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Camilo Delgado with The Messenger mural in Arthurs Lane Frankston



Artists to make Frankston City their canvas for Big Picture Fest 2022

The Big Picture Fest is back in 2022 with another incredible line up of local and national artists – all ready to make Frankston City their canvas. The event, now in its fifth year, brings the best street artists together each year to paint new murals on buildings across Frankston City.

South Ward Councillor, Liam Hughes said each year the festival brings more colour and life to Frankston’s City Centre.

“All you have to do is take a walk around our city centre to see the contribution this festival makes to the atmosphere and beauty of our town. I feel proud that Council is supporting

the arts by gifting these amazing artists a new canvas to showcase their work, where it can be enjoyed by thousands of people every day,” Cr Hughes said.

Monterey Secondary College and Frankston High School students are again participating in the Big Picture Fest via support from the State Government’s Department of Jobs, Precincts and Regions, this year also joined by McClelland College students.

Artists participating in this year’s festival include Adnate, Baxter, Bond Truluv, Dvate, George Rose, Ghostpatrol, 23RD KEY, Benjamin Knock, Ling, Morano, Melanie Caple, Scott Nagy & Krims One, REFUZ, Vans

the Omega and Zedr.

Street artist Camilo Delgado (REFUZ) is keen to get back to Festival this year, after assisting artist Julian Clavijo (Julian Cla) with his incredible life size whale mural, The Messenger, in 2021.

“[Julian and I] connected really well with the combined graphic and illustrative style we both have and we work well together, so last year when he had the idea for The Messenger, he asked if I would like to be involved,” Camilo said.

Camilo is from Columbia and has been in Australia since 2019. The mural Camilo will be completing for Big Picture Fest 2022 will sit next to

his friend Julian’s in Arthur’s Lane, off Playne Street Frankston.

“My mural will talk about fears. I think for all of us, living with the virus these past few years has been a hard time, so I want to talk about all this fear that we have but how we still can live with it,” Camilo said.

The Big Picture Fest 2022 runs from **Monday 14 to Sunday 20 March**. Street Art Walking Tours will be running throughout the Festival and The Block Party on Friday 18 March are both opportunities to watch the artists at work. For more information, visit: discoverfrankston.com

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Langwarrin
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Saturday 9am–12pm

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Mayor's message

Advocating for our City

Council has always been committed to serving our community by prioritising projects that best serve residents' needs. We work to deliver these facilities and services to ensure Frankston City is a vibrant place to live, work, study and play. Occasionally, Council will need to advocate for additional funding from State and Federal Governments and other bodies, to help us deliver projects that meet fundamental community needs. This may include improving sporting facilities and other key community spaces, better transport options, ensuring sustainability of the local environment, cultivating local arts and culture and much more. One funding avenue Council can explore is the various State and Federal Government grant programs on offer. October to December of 2021 saw a great variety of successful funding outcomes – helping to ensure that Frankston City residents and visitors continue to get the support and facilities they need. During this period, Council was successful in 14 out of 15 of our applications, amounting to \$23,279,427 worth of grant funding. These critical additional funds will be used to deliver: Kananook Station commuter car park, Ballam Park North

Oval sports lighting, Seaford Activity Centre place activation, Seaford Wetland revitalisation, Peninsula Reserve cricket place, Premier's Reading Challenge, Tobacco Education and Enforcement Program and the COVIDsafe outdoor activation fund. In addition to these projects, Council has identified five key priorities to focus on in the coming 12 months and beyond, based on extensive consultation with residents. These priorities were adopted at the 15 November Council Meeting. For more information on how we are advocating for our city, see page 3.

Big Summer Read provides literacy support to our young readers

I recently joined Lions Club of Frankston President Julie Swan and Frankston City Libraries Manager Laura Antoniak to meet with excited young readers and present their Big Summer Read challenge awards. The Big Summer Read program has been developed by Public Libraries Victoria to raise awareness of the benefits of reading over summer and to ensure children have access to resources to slow the 'summer slide'. As part of the Big Summer Read, kids are encouraged to keep reading over the summer



holidays with incentives via Beanstack, a mobile app that provides rewards for reading. Research has shown that kids can lose some of the literacy skills they gained during the year and start the following year at a disadvantage. The Big Summer Read is a wonderful initiative that promotes reading over the summer break. It provides a great incentive for children to indulge in books and stories and read for pleasure. I would like to congratulate each of our winners and all the children who discovered the joy of reading through this wonderful initiative. Frankston City Libraries offers an extensive range of services including FRANKtalks, online 24/7 student support, language tutorials, free access to researching family history and digital magazines. For more information, please visit: library.frankston.vic.gov.au

Nathan Conroy, Mayor

Message from the CEO

Waterfront Festival thank you

It has been wonderful to see our events back up and running and in particular our signature event The Waterfront Festival. Our community feel the same way based on how enthusiastically everyone embraced the 2022 event, with 45,000 people in attendance, up 10,000 on previous, pre-COVID festivals. Of course our events team also did a wonderful job adapting to the ever changing conditions of these past two years. The Live and Local version of the traditional Waterfront Festival format in 2021 was a creative and very popular solution to the pandemic problem. I look forward to more amazing events to come.

Planning – and delivering – for our future

We have been busy working to our 2021-2025 Council Plan and Budget these past nine months or so, delivering on a range of projects that help us to meet the award nominated plan's ambitious targets. Our actions are guided by six outcomes within the

plan, including **Healthy and Safe Communities** (i.e. the recent opening of our revitalised park at Witternberg Reserve), **Well Planned and Liveable City** (i.e. the launch of e-bikes in January), **Sustainable Environment** (i.e. our planned revitalisation of the Seaford Wetlands), **Progressive and Engaged City** (i.e. the 42,818 visitors and 7,742 resident responses logged on 60 individual projects these past seven months, via our Engage Frankston platform), **Thriving Economy** (i.e. the development of the Frankston Yacht Club building and launch of a new Business and Industry Chamber) and **Community Strength** (i.e. facilitating mental health first aid workshops and continued support of the arts with our annual Big Picture Fest street art festival). These are just a few examples of how all our work at Council can be tied back to the 2021-2025 Council Plan and Budget — all part of Our Next Chapter for Frankston City.



Jubilee Park Indoor Stadium

Another such key project that is helping us to deliver on our Well Planned and Liveable City outcome, is the Jubilee Park Indoor Stadium, which is now five months ahead of schedule. The project has an accelerated delivery program with civil works for the carpark now being undertaken concurrently with foundation and structural works for the pavilion. The eastern carpark is scheduled for completion in March 2022 and will then be used by the Frankston District Netball Association. Completion of the stadium, southern car park, including main entry, and external landscape integration works is anticipated for March 2023.

**Phil Cantillon,
Chief Executive Officer**

Future Ready Frankston

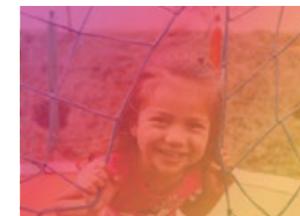
Join the campaign for:



A basketball and gymnastics stadium



A bigger and better Pines Pool



A revitalised Sandfield Reserve



Expanded access to recycled water



An arts and sculpture shared user path from Frankston to Langwarrin



Scan the QR code or visit frankston.vic.gov.au/Advocacy-2021-2025 for more information

2022 Advocacy Priorities

Throughout August 2020 and February 2021, Council asked the Frankston City community for feedback and ideas on the issues that matter to them, how we can improve the challenges they face in their daily lives and their vision for the future of Frankston City.

