknowledging the core role Council plays in ensuring appropriate resource allocation to key Council priorities.

Consideration has also been given to the extensive community engagement work undertaken over the past 18 months, including the Frankston City Community Vision 2040.

Pop up feedback sessions will be running across Frankston City in May and June. Keep an eye on the Council website for more information.

Domestic Animal Management Plan

The Domestic Animals Act allows Councils across Victoria to make rules about the presence of dogs and cats in public places.

Council wants to hear from residents about:

- Cat curfews from dusk to dawn
- Dogs off leash on beaches
- Dogs within the Central Activities District of Frankston



Tell us what you think, visit: frankston.vic.gov.au/HaveYourSay



A Street Art Walking Tour group watches Julian Clavijo work his magic

Add a little colour to your weekend this winter

Frankston has nine amazing new artworks recently completed during the Big Picture Fest, bringing the City's mural count to almost 30. Many of the new works echo thoughts and experiences the artists had over the past 12 months reflecting on lockdown, connections to family and a love of nature.

One of these murals, created by Columbian award winning artist Julian Clavijo, features a life-sized whale. Stand underneath and you'll gain a pretty special perspective of not only how incredible these creatures are, but

also what it must have taken to paint one!

With a hot drink in hand as part of the tour, now is the perfect time to discover how these amazing artworks are transforming Frankston into an iconic street art destination.

Take a sneak peek at the fresh new artworks from The Big Picture Fest 2021 on page 20.

To book a Street Art Walking Tour with one of our local guides, visit: discoverfrankston.com/street-art-walking-tours

Marking a milestone

Congratulations to Councillor Suzette Tayler, who has been honoured for her 10 years of service to the local community as a Frankston City Councillor.

Currently serving her fourth term as a Councillor, Cr Tayler was acknowledged and praised by fellow Councillors at the Ordinary Council Meeting in March and presented with a Recognition Award at the April meeting.

Mayor Kris Bolam said Cr Tayler's achievements included tackling homelessness in Frankston City,

establishing a hoon hotline and improving safety via the provision of more CCTV cameras. Cr Tayler has also been a passionate advocate for local tourism and was fundamental to establishing the Frankston Visitor Information Centre in 2007.

Councillor Claire Harvey also paid tribute to Cr Tayler's deep passion and commitment to serving as a Councillor.

Cr Tayler said she is excited to be serving her fourth term and is determined to achieve more great outcomes for residents. "We are making leaps and bounds," she said.



Explore Frankston City

As the weather cools down, it doesn't mean our appetite to explore needs to diminish too! Here are some great things to enjoy this autumn:

New kids on the block

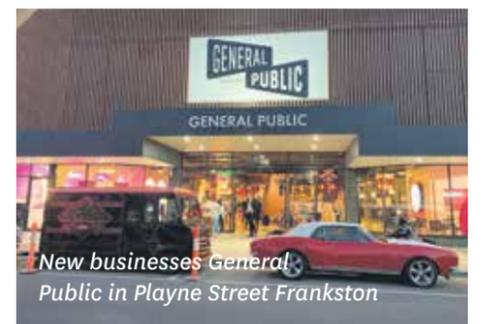
Who doesn't love old school arcade games, ten pin bowling, music, drinks and donuts? General Public delivers all this more in this brand new space on Playne Street, Frankston. Gather your crew and see what why this is fast becoming a new local favourite.

Try rock climbing — indoors!

For something a little more active, why not head to Bayside Rock Climbing. Families will love their 'Climb Time' experience, operated with automatic belays, which means no one is required to do the rope work. Parents can relax while their kids climb and have fun!

Grab your camera

Autumn knows how to rock a sunset, so why not take a walk along the foreshore for a front row seat? May is also a great time to enjoy the vibrant colours in our parks and gardens. Aglow with reds, oranges and yellows, it's the perfect time to get that frame worthy photo. Snap something great? Submit it to the Discover Frankston Photo Contest, with a \$100 prize given out each month! Visit: discoverfrankston.com/contest



New businesses General Public in Playne Street Frankston

'All Dressed Up, Nowhere to Go' by Lisa Atkinson



This Time, Last Year

The Frankston Arts Centre team invites you to experience a time capsule of artistic works created by the community during 2020. 'This Time, Last Year' exhibition is on from 13 May to 9 July at Cube 37 and Frankston Arts Centre.

Take a step back in time and explore the creative exploits of our lives in lockdown – including photographic series capturing the moments of backyard and driveway joy, and exploring the simple beauty and importance of family and connection in a time of isolation.

Over 100 short stories were submitted to the 'Stories at the End of the Line' anthology, which will be launched at the opening night

of 'This Time, Last Year' on 14 May with copies available to purchase or borrow from the Frankston City Libraries.

For film-lovers, on 21 May we invite you to enjoy a night of short films created by our community for the 2020 Lockdown Short Film Competition judged by actor and director, Scott Major. In 2020, we stayed at home... In 2021, we are inviting you to hang in our Iso-Lounge! An immersive installation the Glass Cube – our living lounge room will be screening Lockdown Short Film Competition entries, or pull up a chair and read our Anthology. More info, visit: thefac.com.au

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Nat's Track upgrade a goer

I am very proud to have delivered the long-awaited \$217,000 upgrade of Nat's Track which runs between Frankston North and Karingal. The path was named in honour of late Frankston student, Natalie Russell. The latest funding is in addition to the more than \$110,000 already invested to add CCTV, planter boxes, warning signage, chicanes and gates to deter monkey bikes. The extra funding will include the installation of multiple solar lights, landscape beautification and public art at both the south and north entry points, and the installation of a memorial artwork in memory of Natalie in consultation with her family.

Council officers have also been conducting increased litter and safety patrols of the track over the past six months. Peninsula Kingswood Golf Club also replaced 100 metres of fencing along the track with the support of a \$10,000 Council grant. Negotiations are concluding with The National Golf Club to undertake a similar arrangement with similar funding from Council. Students from John Paul College and Monterey Secondary College have also been working hard to create planter boxes along the track, which they will populate with plants and trees once installed and will maintain ongoing. The track was also recently repaved to improve wheelchair and bicycle accessibility and dog waste bins installed. Frankston MP Paul Edbrooke has also been helpful in securing a second CCTV unit at the Frankston North end of the track. Thank you to the many people who have worked to make improvements to Nat's Track a reality!

Boosting our compliance capacity

Since Council provided an additional \$315,000 in 2018-2019 to fund more Compliance Officers and provide an additional vehicle, the new resources have enabled the team to perform more sweeps and functions. This was highlighted over the past summer period where these officers conducted additional beach patrols in response to increased anti-social behaviour on foreshore. What you may not be aware is that last year Council also purchased a high-tech noise monitoring device to enable the monitoring, recording and analysis of excessive noise pollution – ranging from blaring music to construction/labour sounds. This device will assist officers in investigating and resolving noise complaints more swiftly.