The results have been used to determine the key priorities requiring Council-led advocacy in the lead up to the upcoming state and federal elections. Our five key priorities to the left were adopted at the 15 November 2021 Council Meeting.

Council Calls for Ministerial Support for Frankston City Projects

Following the adoption of key advocacy priority projects in November 2021, Council wrote to various Victorian and Federal Ministers and Shadow Ministers seeking meetings to discuss the exciting opportunity to support the delivery of these and many other transformative initiatives that will help Frankston City reach and exceed its full potential as a liveable, sustainable and prosperous community.

A number of these meetings have already taken place, with promising signs of support across the political spectrum. We look forward to continuing to work with all levels of government to help realise these projects.

In addition to these ministerial meetings, Council talks regularly with our local state and federal representatives to address local matters while delivering meaningful projects for our community.



Candidate Commitments at a Glance – Election Commitment

Stay informed on commitments made to our community by candidates during the election campaign by visiting Council's Election Commitment Tracker. You'll be able to search election and budget commitments made

by all candidates for each of the six electoral district boundaries covering Frankston City during the 2022 federal and state elections. Visit: frankston.vic.gov.au/Advocacy

Add your voice to the campaign

Are these projects important to you? Get Involved!

All of these projects need State and Federal Government contributions to proceed. We need your help to show our politicians how important these

projects are to our community in order to secure the funding needed from each level of government. For the latest updates and to join the campaign, sign up to our eNews by visiting: frankston.vic.gov.au/advocacy

How you can get involved

- Familiarise yourself with our projects
- Sign up to our eNewsletter to receive regular updates
- Share with your friends and family
- Tell your local Members of Parliament and candidates that these projects are important to you.



Visit: frankston.vic.gov.au or scan the QR code

Your Guide to the 2022 Federal Election for Frankston City

A federal election is conducted approximately once every three years on a date determined by the Governor-General, upon request by the Government. Typically, this involves the election of all House of Representatives members as well as half of the Senate.

Make sure you're enrolled!

It is compulsory by law for all eligible Australian citizens to enrol and vote in federal elections, by-elections and referendums. To check your enrolment status visit: check.aec.gov.au Enrolling is simple and can be done online, post or by visiting an AEC Office.

How to Vote

There will be an early voting opportunity where you can cast your vote either in-person at an

AEC voting centre or via post. On election day you can vote at any polling place across Victoria. For the most up to date information, visit the AEC website: aec.gov.au

Your Federal Electorate – Dunkley

The seat of Dunkley covers Seaford, Carrum Downs, Sandhurst, Skye, Langwarrin, Langwarrin South, Frankston North, Frankston South, Frankston and Mouth Eliza.

Named in honour of Louisa Margaret Dunkley, 1866–1927, a union leader and feminist who founded the Victorian Women's Post and Telegraph Association in 1900 and campaigned for equal pay for women. The current elected Federal Member for Dunkley is Ms Peta Murphy.

Dunkley Candidates Forum

Wednesday 4 May, 7-8.30pm, venue to be confirmed

Got a burning question for your local candidates? Hear their position on matters important to you by attending our Dunkley Candidates Forum.

Council will be hosting an opportunity for community members to hear from their local candidates directly in the lead up to the federal election.

There will be an opportunity to submit questions in person and online, providing candidates the opportunity to respond with their views.

All Dunkley candidates are invited to participate, with community members able to attend in person at a local venue or tune in online with the event livestreamed directly to Council's Facebook page.

Full details for the event can be found at: frankston.vic.gov.au/WhatsOn

Frankston basketball competition bursting at the seams

There's no doubt Frankston basketball is experiencing a period of rapid growth. The Frankston and District Basketball Association is one of the top 3 basketball associations in Victoria with 15,000 games scheduled a year, a staggering 900 teams and over 8,000 participants. The competition has boomed with 5,000 participants in 2013 rising to an incredible 8,300 participants in 2019.

"The pathway for juniors has never been more defined with Mini Hoops, Aussie Hoops, Domestic Junior, the Frankston Blues Representative Youth League, NBL1, NBL and possible Boomers and NBA as both Ryan and David Andersen have achieved. Local kids can see that success and they're inspired," said Frankston and District Basketball Association CEO, Wayne Holdsworth.

Mayor, Nathan Conroy said the city has been long crying out for a larger stadium to accommodate participants who travel from far and wide to play basketball.

"During normal domestic competition Frankston Basketball Stadium sees at least 5,000 people walk through the stadium doors each Saturday from all over the

south-east of Melbourne," said the Mayor.

"We've been working alongside the FDBA over recent years to develop plans for improved basketball facilities for Frankston City, with Council committing \$15 million to transform the Bardia Avenue site into a new-look Frankston Basketball and Gymnastics Stadium with Bayside Gymnastics Club."

"It's now critical we see Council's commitment matched with equal \$15 million contribution from our federal and state counterparts as we head into this important double election year," said the Mayor.

"We are working hand in hand with the Frankston District Basketball Association and the Bayside Gymnastics Club to advocate for funding for this much needed facility and we look forward to hearing from local candidates over the coming months."

For the full story, visit: frankston.vic.gov.au



Two new multi-sport courts

Full redevelopment of courts 7 and 8 multi-sports courts

Refurbishment works to bring courts 1, 2, 3 and 4 up to code requirements

Improved entrances, foyer, office, kiosk and storage spaces

Gymnastics hall, training pit and support facilities

Mezzanine spectator viewing over gymnastics hall and two basketball courts

Precinct improvements such as landscaping, pedestrian and cycling access, car parking

Future-proofing for additional basketball courts

For more information about Council's advocacy program and to register for regular updates, visit: frankston.vic.gov.au/Advocacy



Invest Frankston Grants

Council offers a number of grants and incentives to help local businesses to grow. After a decade of providing business grants to the community, with 54 provided to date, Council has no plans to slow down yet! Applications for the Invest Frankston Business Grants 2022 program are now closed, however you can still apply to:

Façade Improvement Grants

Designed to encourage property and business owners to invest in shopfront improvements across the city. Grants of up to \$20,000 are matched dollar-for-dollar per shopfront.

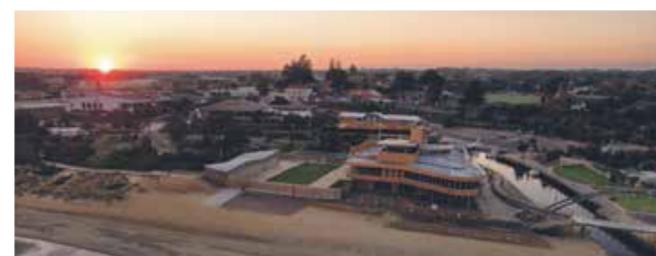
Applications close Sunday 3 April.

Vacant Shopfront Activation Grants

The grants help to attract new business to empty shopfronts across the city. Grants of up to \$20,000 are available per eligible business.

Applications close Sunday 3 April.

Apply today, visit: frankston.vic.gov.au/BusinessGrants



Frankston Yacht Club – Expressions of Interest Now OPEN

IF Frankston Foreshore is in your business vision, now is the time to make it your next investment!

Frankston Yacht Club is the anchor destination in an active and appealing foreshore experience for locals and visitors alike, and Council's ambition for the first-floor space is to partner with a forward-thinking hospitality operator who sees the potential of the Frankston Yacht Club and can take the iconic venue to the next level.

We are now seeking expressions of interest from professional and highly

capable restaurateurs to deliver a modern food and beverage concept for this fantastic level 1 location. An established operator with the capacity to realise the benefit of this space, drive activation of the asset and establish an enduring reputation as a 'Frankston Food Destination'.

Don't miss the opportunity to establish a beacon of attraction for the Frankston waterfront.



Business Networking

Our Frankston City business community have been hard at work networking and collaborating over the past year at our popular Invest Frankston Business Networking Nights.

Held monthly at a different location in Frankston City since March 2021, these events are chance for

business owners to get together, connect and collaborate at a local level. Our next two events are: 31 March at Sandhurst Club and 28 April at Dainton Brewery, Carrum Downs on 28 April, 5–7pm. Tickets and more info at investfrankston.com/news Follow @InvestFrankston



Youngpreneurs

A new program for 15 to 18 year old entrepreneurial minds has begun in Frankston City.

Held at the Seaford Library from 8–28 March, our Youngpreneurs Workshop Program is for young people keen to one day establish a business or solve a local problem. Run by Eastern Innovation, the fun four week program,

aims to take participants on a journey from ideation to commercialisation, includes a great pitch night and dinner! It will help channel interests and talents, increase knowledge about the field of entrepreneurship, foster business mindsets, and explore practical methods of ideation, commercialisation and pitching.



Join in the celebrations at the Frankston Indigenous Nursery Open Day

Come and join us at the Frankston Indigenous Nursery Open Day for a morning of festivity on Saturday 7 May from 9am-1pm, 32R McMannis Way, Seaford.

This year's theme is 'The importance of urban forests' and we are pleased to be hosting special guest Dr Greg Moore of Melbourne University, speaking on 'Liveable and Sustainable Cities Need Trees'.

There will be interactive displays from local wildlife gurus, Living with Wildlife, AWARE Wildlife Rescue,

Frankston's Natural Reserve Friends groups and Gardens for Wildlife Victoria volunteers. The Lions Club of Frankston will be cooking up a free BBQ, there will be plant sales and giveaways as always, a nursery tour and propagation workshop and plenty of activities for the kids.

To help keep this a COVID safe event, please register your details if you are intending to join us here are keen to come along. Visit: frankston.vic.gov.au/IndigenousNursery

Free Film Screening Event: Beyond the Burning

The South East Environment Network (SEEN) and Frankston High School's Eco Team invite you to a FREE screening of Environment Victoria's film about the Black Summer bushfires, 'Beyond the Burning'.

Come and mingle with other locals interested in action on climate change and environmental issues, share your ideas and learn about local initiatives, or just quietly absorb the film!

Refreshments will be provided and there will be various guest speakers.

Date: Saturday 26 March 2022

Time: 2:30 to 5:00pm

Where: Frankston High School Performing Arts Theatre, 97 Foot Street, Frankston

This event was made possible thanks to an Environmental Sustainability Grant to SEEN from Frankston City Council.



Have your say and win!

Our community told us they value the coastline, foreshore and beaches, open space and protection of biodiversity.

We're developing a Coastal and Marine Management Plan that sets out the vision, objectives and actions for the management of the Frankston and Seaford

coastal and marine environment. Help shape the plan by scanning the QR code or visiting engage.frankston.vic.gov.au/CMMP

Have your say by Monday 28 March to go into the draw to WIN one of three \$100 gift vouchers.

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Investor confidence

Regaining the trust and confidence of our business community is vital. Development brings both construction jobs and long term local employment to our region and in this climate it is important we create and maintain a robust local economy. Council approved the following developments in the past twelve months: 35 Playne Street Frankston \$27.9 million, 12 Balmoral Walk Frankston \$58 million, 1-2 Plowman Place Frankston, \$82 million, 16 Pagett Road Carrum Downs, \$86 million and Brunnings Road Carrum Downs, \$46.4 million. In the past year we have also met with many developers and this has led to a number of planning applications now in the pipeline. Future developments to be considered: 446 Nepean Hwy Frankston \$55 million, 6-12 Davey Street Frankston \$90 million, 438 Nepean Hwy Frankston, \$6.1 million and 300 Frankston-Dandenong Road Frankston, \$2.8 million. Clearly Frankston is going through something of an investment boom with confidence also reflected in real estate data where Frankston it is consistently rated as one of the top growth areas in Victoria.

Shade sails

I have been approached by a number of residents about the need for shelter in our parks and playgrounds. Given the harmful impact of the sun, shade sails have proven popular. Working with residents, I have been able to secure funding to install shaded areas at:

- North Seaford Reserve playground, Seaford
- Weatherston Reserve playground, Seaford
- R F Miles Reserve playground, Seaford
- Telopea Reserve off-lead dog park, Frankston North
- Belvedere Reserve playground, Seaford
- Gretana Reserve, Karingal - Wingham Reserve, Karingal - Seaford Pier, Seaford

If you believe there is a park or reserve in need of shade sail, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Frankston Ambassador site update

I am very pleased with the great work that the site owner has done at the former vacant land at the Frankston Ambassador, on Nepean Highway Frankston. The site, long an eyesore and source of embarrassment, was approved by Council for the construction of a petrol station. Although sceptical about the need for a petrol station at this site, I was able to add some conditions to Council's permit approval, which includes two mature palm trees, increased plantings, a 'wave' mural and 360 degree CCTV unit to help improve security. With construction now completed, the site looks fantastic. Congratulations to the site owner for what has been a great outcome.

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Seaford Wetlands Revitalisation

The much-loved Seaford Wetlands is being rejuvenated with \$5 million from the State Government's \$154 million Suburban Parks Program. Features will include a new bridge across Kananook Creek, upgraded path network and a self-guided cultural interpretive trail that 'closes the loop' around the wetlands along with environmental restoration works.

The wetlands are an incredibly important ecological and cultural asset to Frankston City, home to many bird species, some endangered, the area is also a significant Indigenous site. As part of this project, we are working to provide a tour for residents and visitors that will incorporate the Indigenous cultural knowledge and practices relevant to the area identified by Bunurong Elders. I would like to thank the Victorian Government's Suburban Parks Program, for their generous contribution to help Council to deliver the project and we are working closely with the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning to achieve this. The proposed improvements will be extensive and truly help, not only preserve this area for future generations, but encourage locals to make the most of this beautiful natural asset at our doorstep. Residents have a chance to share your feedback on the draft plans until Thursday 31 March, visit: engage.frankston.vic.gov.au

A new shared user path for Karingal

Construction is now complete on the shared user path link for cyclists and pedestrians, connecting Karingal Hub to the Peninsula Link Trail. Our newest pathway is an exciting asset for residents, as we work to create ever better connections across our city. Council looks after an almost 1000 kilometre network of pathways across Frankston City and these shared user paths are a vital part of the city's infrastructure, promoting physical activity and helping locals, and visitors, to step out of their cars and see a different side of Frankston City. The path was delivered thanks to funding and collaboration between ISPT (owners of Karingal Hub), the Department of Transport and Council. We were fortunate enough to bump into local couple Dean and Julie Romanoff who were celebrating their 32nd wedding anniversary not long after the path opened and to mark the occasion headed off on a bike ride to celebrate, before continuing the celebrations with a coffee in Seaford. Lovely to see the path in use and I hope more people take advantage of this wonderful new asset.