A new 'benchmark' for community wellbeing

Councillors recently voted to support a permit to install an open air community bench on the nature strip in Yarram Court, Frankston. Council worked with a passionate group of residents, who had petitioned in support of the bench on their street. Since then, residents have loved catching up and socialising at the spot – dubbed the 'work bench' by locals – with children also doing their homework at what is now a popular meeting site. It's a wonderful grassroots initiative and a great place for the community to get together. Well done.

Providing a supportive space for men to connect

Many men aren't great at sharing how they feel or expressing emotions, which also happens to be how we humans create deeper connections with each other. As a result, when men find themselves experiencing tough times or mental health issues, it can be hard to know how and where to reach out for support. On average, according to Beyond Blue, one in eight men will experience depression and one in five will experience anxiety at some stage in their lives. Ensuring we create an informal and inviting space for men to catch up, enjoy some hands on activities and create those all-important friendships is crucial. That's why I am such an avid supporter of the Men's Shed initiative and proud that we have two Men's Sheds in Frankston City – Pines Men's Shed and Frankston Men's Shed. On 4 April, I presented the Pines Men's Shed and President Andrew Maling, with a Certificate of Appreciation on behalf of Council. The certificate acknowledges the group's continued service for the past 10 years to the community, focusing on men's mental health. I particularly wanted to pay tribute to Andrew for his stellar effort. Andrew puts in huge hours volunteering at the Men's Shed, to make a positive difference in the lives of many men. Thanks for everything you do, Andrew – you're a great role model and a true inspiration.



Out and about in our amazing community

It has been a busy few months of community activities, official openings and local catch ups. So many passionate individuals and groups, work to make our City an amazing place to live. At the International Women's Day event in the Frankston North Community Centre, an inspiring group of women came together to support each other and advocate for much-needed change.

In sport, it was fabulous to see spectators back at SkyBus Stadium getting the MPNFL & VFL seasons underway. Both games played under the Council installed, broadcast quality lights. Well done to all. I was pleased to attend the official openings of the Ballam Park South Soccer Pavilion and Carrum Downs Multipurpose Synthetic Sports Facility, both great assets for our local clubs, and rising stars.

Thank you to the Downs Estate Community Project and Kananook Creek Association for invitations to their AGMs. I also joined the Council chaired first meeting of the Kananook Creek Governance Group. Attended by local and larger government organisations it reflected the many parties keen to protect and enhancing this treasured local asset.

The reopening of Orwil Street Community House was a special day. Community houses are vital to strengthening our communities, providing programs and counselling services. Orwil Street has supported residents for 40 years and during lockdown got a stunning facelift. This is investment we can all be proud of.

Community Support Frankston (CSF) also do essential work supporting residents during difficult times. It was my pleasure to meet CSF's manager, Steven Phillips at the facility. A big thank you goes to him and his dedicated team as they continue to meet the increasing demand for services.

Finally, congratulations to the organisers and contributors of the Ventana Fiesta, a colourful celebration of Latin culture. It was delightful to meet people from across Latin America, Portugal, Spain and Italy. Thank you for sharing your stories.

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North-West Ward

Seaford >> Karingal >> Frankston North >> Frankston



Celebrating our future leaders

It was lovely to meet the students of Ballam Park Primary in March, to present some of the senior students with their leadership badges. The students have been achieving wonderful things for their school and I was so impressed with their initiative and enthusiasm. They have dived head first into school life to make a real difference and I am excited to see what the future holds.

I had the pleasure in April of meeting another group of young up and comers, at the sold out Thrive Market and Variety Show. The show, held at McClelland Sculpture Park + Gallery, featured artists under 25 showcasing their talents in dance, poetry reading, rapping and short film making, and offering unique works for sale including epoxy art, photography, candles and prints. It was the first event of the year to be organised and run through the FReeZA Program, facilitated by Council's Frankston Youth Services team. I was astounded at the quality and variety shown by these talented young individuals, congratulations on a job well done.

Always something to do in Frankston City

Our Do It Outdoors events and tourism campaign has been a great success, thanks to the hard work of Council officers to ensure our event season continued as close to normal as possible, despite uncertainties around the pandemic. I was thrilled to attend the Do It Outdoors Bumper Weekend activities, including outdoor cinema, food trucks and endless entertainment that showcased this amazing city of ours. The Live and Local event series was a feature of the Bumper Weekend and, despite sometimes uncooperative weather, the event proved very popular with residents. The concept behind this event, which was a retooling of the Waterfront Festival, was to activate our surrounding suburbs and showcase everything Frankston City has to offer, in addition to the city centre. I want to encourage everyone to continue venturing out as the weather gets colder, as there is always something to do not far from home. Book a Street Art Walking Tour to enjoy our latest street art courtesy of the Big Picture Fest, grab a show at the Frankston Arts Centre, drop in to one of our libraries or head to: discoverfrankston.com for more tips.

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Boosting our local economy

Council's successful bid for grant funding through the Victorian Government Jobs Victoria Advocates Program will mean significant support for job seekers, as well as potential local employers, over the next two years.

The impacts of COVID-19 has seen unemployment rates increase across Frankston City. The Job Advocates will assist in supporting job seekers and link them to key services in the employment sector. Around 15 partner organisations in this sector have come together to form the Frankston City Job Seeker Alliance, that will assist in guiding the program forward. Council has already been working hard behind the scenes to boost our local economy. Council's Investment Attraction Program, run as part of the Invest Frankston campaign, has been a great success in recent years. Since Invest Frankston was relaunched in June 2019 there have been over 130 investment leads generated, primarily through proactive activity. One such initiative is the Invest Frankston Forum, to be held in June for the first time since the pandemic. The forum is an opportunity for property owners in our city centre, together with property agents, investors and other key stakeholders, to come together to discuss reinvigorating the city centre and hear from relevant industry key speakers. The theme of this year's forum is 'revitalisation', fitting given Council is embarking on the Revitalisation Acton Plan and Frankston Metropolitan Activity Centre (FMAC) Structure Plan this year. If you are interested in attending, email: business@frankston.vic.gov.au

Council investment to connect residents

In March, I was proud to announce our investment to expand the free Wi-Fi network across Frankston City, at 12 publicly accessible locations. Connectivity has never been more important, particularly post lockdown, with residents and visitors turning to reliable sources of information including Council's website and social media platforms for updates. The Wi-Fi upgrade and expansion is a great outcome and further enhances liveability, communication and customer experience at significant sites that are well loved and used. For instance, in the past two months, the library Wi-Fi has been accessed for more than 3200 hours by members across our branches and with 13 per cent of the Frankston City community not having access to the internet at home, the library is vital to fill this gap.