The community partied...

On an unassuming Saturday in the middle of February, the residents of Frankston, along with family and friends, came out in droves and lit up Frankston's foreshore at the biggest of festivals: The Waterfront Festival. From midday and into the night, it was the 'all singing, all dancing' community event we needed, generating the spirit of community, out in a public for the first time in two years. Laughter, endless things to do and see, masses to eat and drink, contributed to a kaleidoscope of energy and diversity ensuring all five senses got a workout.

Wildlife Xposure, the live interactive animal education team had kids and adults crowded round a range of curious sea creatures. With the pier off limits for the evening's firework spectacular, the beach thronged with volley ball, boat hire and kids playing in the sand. The Garden Bar Stage had music for everyone, with bands getting the dancing started from the offset. Latin vibes on the two Ventana stages set toes tapping too and the Youth Stage showcased some fabulous local talent. The Fairground was extremely popular mixing cuddly toys and showbags with dodgems and rollercoasters. No one went hungry or thirsty as food Trucks kept a variety of culinary delights coming, complimented by local beers, wines and even a rather scrummy cider. There was plenty of ice cream too! For lovers of makers markets, face painting, playing drums or paddling a canoe up Kananook Creek it was all there for the taking. People could also have a yarn with Scouts, Coast Guards, MarShere Studio dancers and Channel 9 News. Even our own City Council staff were there keen to hear views from locals on improving our city. Have I mentioned Captain Trash, Frankston's own pirate with his chest of treasure to upcycle, recycle and reuse? Having mentioned all of this, there is still one thing that really was the best thing about the day... you could come back and do it all again on Sunday! Well done to everyone who was there and made it such a joyful community event.

Citizenship ceremonies

As someone who has participated in my own Citizenship Ceremony, these regular events always take on a special meaning for me, especially now that I am not only attending as a new citizen myself but as Mayor of Frankston City. I truly understand what it means to feel like you belong to two countries. Ireland and Australia are special to me in different ways and I am always struck with how big a leap it is to select a country different from the one you were born in, to call home. Each new citizen has something unique to offer our local culture and way of life. Of all our citizenship ceremonies, our Australia Day event is always that little bit extra special, making it particularly memorable for Frankston City's 60 newest citizens, who were formally welcomed and celebrated at the Australia Day Citizenship Ceremony at the FAC, always our first for the new year. I look forward to meeting our next event on 17 March.

Delivering key infrastructure upgrades

I am pleased to note that the Hall Road rehabilitation works are complete, well ahead of the project delivery deadline of 30 June. The project has presented many complexities from the planning stage right through to delivery, including the need for significant weekend and night time works in order to balance the needs of local and through traffic while works were underway. Our Project team has done an exceptional job on this upgrade and are to be congratulated for their huge efforts and successful completion of the works. Deemed as a priority transport project, the project is funded by the Federal and State Governments. I would also like to take this opportunity to again extend my condolences to the family of traffic worker Timmy Rakei who was tragically killed in a hit and run in the early stages of this project, and our thoughts are also to the worker who sustained serious injuries. This is again a reminder of the valuable role played by traffic controllers and workers across our road projects and the importance of driving safely at all times.

Celebrating 40 years as a Sister City with Susono

We celebrated the 40th anniversary of our Sister City agreement with Susono, Japan in February, with an official ceremony at the Civic Centre. The event was attended by residents Julie D'Arcy, Simon Hast and Therese Sakamoto, all of whom have utilised the partnership to go build strong ties with Susono. Julie and Simon are now Chairperson and Vice Chairperson respectively of the Frankston Susono Friendship Association (FSFA) and work hard to maintain to this wonderful friendship on behalf of Frankston City, including producing a regular FSFA newsletter and maintaining the Japanese garden, located at Frankston High. Julie and Therese have both spoken fondly of their time on exchange in Susono as high school students, both maintaining a lifelong connection with Japan thereafter. These stories are a wonderful reminder that Sister City relationships create amazing connections and immense benefits between two very different cultures and I am proud that Council has maintained this relationship for so long.

Ageing and disability services back in full swing

Council has a range of Active Ageing and Disability Services available to the community, from Direct Care (assistance with showers, shopping and cleaning), to Meals On Wheels and Community Transport, our services support older people, people with a disability and their carers. These services have been incredible during the pandemic, adapting to continue to meet the needs of our community despite lockdowns and numerous changes in restrictions these past two years. Many of the changes to our services have remained in place until recently, when we were finally able to announce in late February that these services were once again fully operational. There is one minor exception. We are currently not able to accept most referrals for Home Care (housework) due to staffing shortages. We are currently recruiting and anticipate we will be able to accept all new referrals in the weeks to come. I would like to thank our incredible Family and Health Services staff for their tireless dedication during this time. I know they are passionate about the work they do and about ensuring our most vulnerable can live each day in dignity and comfort and with continued social connection. All resumed services are taking appropriate COVID-safe measures, to reduce the risk to all. For more information on supports for older and vulnerable residents, visit: frankston.vic.gov.au/ActiveAgeing



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Happy birthday to a beloved gallery

Our iconic McClelland Gallery + Sculpture Park turns 50 in May and this is the perfect opportunity to understand and appreciate the gallery's contribution to creating a rich and vibrant local arts and culture over that time. The location of McClelland Gallery was originally known as 'Studio Park' and is the site of Harry McClelland's original painting studio from the 1920s. Annie May established the Harry McClelland Art Gallery and Cultural Hall in her brother's memory and the gallery opened in 1971. Since then, the gallery has become a local landmark and the site where the works of many incredible Australian and international artists are showcased. Art is one of our most important forms of cultural expression and creativity — provoking us to think outside our lived experience and see the world in a different way. We are fortunate to have such an amazing creative space at our finger tips and I encourage everyone to take the time to visit the gallery, or visit again: mcclellandgallery.com

Business Chamber gains momentum

Although still in its infancy, the Frankston Business and Industry Chamber — established on October 2021 — is making strides towards influencing and delivering policies to drive local economic growth and create opportunities for Frankston City's economy. The newly established working group, featuring a mix of business and industry representatives, has met a number of times to determine the vision for the Chamber, as well as to create governance and financial models. Expressions of Interest for local business owners to occupy voluntary positions on the Chamber Board closed on 28 February and applications are currently under review. While the Chamber will eventually become an independent body for local businesses, Council is committed to helping its establishment, investing \$200,000 to get it up and running and appointing a dedicated Chamber resource. Jeff Rogut, former Australasian Association of Convenience Stores CEO, has also been appointed to oversee the Chamber's early development. Mr Rogut's extensive business background includes working with a number of major retailers in the merchandise area, as a franchisor and franchisee and heading the Australian Centre for Retail Studies at Monash University. For more information on the Frankston Business and Industry Chamber, email: jeff.rogut@frankston.vic.gov.au

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Frankston Yacht Club building works update

I am pleased to announce that Oliver's Corner Café and Bar will officially open its doors to customers at the Frankston Yacht Club in April. We have been working closely with owners Brendan Theobald and John O'Halloran to help ensure the ground floor space is fit for purpose and lives up to the breath-taking location and outlook. As you would hope, this will include a fabulous outdoor dining area for patrons, including shaded areas and wheelchair accessibility. As one of the jewels in Frankston City's crown, it will undoubtedly be worth the wait and we are excited to see you there. Meanwhile, we have appointed an architectural firm who are busy creating concepts for the first floor space. This is a fantastic opportunity for a restaurateur to capitalise on this prime hospitality location. We will be working with possible occupying businesses over the coming months to ensure this beautiful building is fulfilling its potential. We are now seeking expressions of interest from restaurateurs to deliver a modern food and beverage concept for this fantastic level 1 location. For more information see page 5.