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Reviving our local tourism sector

I am a passionate advocate for ensuring Frankston City is recognised as a wonderful place to both live and visit. There is so much unmet potential in our City and I would love to see us become one of Victoria's must-see destinations.

This is especially important since the pandemic and its terrible impact on the tourism and hospitality sectors. Fortunately, Council is passionate about supporting local businesses to bounce back and to flourish in this new climate. To this end, Council has recently prepared a submission for the Economy and Infrastructure Committee's Inquiry into the impacts of the pandemic on the tourism and events sectors. The submission includes nine recommendations for the State Government, developed from internal and external feedback for practical programs and mechanisms to support a revival.

I am also proud to Chair our newly-formed Tourism Development and Marketing Committee, which will set the strategic direction to support our local businesses, re-engage with our residents and attract past and new visitors to enjoy all of the wonderful experiences available in Frankston City.

To further support struggling sectors, Council has also developed a free Digital Customer Service and Marketing Masterclass series and an Experience and Packaging Masterclass and Grant Program. Expressions of interest closed in April, with the training geared to support businesses during the upcoming winter season in hard hit sectors such as hospitality, arts, retail, experience and accommodation.

Delivering comfort to vulnerable residents

In a year, Council will deliver more than 42,000 Meals on Wheels to eligible residents — providing them with healthy, ready to eat meals five days a week. Together with other critical services, such as our personal care service, Meals on Wheels helps elderly residents and those with disabilities unable to look after themselves. The service depends on volunteers, who annually donate 23,856 hours of their time to ensure this vital service keeps running. An incredible service to our community and I wish to thank all our staff and volunteers who keep this critical service running. To register your interest to volunteer, phone: **9784 1790**.

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Promoting our economic prosperity

Council is dedicated to ensuring economic prosperity, particularly through attracting both businesses and potentially the relocation of government departments to the municipality. Councillors recently voted unanimously to write to the State Member for Frankston, Paul Edbrooke MP, the Federal Member for Dunkley, Peta Murphy and Liberal Senator for Victoria, David Van, to open discussions about strategies to bring or relocate government departments to Frankston City. I am passionate about building our local economy and believe attracting government departments will have huge positive benefits for local businesses and help create more local jobs. Our previous advocacy saw South East Water and over 600 employees relocate to Frankston City in 2015, with an estimated annual economic benefit of \$850 million to our municipality. Frankston is one of nine Metropolitan Activity Centres in Melbourne and should therefore be earmarked for future opportunities. Frankston is home to over 55,000 square metres of centrally located prime office space – much of which can be custom fitted to suit the needs of any government department. As a hub for skilled workers and professionals, government departments will also have access to workforce of nearly 60,000. We have over 14,000 square metres of permitted additional Grade A office space with further developments planned. There are also a number of developer-backed sites in the city centre that that could accommodate major bespoke office requirements.

Protecting Frankston's heritage

It is Council's responsibility to ensure we are protecting and preserving our heritage for future generations. Our Frankston City Council Gap Heritage Review aims to ensure we are identifying and protecting appropriate sites for heritage overlay. The project commenced in 2018 and community consultation on the stage 2 draft heritage review documents closed 20 April. In response to concerns raised by landowners, Council supported further inclusive consultation to be undertaken that involved a range of consultation methods and additional information made available on Council website. Landowners and the general public were able to participate in an online survey on heritage. The Frankston Heritage Gap Review project will be reported to Council on 31 May 2021. The report will include a summary of the consultation and concerns raised in submissions received. An opportunity will be provided to anyone who has made a submission to address Councillors, prior to the Council meeting on 31 May.

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Cr Claire Harvey at Frankston Pier with some local Coast Guard volunteers

In appreciation of our city's volunteers

National Volunteer Week provides us with a perfect opportunity to recognise and thank the many volunteers who serve across our wonderful city. Did you know that we have close to 17,000 volunteers giving more than 2 million hours of their time each year!

While we cannot really quantify the true value or impact of such generosity, if we were to replace our city's volunteers with paid workers it would easily cost the community well in excess of \$50 million dollars. Council itself has 436 volunteers who support to the delivery of key Council programs, giving 55808 hours of their own time and contributing \$1.4 million worth of value as in-kind support. What a tremendous gift!

Many volunteers also attest to receiving back as they give, whether it is through new friendships, strengthened community connections, or an increased sense of purpose through meaningful contribution and being part of bringing positive change. Volunteering can also provide valuable avenues for the development of new skills and abilities, which can be particularly useful for those who are just starting out or who are approaching a career transition.

Perhaps you could make a special effort to thank a volunteer or two this coming month? Some of our regular volunteers have not yet returned to their roles, following the lockdowns and restrictions of 2020 and 2021. Perhaps you know a volunteer who might benefit from a little bit of encouragement to get involved again? Or perhaps you are aware of a volunteering opportunity that has your name written all over it? Why not make this year the year that you step up and say yes to giving the gift of your time?

Cr Claire Harvey

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Cracking down on litter

I am passionate about ensuring Frankston City is a safe, welcoming and beautiful place to live and visit. One simple thing we can all do is to make sure we leave our public spaces as clean as we found them and to dispose of any litter responsibly.

This is the duty of every individual but there is also space for local businesses to play a part. I spoke recently with our compliance team in particular about rubbish left around fast food outlet car parks, where it can potentially spread to surrounding areas. The team were fantastic and responded quickly, by immediately contacting the managers of all fast food outlets in the municipality. The managers were very receptive and just as keen to see the waste their restaurants' generate to be disposed of properly. The outlets are very proactive in their cleaning and should be commended for their efforts. Our litter officers will conduct further inspections to make sure that the required levels of cleanliness are maintained.



Thanks to a community champion

I would like to acknowledge one individual in particular who goes above and beyond for his community. Frankston hairdresser Warwick Smith, who works at Breathe Hair Salon, does so much to help the people around him, from running a vegan sausage sizzle at Bunnings to promote a more sustainable lifestyle, picking up rubbish around Frankston or providing vouchers for free haircuts to those experiencing homelessness, Warwick's generosity truly knows no bounds. In particular, the difference something as simple as a haircut can make for someone who is unable to access basic facilities and services day to day is significant. I was thrilled to present Warwick with a Certificate of Appreciation on behalf of Council for his stellar work within the community. Thanks Warwick for all you do — you've done us proud.

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Your rates at work

Every year, Council budgets to ensure Frankston City stays a vibrant, accessible and supportive place to live. The Annual Budget covers critical infrastructure upgrades, including parks, playgrounds and new sporting facilities, community support and health services, arts and leisure, community safety, waste collection, libraries and so much more. This is your rates at work. Below is just a sample of the many ways your rates keep our City moving.

Waste collection and disposal

Did you know Council completes more than **4.794 million residential, commercial and public bin collections each year?**

Luckily, Council has invested \$16.217 million in 2020–2021 to help us to compost your food and garden waste, process recycling and waste to landfill, operate Frankston Regional Recycling and Recovery Centre, as well as cover road sweeping and drainage.



Libraries

Council has invested **\$1.302 million** to help you dive into almost **180,000 literary imaginary worlds and online resources every day.**

Our libraries provide important public spaces, social connectedness, space for culture and creativity, foster literacy and help to create healthy communities. To give you an idea, in FY2018–2019, there were: 279,477 visits to Frankston City Libraries, 171,000 physical items borrowed, 740,353 times, 11,388 digital items were borrowed, 69,224 times, 60,900 library members. We have 48 computers, used 60,900 times and 30,500 participants at Storytime and author talks.

Family Health Support Services

The **\$6.744 million** we invested this financial year will help to deliver:

- 15,511 visits to Maternal and Child Health (MCH) centres
- 1,814 home visits to parents/caregivers of newborns
- 2,500 childhood immunisations
- 5,500 secondary school immunisations
- 42,183 Meals on Wheels delivered to eligible residents
- 65,546 personal care hours provided to eligible residents
- 4,090 community transport and social support bus trips for eligible residents
- and so much more



Animal management

Together with your animal registration fees, the **\$1.301 million** we invest each year helped us respond to **4,073 animal management requests and process 22,963 pet registrations.**

It also helps us to maintain a pet registry, return lost pets to their owners, respond to reports of noisy or dangerous animals, hold dog-friendly events, provide disposable poo bags and to encourage responsible pet ownership.



The Draft Annual Budget 2021–2022 will open for public feedback shortly. Keep an eye on the website to have your say, visit: frankston.vic.gov.au/HaveYourSay

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City Works

The \$9.065 million we invest each year for City Works allows us to repair footpaths, keep our roads clean, maintain boardwalks and playgrounds, ensure the drains and pits function properly, provide rapid response to maintenance emergencies, clear graffiti and provide general public area cleaning services.

Last financial year we swept 17,369 kilometres of road!

KEEPING OUR CITY BEAUTIFUL



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Parks and sporting grounds

In addition to ongoing maintenance around our suburbs, our Operations Team is also responsible for ensuring Frankston City is a green, healthy and active place to live.

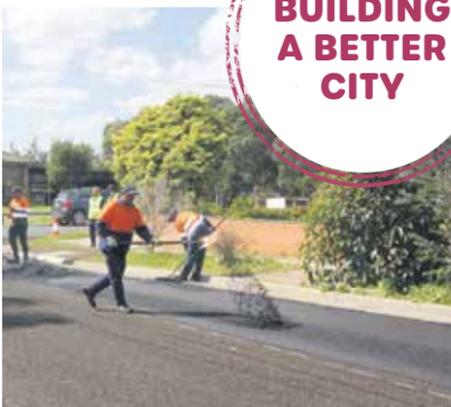
Council's \$14.578 million investment means the team can maintain our natural reserves, parks and gardens, coastal areas, trees, sporting ovals, golf course and horticulture. Council maintains 164 playgrounds, 186 sporting rounds and 444 reserves

Roads and footpaths

Council invested \$5.69 million in FY2020–2021, to ensure all footpaths and many local roads in Frankston City are well maintained.

In 2019–2020, we replaced an incredible 4,181m2 of footpath, to help you get to where you're going safely. We also look after 705km of local road and 110 pedestrian and bridge structures.

BUILDING A BETTER CITY



KEEPING OUR CITY SAFE

School crossing

In FY2020–2021, Council has invested more than \$800,000 to make sure there's smiling face just like Meg's at all 71 of Frankston City's school crossings.

Community wellbeing

The \$7.74 million budgeted for our Community Strengthening Team, has helped us to support:

- 160 residents with grants from our Community and Business Support Grant Program
- 100 local sporting clubs, which have more than 30,000 members and are used by more than 34,000 school kids
- Nine Community and Neighbourhood Houses — which together offer the equivalent of 670 hours of programs and activities a week
- Our Disability Access Inclusion Committee, to ensure access and inclusion remains a priority for Council and the community
- 170 Langwarrin and Pines Men's Shed members, with many attending up to five days a week for social connection and support
- 32,931 local young people who attend Youth Services activities, events and Youth Hangout programs
- Not to mention the many other local programs we lend a hand to, including: Rotary Clubs, community gardens, service clubs, NAIDOC week support, Harmony Week promotion, youth suicide prevention, Reconciliation Week, homelessness support, Community support programs and services.

KEEPING OUR CITY CONNECTED



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Capital works

Our capital works funding allows us to create major new community infrastructure, as well as complete renewal of existing roads, footpaths, drains and community buildings.

The \$54.12 million we are investing this year, has helped to progress critical and exciting projects across Frankston City. In 2020–2021, this includes:

- \$34.9 million for a revitalised Jubilee Park Stadium
- \$3.287 million for Ballam Park upgrades
- \$9.147 million for the RF Miles redevelopment
- \$200,000 for a new pocket park in Evelyn Street
- \$1.5 million Frankston Yacht Club fit out
- \$836,000 upgrade of Clyde Street Mall
- \$40,000 Seaford Foreshore activation project
- \$1.255 million replacing street lights with energy efficient LEDs
- \$25,000 for an updated George Pentland Botanical Gardens Masterplan
- \$502,000 for a redeveloped BMX track
- And more



Ward Meetings are coming soon!

Ward Meetings are a chance to hear about upcoming projects and plans for your neighbourhood, meet your local Councillors and to raise any issues you think need addressing.

Keep an eye on the website for more information, visit: frankston.vic.gov.au/WardMeetings

Meet the Mayor and CEO

Have an idea or issue you would like to discuss? Book a time to chat online with the Mayor and CEO. Visit: frankston.vic.gov.au/MeettheMayorandCEO

Disability Action Plan

We are seeking feedback and ideas around local barriers to access and inclusion from people who will be directly impacted by the Disability Action Plan.

We want your help to identify and develop actions to address local barriers to accessing:

- Places like buildings, parks and the beaches
- Education and Employment
- Information
- Activities and events
- Support services

Have your say today, visit: frankston.vic.gov.au/DisabilityActionPlanSurvey



Have you claimed your FREE kitchen caddy yet?

If you're not already taking advantage of our Kerbside Food Waste Collection Service, remember all you need to do is start popping your food scraps in your garden waste bin!

Every resident with a current Council garden waste bin is also entitled to a FREE kitchen caddy and six month supply of compostable liners, with a new batch of liners available from 1 April and 1 October every year.