A new home for the Frankston Coast Guard

The Frankston Coast Guard has been without a permanent home since March 2018, when their premises near Waterfront foreshore was considered uninhabitable. Council voted at on 30 August 2021 to give the Mechanics Hall in Plowman Place Frankston an upgrade, to provide appropriate meeting and office space as a base for the Coast Guard. Coast Guard officers have worked closely with Council these past seven months, to help ensure the design and upgrade works were fit for purpose, and would provide this important organisation with the best possible home. Works are nearing completion and it is expected that the Coast Guard will move in to their spruced up premises by late March. I would like to thank Council officers and Coast Guard representatives for their hard work and patience during this time. A great outcome for all.

Removing your pay TV cable

A quick note for any homes with a pay TV cable connected. Since I went onto the NBN, this cable became redundant at my house. Your pay TV provider should take it down free of charge for you — I called them and had mine removed, they came out a few days later — job done. Contact your individual provider for more details.



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Helping young people to connect with their community

Our Youth Service's team have been running a very successful RAD Project over the past year, helping young people to maintain a sense of hope, pride and crucial connections in our beautiful Frankston City during a challenging time. RAD has engaged and provided support to over 53 at-risk young people through 13 workshops, projects and activities in 2021, including the Davey Street Mural Project, Digital Media Production Workshop and Street Art Workshops at Frankston Skate Park. A special acknowledgement to our RAD Project Officer Laura Glenn and all the talented young people who contributed along the way.

The George Pentland Botanic Gardens: More than just a park

I know that lots of Frankston residents, as well as friends and family who visit our City, regularly enjoy the George Pentland Gardens for its excellent playground and BBQ areas. I've been to wonderful children's parties in these gardens, as well as regular mum's group meet ups some years ago. Last year friends of mine even celebrated Christmas day in these gardens as a way of gathering with extended family in a COVID-safe way! Meanwhile, many commuters also walk through the gardens on their way to work at the adjacent Frankston Hospital. It's truly wonderful that Frankston has such beautiful places to be enjoyed by all. Yet, this is no ordinary park, and these are no ordinary gardens...

Established in 1975, these important gardens are named after former Shire Secretary and Town Clerk of the City of Frankston, George Pentland. *The National Parks and Wildlife Conservation Act* (Section 11), from that same year — 1975, indicates the following purposes for botanic gardens:

"The increase of knowledge, appreciation and enjoyment of Australia's plant heritage by establishing, as an integrated resource, a collection of living and herbarium specimens of Australian and related plants for study, interpretation, conservation and display."

Accordingly, as a Botanic Garden, Council Officers pay particular care and attention to the selection and maintenance of plants, with an emphasis on plant families that are indigenous to this local area and the inclusion of relevant educational signage.

Council is currently in the process of developing an updated vision for the Gardens to help guide improvements over the next 5-10 years, including the opportunity to enhance the Botanical Function of these gardens. Next time you're visiting take some extra moments to stop, look and listen: breathe deeply and enjoy one of Frankston's many precious places!

L2P program mentors 200th successful learner driver

Last year ended on a high note for the Frankston TAC L2P Program with our 200th learner successfully obtaining their probationary licence late last year. This was a long time coming as learner Kate* had to postpone her drive test twice over the course of four months due lockdown. Although she was nervous, Kate's incentive was going home to a newly purchased car that she bought in late November! Since the program re-opened after the festive season, we have already had our first learner of the year pass his test on Tuesday 11 January. Justin* was very grateful to the program for helping him reach this important milestone, as he too has been struggling with through lockdown. Having our professional driver Colin in the car with Justin helped combat his nerves and he passed with flying colours. Huge congratulations to both learners! To register to be a Mentor Driver, visit: frankston.vic.gov.au/L2P

Upgrades at Peninsula Reserve

Council was successful in securing \$100,000 through the Victorian Government's 2021-22 Community Cricket Program for new cricket nets at Peninsula Reserve. Frankston YCW Cricket Club, who play at the Reserve, will now benefit from new three lane cricket nets with enclosed run ups, soft netting and electrical supply. This will encourage more practice and participation, encourage new players and assist their drive for women's cricket to be a part of the club. Peninsula Reserve also received attention following last year's large wind storm event, when a large gum tree fell onto the swing set at Peninsula Reserve. During clean up, we realised there was opportunity for some further improvement works, so not only replacing the double swing but also install an additional basket swing and install rubber under surfacing and new timber edging, at a total investment of \$20,000.



SOUTHSIDE FESTIVAL

#southsidefestival

What is South Side Festival?



- Arts and Culture
- Music
- Family Friendly Events
- Art Exhibitions
- Workshops and Talks
- Local Listings

FRANKSTON 6 -15 MAY 2022



innovative
thought-provoking

immersive

Experience art, culture, heritage and food like never before.

Transform and re-imagine multiple venues and spaces across Frankston City.

Local businesses, existing events and locally grown content all get their turn to turn it up!

South Side Festival will run from Friday 6 May to Sunday 15 May, 2022.

You'll be surprised what you find South Side...

Full details and ticket bookings visit

1300 322 322

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A-List Entertainment
Ross Noble – On The Go
 Thursday 24 March, 8pm
 FAC Theatre
 Tickets: \$49.90 - \$54.90



RAZ Music
A Boy Called Sailboat
 Film screening with soundtrack
 played live by the Grigoryan Brothers
 Saturday 26 March, 6.30pm
 FAC Theatre
 Tickets: \$20-\$45



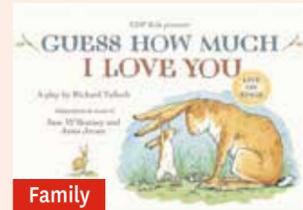
Mary Tobin Presents
Stephen K Amos: Before and Laughter
 Friday 22 April, 7.30pm
 FAC Theatre
 Tickets: \$46.90-\$49.90



Daytime Music + Theatre
Anzacs and Vietnam Vets
 Friday 22 April, 10.30am & 1.30pm
 FAC Theatre
 Tickets: \$20-\$22



Melbourne International
 Comedy Festival
Comedy Festival Roadshow
 Sunday 1 May, 8pm
 FAC Theatre
 Tickets: \$27-\$60



CDP Kids
Guess How Much I Love You
 Monday 9 May, 12pm & 2pm
 FAC Theatre
 Tickets: \$28-\$30

Event changes and refunds: If your event is cancelled or rescheduled due to COVID restrictions, you will be entitled to a refund.