Simply pick your liners up from Council's customer service centres in Frankston, Seaford and Langwarrin. Since the service launched in October 2019, an incredible 8,620 free kitchen

caddies and liners have been handed out. For more information on the Kerbside Food Waste Collection Service, visit: frankston.vic.gov.au/FoodWasteCollection



Selling tobacco safely

Council has launched its Tobacco Test Purchasing Program, in collaboration with The Department of Health and Human Services' Tobacco Unit and the Municipal Association of Victoria, to ensure retailers across the City are selling tobacco safely.

To ensure the product isn't being sold to minors, an underage person is sent in to a tobacco retailer to purchase cigarettes, if a sale is conducted then a formal interview and penalty infringement notice is issued. The retailer also undergoes further training,

to ensure this activity does not happen again.

In response to the pandemic, the program was placed on hold and Council Officers adapted their approach, to ensure responsible sales were still occurring during lockdown periods. Officers conducted audits on over 50 premises selling tobacco and provided 36 tobacco education visits to retailers and outdoor dining and drinking establishments. It is expected that the test purchasing program will resume in 2021.

Annual hard waste collection now underway



Our annual hard waste collection is making its way across Frankston City. If we haven't already stopped by your place yet, check 'My Address' on the Council website, to see when we'll head to your street. You will also receive a brochure in the mail, notifying you two weeks before collection starts in your area.

Please remember:

- You may place your rubbish out no earlier than the Saturday two days prior to your collection week starting.
- Placing hard waste out early is considered illegal dumping and penalties apply.
- It is illegal to disturb neighbours' collections, including removing items.
- If your hard waste has already been collected, you may have noticed it was not all taken at once, but in stages. Often, goods are collected by two or three different trucks, depending on the type of waste and taken to different centres for recycling.

For more information, including a list of your hard rubbish FAQs and a quick video outlining all the 'Dos and Don'ts', visit: frankston.vic.gov.au/HardRubbish

FREE Wi-Fi at a location near you

Stay connected at key sites and public buildings across Frankston City with FREE Wi-Fi!

Pop into one of the following locations for FREE upgraded and expanded Wi-Fi today:

- Carrum Downs Library
- Frankston Library and forecourt
- Seaford Library and Seaford Community Centre
- Frankston Youth Resource Centre
- Visitor Information Centre
- Mahogany Rise Child and Family Centre
- Frankston Civic Centre
- Frankston Arts Centre

and Cube 37

- Frankton North Community Centre
- Frankton South Community Centre
- Ebdale Community Centre
- Langwarrin Customer Service



FRANKSTON ARTS CENTRE

2021 program

Bookings: 9784 1060 or thefac.com.au



Dance

Sydney Dance Company **Impermanence** Saturday 15 May, 7pm, FAC Theatre, Tickets: \$27-\$60



Ballet

Daytime Music + Theatre

The Australian Ballet School

Friday 21 May, 1.30pm and 4.30pm, FAC Theatre
Tickets: \$19-\$21



Opera

Opera Australia

Carmen

Wednesday 2 June, 7.30pm

FAC Theatre

Tickets: \$27-\$84



Comedy

A Ten Tonne Sparrow Production

Love Song Dedications

(without Richard Mercer)

Tuesday 8 June, 7.30pm

Cube 37, Tickets: \$30-\$40



Family

Monkey Baa Theatre Company

Pete the Sheep

Friday 18 June, 10.30am and 1.30pm, FAC Theatre

Tickets: \$28-\$30



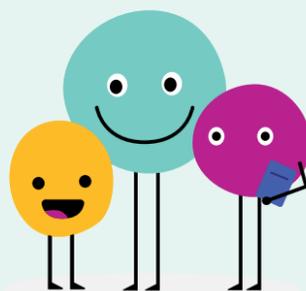
Family

CIRCA Contemporary Circus

Wolfgang's Magical Musical Circus

Thursday 8 July, 11am and 2.30pm

FAC Theatre, Tickets: \$23-\$25



Frankston City Libraries

Explore the possibilities

Enjoy a FrankTALK & book signing with:

Hugh Mackay: The Kindness Revolution

Katherine Firkin: The Girl Remains

Kirsty Manning: The French Gift

Lili Wilkinson: Flummox & The Erasure Initiative

...and so many more!

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library.frankston.vic.gov.au





Citizen science under the microscope

Ever wanted to be a biologist? Are you a keen naturalist? Or simply interested in learning more about wildlife and plants? iNaturalist is a global online community network, where anyone can join to record and share their observations, while contributing to citizen science!

Observations can be made in your own backyard, in your local bushland reserves or even on your way to the shops. Photos and audio clips are uploaded and shared between members, identified and verified by other experts and data can be contributed to the Atlas of Living

Australia — Australia's largest repository of data on animals, plants, fungi and microorganisms. Council's Biodiversity Officers and Rangers have started their own iNaturalist community project for residents to share their observations and exchange knowledge of biodiversity within Frankston City.

Download the iNaturalist app and join the Frankston City Council Biodiversity Project, get out into nature and start observing! Or visit: inaturalist.org/projects/frankston-city-council-biodiversity

The Clovelly Planting Project: a Seaford community initiative

By Gardens for Wildlife volunteer, Miranda B

The sun shone on a recent Sunday morning, as a group of my neighbours gathered in my driveway. A sausage sizzle? A garage sale? No! It was in fact, the first planting of the Clovelly Planting Project.

Late last year, I approached Frankston's Gardens for Wildlife coordinator. I've been a volunteer with the Gardens for Wildlife program since 2019 and am passionate about the program's 'wildlife gardening' on private land.

Inspired by a similar idea, I suggested a pilot program for my street... with the aim that together we could create wildlife corridor habitat, via our gardens, to a nearby reserve.

Now, 10 households — a quarter of our street — are active participants. Our first plants, supplied by the Frankston Indigenous Nursery, were: Austral Indigo (*Indigofera australis*), Common Correa (*Correa reflexa*), Spiny-headed Mat-rush (*Lomandra longifolia*) and Native Violet (*Viola hederacea*).

Over June and September, there will be another eight plants given out (to make a total of 12), including shrubs, grasses and groundcovers (all handily profiled in the Frankston Indigenous Plant Guide). It's early days for the Clovelly Planting Project but here's to growing both community connections and wildlife corridors.

The Gardens for Wildlife program will be announcing new dates soon for mid-year site visits by our wonderful program volunteers.

Visit the Council website for more information: frankston.vic.gov.au/GardensforWildlife To download a Frankston Indigenous Plant Guide, visit: frankston.vic.gov.au/EnviroPublications

Webinar: Attracting lizards to your gardens

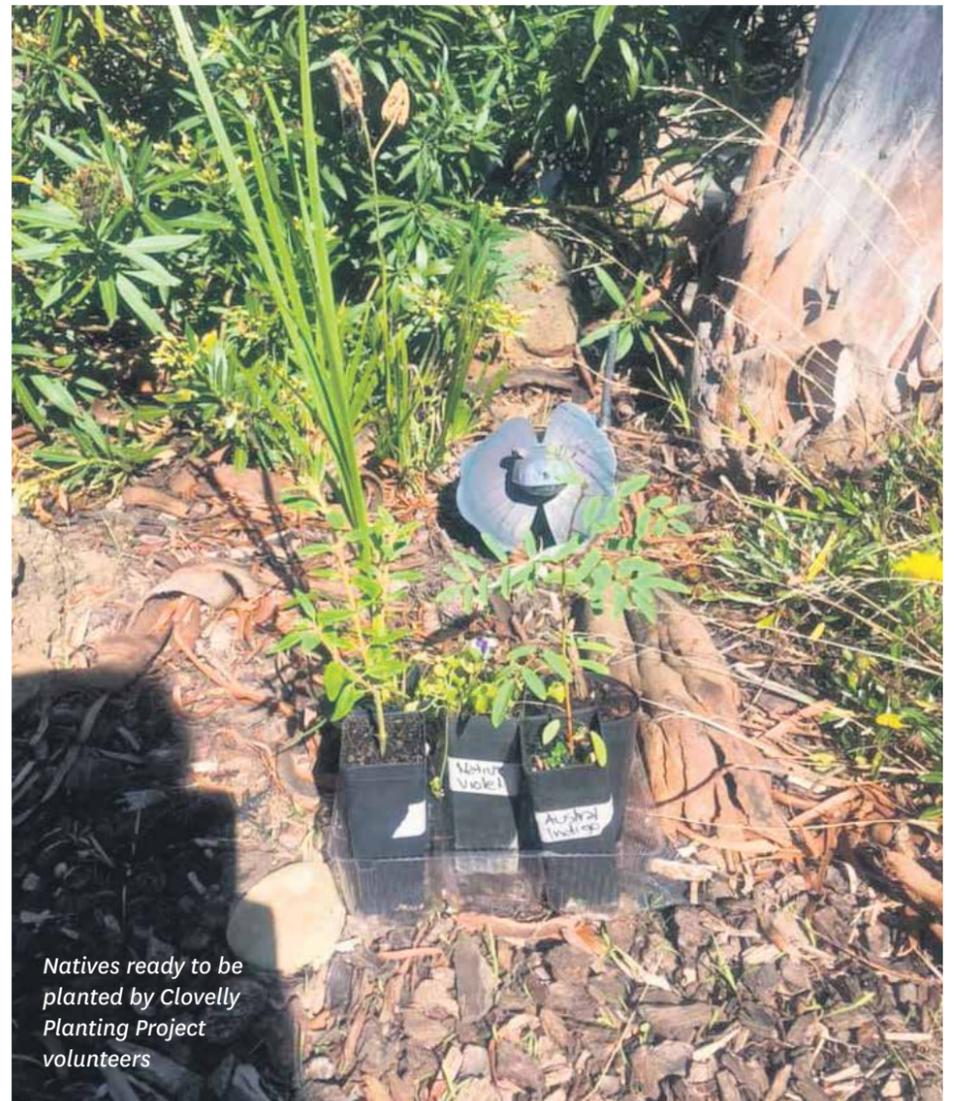
Saturday 22 May, 1-2.30pm, FREE, registration preferred

Celebrate International Day for Biological Diversity by joining our FREE webinar on 'Attracting lizards to your Garden' presented by Richard Rowe of Sustainable Gardening Australia.

Australia is often described as a 'Lizard's Landscape' having a huge variety, many being found nowhere else in the world. In our urban environment, however, lizards face many threats including loss of habitat, pet predation, traffic and garden chemical use. They need our help. Learn more about the important ecological role lizards



play as insect controllers and how to create a 'lizard lounge' habitat in your own garden. To book, visit: frankston.vic.gov.au/enviroevents



Natives ready to be planted by Clovelly Planting Project volunteers

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Is your home winter ready?

Rising energy prices, flexible work and study arrangements and cold weather mean people are spending extra time at home. It is therefore more important than ever that we find efficient ways to heat our homes.

To maximise the heating properties of your home, prepare by first checking your building fabric:

- Seal all the draughty gaps around your home, to stop cold air leaking in and warm air leaking out
- Ensure windows have coverings such as curtains and pelmets to stop heat escaping through the glass
- Have your ceiling insulation checked for gaps and correct thickness

To prepare for those extra cold days when you may need to actively heat your home:

- Arrange a maintenance check for your heater and clean the filters, to ensure it's working at its optimal level
- Make sure you are heating to 18–20 degrees for a comfortable temperature that won't require as much energy. Each degree higher corresponds to about a 10 per cent increase in the running cost!

For personalised advice on preparing your home for the winter months, contact the energy advisors through Council's FREE community energy advice service. Delivered through the Australian Energy Foundation, they can identify warming solutions for your home, and if requested, can also arrange an obligation free quote for draught proofing, window films, insulation and reverse cycle air-conditioners. Visit: aef.com.au or call 1300 23 68 55.

Single-use plastics ban coming in 2023

The Victorian Government recently announced it will be banning the supply and sale of a number of single-use plastics across Victoria from February 2023. This includes single-use straws, cutlery, plates, drink stirrers, expanded polystyrene food and drink containers and cotton ear bud sticks.

Single-use plastics typically make up a third of our litter. As litter, they break into microplastics, which harm wildlife and can contaminate our food and water. They are costly to clean up and can be difficult to recycle.

The Victorian Government is working with industry and local governments to support a transition to reusable products and will undergo public consultation to finalise the regulations.

In preparation of the ban, Victorians are being urged to avoid disposable single-use plastics and choose reusable products, wherever possible. The ban will not affect people who require specific single-use plastic products due to disability or for health and safety. For more information visit: vic.gov.au/single-use-plastics

Choosing to reuse (and reduce waste)

Reusable items offer us a great option for reducing everyday waste. Some examples include:

1. Water bottle

Why buy water when you can easily fill up your reusable bottle from the tap? (it's also a lot cheaper!)

2. Bottles and containers

Can be used to store leftovers or transport your lunch to work (no need for cling wrap!)

3. Produce bags for fruit and vegetables

A great alternative to the single-use plastic ones you get in supermarkets

4. Coffee cup

Consider a sit-down coffee in your local café, or ask them for a fresh brew in your own clean reusable cup for takeaway (contact-free pour options available)



5. Cutlery

Next time you order takeaway, consider requesting no cutlery and instead use your own

6. Second hand clothing and other items

A great way to keep clothing out of landfill

7. Nappies and menstrual products

A lot easier, less time consuming and more environmentally-friendly than the products of the past.