Frankston City Libraries



Children's Programs
Storytime
 Various days and times
 throughout Term One,
 Frankston, Carrum Downs
 and Seaford libraries, FREE
 Storytime with Frankston City
 Libraries is the perfect way to
 explore literacy and develop a love
 of reading together. The relaxed
 sessions are designed especially
 for 0-5 year olds and encourage
 engagement with the library space
 and each other. And don't forget,
 you and your child can become
 library members for free and keep
 the reading fun going at home.
 Check the website for session
 times and locations.



Presenting
Book Chat
 4th Wednesday of the
 month, 10.30am
 Carrum Downs Library, FREE
 Join a Frankston City Libraries'
 librarians for a relaxed and informal
 chat in a small group setting. You
 can discuss your favourite books,
 movies, series or even poems. Or,
 just come along to talk about
 what you're currently reading
 and watching. Hear different
 ideas, get information about the
 latest and most popular authors
 or be inspired to try something
 new. You are welcome to join
 in the conversation or just
 come and listen.



FrankTALK
Victoria Purman
 Tuesday 5 April, 11am-12pm
 Frankston Library, FREE,
 bookings essential
 As we approach ANZAC Day,
 this FrankTALK with Victoria
 Purman compels us to reflect
 on the experience and sacrifice,
 not always obvious when
 thinking about war. The Nurses'
 War gives the reader a true
 and honest insight into the
 experience of Australian nurses
 in WW1.



FrankTALK
**Holistic Wellbeing: heart,
 mind, body and spirit**
 Thursday, 17 March, 7.30pm
 Carrum Downs Library, FREE,
 Bookings essential
 Finding balance in our wellbeing
 can be a challenge and something
 for us to work on. Holistic
 wellbeing is about finding
 strategies to support our overall
 health and wellbeing – heart,
 mind, body and spirit. Join our
 panel of speakers and explore
 how we can create this balance
 and sense of wellbeing.

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



From left, Peninsula Health CEO, Felicity Topp, Erminio (Minio) Rossetto, Bethany Yeung, Sony from Peninsula Health, Trudy Poole and Frankston City Mayor Cr Nathan Conroy

Frankston City honours 2022 citizens of the year

Mayor, Nathan Conroy, announced the 2022 Frankston City Citizens of the Year at a special ceremony on 26 January at the Frankston Arts Centre (FAC).

A big congratulations to our award recipients: Erminio Rossetto, Bethany Yeung, Trudy Poole and Peninsula Health frontline workers.

Mayor Conroy thanked the Citizen of the Year recipients for their dedication to the City.

"We live in a truly inspiring place and it is made even better because of you. On behalf of the community, thank you for your service. You perfectly embody our community's vision for 2040 through your commitment to creating a healthy, vibrant, inclusive

and sustainable Frankston City." The ceremonies were attended by Federal Member for Dunkley, Peta Murphy, Members for South East Metropolitan Region, Gordon Rich-Phillips and David Limbrick, Frankston City Deputy Mayor, Cr Suzette Taylor, Councillor Sue Baker and Council Chief Executive Officer, Phil Cantillon.



The 2022 Frankston City Citizen of the Year: Trudy Poole

Trudy was nominated for her incredible contribution to the community, particularly through her work helping those in need.

Trudy is the Treasurer of the Rotary Frankston Peninsula 2.0 Club, which she was heavily involved in establishing. She volunteers her time to assist in securing accommodation and food for people experiencing homelessness (including through the Brekky Club), provides support to local veterans and newcomers to Frankston, and is integral to the Birth Tree project at Montague Park.

Her generosity extends beyond Frankston City. Trudy is a huge supporter of The Green Gecko Project, which helps Cambodian families experiencing homelessness to access accommodation, care and education. In many cases, Trudy has assisted children from these families in achieving university degrees.

Trudy said: "Being the Frankston City 2022 Citizen of the Year is an honour and privilege. I am humbled to receive the award, which I accept on behalf of all volunteers who put so much time and effort into our Frankston community to make it a wonderful place to live."

"I get pleasure from making a difference to people's lives. It's infectious – if you are kind to someone and show them compassion, then that can make them feel good about themselves and go on and encourage them to help others."

"I would like to thank my husband, Russell. We are a team and he has provided major support for my volunteering efforts over the years," Trudy said.

2022 Senior Citizen of the Year: Erminio (Minio) Rossetto



Minio received this year's award for his voluntary community work with the Kananook Creek Association and the Long Island Tennis Club. Like so many who generously donate their time,

Minio is a modest volunteer who prefers to avoid the limelight and 'get on with the job,' although his contributions to the Frankston City community are truly outstanding.

Minio, who migrated from Italy to Frankston when he was four, has performed over 40 years of voluntary community work with the Kananook Creek association and 20 years as groundsman and caretaker of the Long Island Tennis Club.

Minio said: "When you see something that could use some work, you get in and improve it – and that's what I did. When I moved to Gould Street I thought Kananook Creek looked a bit shabby. I spoke with Robert Thurley, who I went to school with, and he said 'come and volunteer' – it all started there."

"We have always had such a good team of volunteers around us and I couldn't do it without my wife, Claire."

The 2022 Young Citizen of the Year: Bethany Yeuong

Bethany was nominated by Frankston High School Senior Campus Principal, Helen Wilson. Bethany is an advocate for social inclusion and diversity, champion for environmental sustainability, accomplished musician and avid fundraiser. She empowers her peers to contribute to the community and improve their wellbeing.



“Bethany is an exemplary leader who continues to strive for and inspire social change as she has led her peers to genuinely rethink the world and contribute in positive ways to the wider community,” Ms Wilson said.

Bethany said receiving the award was an absolute honour. “Not for the award itself, but for the thought that my time has had a positive imprint on our school and wider community. It makes me more happy than anything to have being able to be a part of lifting somebody’s spirits, and this award only inspires me to do more,” she said.

“I am a big believer in creating the life you want to live, and in a world where we have

the power to choose what we put out to others, I choose kindness.

“I don’t want this award to be about me, but a recognition of all the incredible people in our Frankston community. Our community is truly a community where we help each other out, and I want to acknowledge all the amazing people out there who make it what it is. Especially to all of my incredible parents, teachers and friends who spread nothing but positivity, and never fail to be an inspiration to everyone around them, including me,” Bethany said.



Peninsula Health CEO, Felicity Topp and health worker, Sony.

2022 Community Award: Peninsula Health frontline workers

This year, a special Community Award was presented to Peninsula Health frontline workers for their service to the community during the pandemic. Peninsula Health Chief Executive Felicity Topp said she was humbled to accept the award on behalf of hardworking nurses and midwives at the health service.

Ms Topp said: “Our nurses and midwives have done an outstanding job continuing to provide an exceptional level of care to our patients under incredibly challenging circumstances. This award shows how thankful our community is for the enormous effort our nurses and midwives have put in throughout the past year and it is wonderful to have them recognised in this way.”



Have your say on community safety in Frankston City

Council is developing a Draft Safe Community Policy and Strategy 2022–2032, to create a safer and more inclusive municipality where everyone feels secure, well-connected and welcome to participate in community life. We want to hear about your safety concerns and your ideas for making Frankston City safer.

There are two double passes (age 15+) for the Melbourne International Comedy Festival Roadshow at Frankston Arts Centre to give away. To go in the draw, all you have to do is complete the survey and enter your contact details in the form at the end.

The Policy and Strategy will outline how we will work with our partners and support community safety and crime prevention work across the municipality over the next ten years. It will focus on prevention to create safer communities and environments that:

- Support people to be as resilient to risks and threats such as natural disasters and public health emergencies
- Improve safety in public spaces through urban design and place making
- Prevent family violence, violence against women and elder abuse
- Address harms from alcohol, drugs, gambling, road trauma, violence and crime
- Has equitable access to suitable housing that is secure, safe and affordable.
- Create inclusive and well connected communities where everyone feels safe and welcome

The survey is open until Sunday 3 April.

Online: engage.frankston.vic.gov.au/a-safe-community

Phone: 1300 322 322

Email: social.policy@frankston.vic.gov.au

Do you know how to recognise if someone has mental health issues or what to do to support them?

Council is offering FREE mental health training to businesses, employees, community groups and residents.

Mental Health Matters, a 1.5 hour information session run by the Australian Red Cross, covers typical indicators of mental health concerns and discusses effective supports.

Sessions are run each month until July. More information: frankston.vic.gov.au/MentalHealthFirstAid

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Maternal and Child Health nurses lend a hand at local hospitals

Local Councils have been providing additional, temporary support to maternity and neonatal health services, following the Victorian Government’s announcement of a Code Brown in hospitals across the state in January.

Since 21 February, Council Maternal and Child Health (MCH) nurses have been supporting services impacted by the changes and help to relieve any additional pressure resulting from the pandemic. The MCH nurses assisted with the Extended Post Natal Care Program — where a hospital midwife visits new babies once discharged. The nurses, who are all also qualified midwives, headed to Frankston Hospital for an initial set period — ending Friday 11 March.

Mayor Nathan Conroy, said Council’s MCH staff were eager to have the opportunity to provide this additional support during a difficult time. “Our Maternal and Child Health nurses are by nature passionate and caring

people, who are dedicated to helping parents and babies to thrive. They are excited to be supporting the best possible outcomes for the provision of midwifery, neonatal and MCH services for women, infants and families in our community.

“Our staff are also aware that our hospital system has been under considerable strain these past few months and we will do anything necessary to support our amazing healthcare workers,” Mayor Conroy said.

Council’s Manager Family Health Support Services, Claire Benzie, said Council has worked hard to ensure the disruption to regular mother and baby health checks is minimal.

“During this reduced service we have prioritised our vulnerable families and continued to link parents in to additional supports where needed. Caring for young families is a passion our staff share with many other healthcare providers in our



community, who have struggled these past few years under an overwhelming workload and difficult working conditions.

“We believe this common goal and this time spent working together strengthened the ongoing relationships between our services and enhanced future opportunities to collaborate

— ultimately benefitting our community,” Ms Benzie said. Council’s will be operating a limited schedule of MCH services over the coming months, keep an eye on the website or follow [@FrankstonCityCouncil](https://www.facebook.com/FrankstonCityCouncil) for more information.

Our award nominated Council Plan

Council’s 2021–2025 Council Plan and Budget has been announced as a finalist for the ‘Best Practice and Innovation in Council Plan Development Award’ as part of the Corporate Planners Network Awards.

This award recognises Frankston City Council’s continuous improvement, innovation and best practice in the development of our Council Plan which is the critical document that guides our work to deliver the services, facilities and infrastructure to the people of Frankston.

Our 2021–2025 Plan and Budget was informed by extensive community consultation and collaboration, with input from Frankston’s first ever Community Panel independently selected to represent the diverse needs of our community and develop our Community Vision 2040 which outlines our aspirations and priorities for Frankston for the next 20 years. Our Council Plan is designed to align with six key outcomes:

1. Promoting healthy and safe communities
2. Community strength



3. A sustainable environment
4. a well-planned and liveable city
5. A thriving economy and
6. A progressive and engaged city.

Congratulations to Council’s hardworking Integrated Planning and Reporting team on the nomination. Winners of the awards will be announced at the LGPro Corporate Planners Network Conference on Friday 6 May.

Read the full 2021-2025 Council Plan and Budget: frankston.vic.gov.au/CouncilPlanandBudget



The 150th successful L2P graduate, Jasmine

Volunteer Mentor Drivers needed

Are you a fully licensed driver over 21 years old and want to assist young disadvantaged learner drivers gain driving experience?

Becoming a volunteer mentor is a great way to contribute to the community, make a difference and directly help a young person otherwise unable to access education and employment opportunities, through supervised driving practice.

The TAC L2P Learner Driver Mentor Program assists 16 to 21 year olds,

who have a current Victorian learner permit but don’t have access to a supervising driver or vehicle, to obtain the necessary 120 hours of driving experience to obtain their probationary licence.

The Frankston TAC L2P Program is looking for new volunteers to continue this vital service. If this opportunity appeals to you and you are able to commit an hour or two a week, please email:

ImpactVolReferrals@frankston.vic.gov.au or visit: frankston.vic.gov.au/L2P

Get your party shoes ready, Party in the Park is back in 2022 at the picturesque Cruden Farm!

In 2022, we are getting back to nature with our 'Garden' theme. Let's share with our little ones all the wonderful magic that happens in the garden, while enjoying a day filled with colour, laughter and stories.

It's a fun-filled family day out not to be missed, with plenty of FREE activities for the kids

and lots of local educational information for the parents. Cruden Farm is bursting with all the very best nature has to offer and with local wildlife and stunning gardens, it's the perfect excuse to pack a picnic or enjoy food from the stalls onsite, whilst you soak in the surroundings.

FREE fun day out for kids

**Sunday 10 April 2022
10am - 2pm
Cruden Farm, Langwarrin**

Tractor rides • Animal farm • Garden activities • Market stalls
Information on local children's services
frankstonevents.com.au

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Here's just a sample of what's on at Party in the Park in 2022

- The Billy Tea Bush Band are performing, come join in the bush dance
- PARC are warming up the crowd
- Children's musical theatre comedy act, The Bongo Brothers
- Kids' educational service, Hey Dee Ho
- Garden themed roving entertainment, activities and performances
- Scouts Victoria is hosting abseiling and rock climbing activities
- Tractor rides
- Cupcake decorating

Frankston Street Art Walking Tour voted best in Australia!

Frankston's popular Street Art Walking Tours have taken out the gold in the Best Street Art Tour category at the Australian Street Art Awards!

To be shortlisted, tours across the country must go through a rigorous judging process, including second tier auditioning and due diligence checking.

The free 90 minute guided tours were developed by Council in 2018 to create a tangible experience around the city's street art and to encourage both residents and visitors to explore and discover the city's

unexpected delights. Led by knowledgeable local guides, the tours are a deep dive into the unique and inspiring artworks following the Inner City Street Art Trail (a finalist in the 2019 Australian Street Art Awards) through the city's streets and laneways.

The judges said: "This walking tour is contributing significantly to making Australia a more vibrant, creative and interesting country - somewhere visitors want to explore more keenly."

The judges said Frankston has been doubly clever in leveraging the legacy of its annual Big Picture Fest, the

event responsible for the murals' creation. "This is a world-class example of how street art can operate as an activation and immersive experience to generate civic pride while also bolstering the local economy through tourism."