For more tips on how you can reduce waste visit: frankston.vic.gov.au/ReduceWaste

Recycling – if in doubt, keep it out

While most of us are pretty good at sorting our recycling from our garbage, recycling can be confusing and so it is important to avoid common mistakes by staying up to date on which items can be placed in your recycling bin.

Make sure you only place the correct items in your recycling bin. This means keeping the following things out:

For more information about what can and can't go in your yellow-lidded recycling bin (and other bins) at home, download our recently updated Waste and Recycling Service Guide or view our online bin information, visit: frankston.vic.gov.au/BinInformation

Hard copies of our Waste and Recycling Service Guide can also be requested by contacting Council on 1300 322 322 or email: info@frankston.vic.gov.au



Know your recycling

Sustainability Victoria

VICTORIA State Government



Council-led advocacy to state and federal governments is a vital tool for building awareness and support for matters that impact our city and to help secure the essential funding necessary to drive change and deliver on priorities that benefit our community.

Throughout August 2020 and February 2021, we asked our community for their feedback and ideas on the issues that matter to them, how we can improved the challenges they face in their daily lives and their vision for the future of Frankston City. The results have been used to determine key priorities requiring council-led advocacy in the lead up to the upcoming state and federal elections.

1. HERE'S WHAT OUR COMMUNITY TOLD US IS IMPORTANT TO THEM

"Numerous pocket parks where people can sit, eat, chat and read a paper"

"More effective mental health and drug abuse strategies"

"More local jobs in more diversified types of industry"

"More cycle paths that are better connected"

"Plenty of plants and trees, places to sit and shaded areas"

"Addressing the impacts of climate change, rising sea levels, heat island effects"

"Please invest in more public amenities in local Carrum Downs parks with BBQs, playgrounds, bike tracks, bins, outdoor gyms"

"Have one or two streets without car access, to let people walk, eat and shop safely"

"Mentoring co-working space supported by Council... a bit of a hub really. You could partner with our local university and TAFE"

"Continue to invest in social infrastructure and active transport"

2. HERE ARE JUST SOME OF THE WAYS COUNCIL IS DELIVERING FOR OUR COMMUNITY

Enhancing our environment and liveability

Advancing our recycled water capacity

Expanding our recycled water infrastructure network to deliver more sustainable water sources for the irrigation of local parklands, reserves and sports grounds.

A district playground in Carrum Downs

Establishing a new district playground at Sandfield Reserve in Carrum Downs, creating exciting opportunities to play and enjoy our outdoors for all ages and abilities.



Investing in our prosperity

An innovation, business startup and education centre

Fostering business startups, flexible co-working and tertiary learning opportunities and cross-government collaboration by building a sustainable and state-of-the-art facility in the heart of Frankston's city centre.



A new kindergarten for a growing community

Providing the best start in life for the growing Langwarrin and Skye communities by partnering with McClelland Sculpture Park + Gallery to build a new kindergarten.

Strengthening our community

A bigger and better Pines Pool

Providing new and improved outdoor swimming, health, fitness and recreation experiences by redeveloping the Pines Forest Aquatic Centre located at Monterey Reserve in Frankston North.

A district basketball and gymnastics facility

Redeveloping the Frankston Basketball Stadium located in Seaford (Kananook) for basketball and gymnastics.



Council is always advocating on your behalf, to ensure a Future Ready Frankston.

To give you an idea:

- We applied for over 48 grants in 2020, valued at more than \$11.6 million
- To date, we have been successful with 21 of these grant applications, totaling more than \$6.7 million

- This includes seven Federal Government grants and 13 Victorian Government grants to date

Key funded projects:

- Roads (\$4.9 million)
- Parks and open spaces (over \$886,000)
- Recreation, leisure and community facilities (over \$750,000)

Project highlights include:

- Off leash dog park at Sandfield Reserve, Carrum Downs \$87,000
- Off leash dog park at Telopea Reserve, Frankston North \$70,000
- Streetscape upgrades at Excelsior Drive shopping strip in Frankston North \$100,000
- Over \$1 million to participate in the Job Advocates Program

Invest Frankston



The Business Networking Night held Thursday 25 March, McClelland Sculpture Park + Gallery

Business Networking Nights

Last Thursday of every month, 5-7pm, various locations, tickets \$20, booking essential

Face-to-face networking is back in Frankston City! Invest Frankston is hosting Business Networking Nights every month on the last Thursday of the month, with the next scheduled event to be held Thursday May 27. Open to all Frankston City businesses, entrepreneurs,

prospecting businesses and other interested parties, the event will open up new opportunities for you and your business. Tickets include food, drinks, goodie bag and a guest speaker. If you are interested in hosting one, keen to be one of our key inspirational speakers or have something for the goody bags, get in touch today at: investfrankston.com/connect

Shopfront Activation Grants

Council, in partnership with the Victorian Government, is offering a new grant program specifically to attract new businesses to vacant shopfronts across the city.

The grant is designed to financially assist with transforming properties into confident, sustainable and attractive spaces that create new business for Frankston City and surrounding suburbs.

What's available?

- Up to \$20,000 to reinvent a vacant shopfront
- Up to \$5,000 to reinvent your façade
- Up to \$2,000 to reinvent your kerbside dining

Follow the vacant shopfront art repainting the city centre

throughout May, including live street artist installations, visions of what could be and more.

If you share the vision and the passion for what can be, we invite you to apply online: smartygrants.com.au/reinventfrankston



The B.I.G Build

Friday 11 June, Frankston Arts Centre, FREE, bookings essential

It's an exciting time for major projects in Frankston City, with more than \$1 billion of local developments and upgrades due to commence this year. Now is the time for local businesses to get involved and make the most of this unique opportunity.

Council is joining City of Kingston, City of Greater Dandenong, City of Monash, and Mornington Peninsula Shire for The B.I.G Build to highlight a number of regional projects that local businesses will have an opportunity to tender for work packages. From landscaping, to concreting, supplying building materials, to ongoing maintenance contracts, the event will also offer



tendering workshops to assist businesses to understand the processes involved.

If you are a business owner looking at opportunities to tender for construction or other projects, this event will help to identify local projects in the pipeline that should be on your radar. To book visit: frankston.vic.gov.au/Business

Think your business should be part of the IF Series, or know a business that should? Then get in touch today, email: business@frankston.vic.gov.au Stay tuned for our next video coming your way soon.



Chrissie from Calm Accounts

Mumpreneur Workshops

Wednesdays, 10am-12pm, Lyrebird Community Centre, Carrum Downs, bookings essential

Are you keen to learn more about starting, growing and managing a small business? Our Mumpreneur Workshops are tailored to support parents of young children who are also working to get their business off the ground. Hosted by local industry experts who are parents themselves, participants learn how to create a business map, finance management, marketing, branding, website design, social media and more.

Best of all, children are welcome to attend as there is a qualified carer at all sessions to look after the kids while you learn. All sessions are designed to be flexible and provide you with valuable resources, council contacts and networking opportunities.

Wednesday 12 May
Branding and Website

Wednesday 19 May
Digital Marketing and eCommerce

Wednesday 26 May
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To book, visit: frankston.vic.gov.au/Mumpreneur2021

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From left, Frankston Council CEO Phil Cantillon, Deputy Mayor Nathan Conroy, Mayor Kris Bolam, Minister for Community Sport, Hon. Ros Spence MP, State Member for Frankston, Paul Edbrooke MP, Pines Cricket Club President, Brad Saunders, and Pines Football Netball Club President, Jeff Svigos, with (front) Aldercourt Primary School students Rishaylen and Taylah.

New pavilion at Pat Rollo Reserve a big win for growing clubs

A sod turning ceremony has been held to mark the start of the \$2.8 million redevelopment of the Pat Rollo Reserve pavilion at Frankston North. The redevelopment will include two new female-friendly change rooms, umpires rooms, accessible toilets, a kitchen and kiosk, a meeting room and a social room, transforming this facility for the residents of Frankston North.

The new facility will be used by Pines Football Netball Club, Pines Junior Football Club, Pines Cricket Club and students from nearby Aldercourt Primary School. The existing Pat Rollo Reserve pavilion was built more than 40 years ago and the club had to organise a portable change room for the season in order for games to be able to be played there.

Pines Football Netball Club (women's football) vice president, Kim Jackson, said the new pavilion will strengthen the club, the league and the community.

"We're absolutely thrilled that Council is investing in the club and the area this way. By having great facilities and infrastructure for the smaller clubs, it will provide more diversity in the competition," Kim said.

Kim said the female players in the club ranged from Under-16 to women in their 30s who had wanted to play when they were younger but didn't have the opportunity.

The club is also receiving inquiries about the potential for Under-12 and Under-14 girls' teams.

In addition to the redeveloped pavilion, the combined State Government and Council investment has contributed towards further improvements to the reserve that build on recently installed lighting. The works are due to be completed by mid-2022.

To read the full article, visit: frankston.vic.gov.au/PatRolloPavilion

Broadcast quality lights for SkyBus Stadium

An official opening to celebrate the upgrade of sportsground lighting to broadcast quality was held at SkyBus Stadium, Frankston on 16 April. The \$2.8 million lighting upgrade was made possible by funding from all three levels of government, with contributions of \$850,000 from the Federal Government, \$650,000 from the State Government and \$1.3 million from Council.

The new lighting will allow VFL and AFLW matches to be broadcast from Frankston Park, securing the ground's

place as a premium sporting facility. Frankston Football Club celebrated the official opening with its first win of the 2021 VFL season against Coburg Football Club.

The club's VFL men's team will compete in the new look 22 team competition in 2021, including teams from New South Wales and Queensland. The women's team will compete in the South East Women's Football League Division One competition.

To support Frankston Football Club, visit frankstonfc.com.au

Pines season success

The community was able to enjoy Pines Forest Aquatic Centre for an additional two weeks this summer season, due to popular demand. Peninsula Leisure, which manages the facility, was delighted to extend the season by opening up for community use over the Easter school holidays.

This is another success story for the swimming facility that saw an earlier opening in September 2020, to align with the Victorian Government roadmap to recovery plan post COVID. The aquatic centre hosted lap lane swimming, Free Family Fridays, community breakfasts, school carnivals and recreational swimming,

with the community enjoying access to this safe, fun outdoor facility. Thank you to the Pines community for making this season exceptional, and we look forward to seeing you by the pool next season!



New \$4.6 million soccer pavilion a boost for Peninsula Strikers success

The new \$4.63 million Ballam Park South Pavilion is in full action — enabling the Peninsula Strikers Junior Football Club to host 24 junior soccer teams at Ballam Park last weekend with a new kitchen and kiosk, eight female-friendly change rooms, suitable spaces for umpires, a large social space and new public toilets for park users.

The new pavilion provided female-friendly amenities for around 70 girls and young women in the first home-game round of the season.

The pavilion and new sports lighting gives the Peninsula Strikers Junior Football Club state-of-the-art facilities that better serve its growing ranks, particularly female players.

Mayor Kris Bolam said, "The significant number of girls and young women who train and play here, in particular, now have the amenities to support them, and room for growth in their teams into the future."

Club officials said the new facilities have provided a huge boost and the potential for more growth.

Junior Club President Rob Harrington said: "In our old facility, the girls all used to crowd in to the public toilets to get changed or arrive already changed so the new change rooms are already making a huge difference for them."

The new pavilion has been built thanks to funding from Frankston City Council (\$4.23 million), the Federal Government (\$300,000) and the State Government (\$100,000), while new sports lighting was jointly funded by the Council and State Government (\$181,000 each). The Peninsula Strikers Junior Football Club will also contribute \$50,000 towards the project.

To read the full article, visit: frankston.vic.gov.a/PeninsulaStrikers



Big Picture Fest 2021



Julian Clavijo

The Big Picture Fest returned for a fourth year from 15–21 March, welcoming an all-star line-up of street artists to paint the town!

The 2021 line up included: Brett Piva, CTO, Dave Court, Ghost Patrol, Jason Parker, Julian Clavijo, Maxine Gigliotti, Melanie Caple, Wina Jie.



CTO



Dave Court



Ghost Patrol



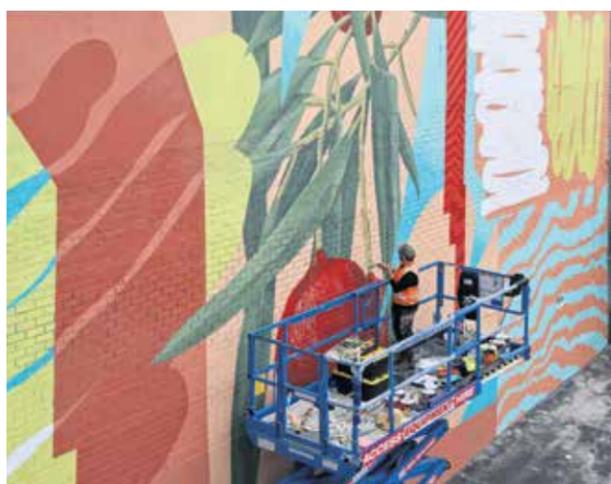
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