Read the full story: frankston.vic.gov.au



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Five amazing outdoor spaces to explore in Frankston City

We all need a little oasis we can escape to when we're craving that connection to the outdoors. Luckily in Frankston City, we are spoiled for choice. While many people know of Frankston's creative urban appeal and our coast, some of our nature experiences are perhaps a little less known. Check out our top five local favourites to explore this autumn.



Frankston Nature Conservation Reserve

Everyone loves a hidden secret, especially one that was hidden away for 95 years. Frankston Nature Conservation Reserve is 98 hectares of beautiful natural bush that, until recently, was closed off to the public. Locals love it for its walking tracks, bike riding and views across the water towards Port Phillip Bay. Wander under eucalypts canopies, amongst wattles, ti-trees and wildflowers.



Kananook Creek

While many people know of Frankston's creative urban appeal and our coast, some of our nature experiences are a bit of a local secret. Check out our top five local favourites to explore this autumn.



Langwarrin Flora and Fauna

An island of relatively undisturbed natural bushland. Home for half the plant and animal species indigenous to the Mornington Peninsula, this 214-hectare reserve, has a network of pram and wheelchair friendly tracks making it a perfect spot to walk for all skill levels. The park also has a place in military history, with almost 100 years of military use spanning from 1886 to 1979. Not only is it a great place to walk, but there are cycling tracks and even places to ride your horse. Keep an eye out for the hidden huts too...



Sweetwater Creek

The native bush is explored through bridges and boardwalks that climb and curve through this bushland reserve. You'll love the twists and turns along the loop track that guide you to granite rocks with the creek flowing through. If you're there the right time of day, you might even spot one of the resident koalas.



Seaford Foreshore

A stroll through the Seaford Foreshore Reserve will take you into the Seaford Village. A popular trail for locals, the reserve follows the coastline and is full of indigenous flora and fauna.

Head to discoverfrankston.com to find walking and bike trails, sculptures, street art and a range of other experiences to enjoy with family and friends.



A chat with Steve Jager - Street Art Tour Guide

The Big Picture Fest is heading back to Frankston's city centre March, ready to continue transforming the city's buildings and laneways into an epic explosion of colour and movement.

The Street Art Walking Tours are one of a range of ways you can discover the city's growing arts scene, including Digital Walking Tours, the ENCOUNTER augmented reality scavenger hunt and even a Junior Street Art Explorers Program for the younger ones in the family. We asked Steve Jager, one of Frankston's amazing Street Art Tour Guides, for some local insights on Frankston's street art scene.

Why is Frankston City the new hot spot for street art?

With over 40 giant murals throughout the streets and laneways by some of the most prominent Australian and International artists currently on the scene, Frankston is fast becoming one of Australia's must see street-art destinations!

What surprises people the most when they go on a Street Art Tour?

Learning about the history and culture of the street-art movement in Australia, the diverse range of subjects highlighted by the artists and the stories behind the creation of each artwork. People can't believe the stories we share.

What do you love about Frankston's Street Art?

The Big Picture Fest which happens every year and brings artists from all over Australia. The way they showcase their artistic skills and help transform the city into a recognised must visit destination for all artists is pretty awesome.

Where's the best place in Frankston City to ignite your street art curiosity?

Gallery Lane and Stiebel Place, which is like a huge open-air art gallery and has a diverse range of art and artists to see.

What is a fun fact about Frankston that people might not know about?

Frankston is home to one of the most prolific street-art crews in Australia known locally as C.I. which was founded back in the early 1980s.

What do you love about being a Street Art Walking Tour Guide?

Meeting people from all over the world who travel down especially to join our tours and learning where some of the artists on display in Frankston have completed other artworks. It's great to see how much people enjoy our tours.

For more information on the Big Picture Fest and Frankston's Street Art scene, head to discoverfrankston.com

Guided tours run every weekend and cost \$15 per person (including a hot drink at a local café). During The Big Picture Fest, FREE tours will be available to see the artists at work as they bring the total number of murals to over 50! To book a tour or see other ways to explore the city's street art, head to discoverfrankston.com or phone 1300 322 842



Over 65s Home Handyman service

Have you had your smoke alarm checked and battery changed in the past year?

If not, Council's funded Home Handyman service for over 65s can help by performing maintenance work around your home and property, to ensure homes are safe and secure.

Phone: 9784 1933 to check your eligibility and discuss your needs.

Pet registration due Sunday 10 April

Look out for pet registration renewal notices, which are hitting mailboxes from early March.

Animal registration fees help Council: Maintain a pet registry, attend to nuisance complaints about barking, cat and dog trespassing and wandering and stray animals, attend to and investigating dog attacks, bites and rushing incidents, patrol parks, beaches and streets and picking up stray cats and dogs, manage and run pound and shelter facilities, provide dog-friendly events, such as Pets' Day Out, more than 33 free-roam parks, dog waste bins and dog drinking fountains, and much more.

For more information visit: frankston.vic.gov.au/PetRego or phone: 1300 322 322

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3.00PM - 8.00PM
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SUNDAY 10TH & 24TH APRIL
2.00PM - 7.00PM

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Experience something new on an e-bike in Frankston

The beach, nature reserves, lively cafes, art and sculpture and bustling shopping precincts are all part of the lifestyle here in Frankston City. Now you can experience it all with ease on the city's new peddle assisted e-bikes.

Take out the stress of relying on public transport, finding a car park and the expense of petrol — instead feel the wind on your face and enjoy the sunshine as you descend Olivers Hill and explore the city's natural and built experiences.

The e-bikes, owned and operated by Neuron Mobility, are a convenient, accessible and more sustainable way to be tourist in your own town and have proven very popular since they launched in late January. Since then, there have been 8,455 e-bike trips taken, totalling an incredible 22,600km!

Here's a few suggested experiences for you to try with your family and friends on your e-bike this autumn.

- See the City Centre from a new perspective: explore the city's street and laneways and uncover

the street which Frankston is becoming so famous for. Download the Discover Frankston mobile app to follow the tour path to see more than 40 pieces and hear the stories behind the artworks.

- Take the coastal route: travel to the top and leisurely make your way back down Olivers Hill. Stop in for a coffee at Little Olly's or head to Sofia's or Cheeky Squire for Lunch.
- Fill your basket: No parking. No worries. You can pick up your fresh produce and indulge in that retail therapy session at Bayside Shopping Centre using the handy basket found on the front of each bike to safely get everything home
- Explore nature and history: it's a longer ride, but the tranquillity along the Kananook Creek Trail is just what the doctor ordered. Leading you all the way from Frankston to Seaford there's plenty to see along the way and your reward, an abundance of cafes and restaurants to refuel in Seaford!



- For those starting at Seaford, collect a bike from Keast Park, ride to Seaford Pier, grab a coffee from the Seaford Beach Café or an ice cream from Gelato Unou... bliss!

If you've got the time, we've got endless places to send you. Visit discoverfrankston.com to see our bike trails and share your e-bike experiences with us on Facebook and Instagram @DiscoverFrankston.

- A step by step guide to get you started can be found on the Neuron app, but it's really this easy:
1. Download the Neuron app and add a debit or credit card
 2. Located your nearest bike
 3. Scan QR to unlock your bike and helmet
 4. Safety check on headlights, breaks and accelerator
 5. Start riding. Check out the local area riding map
 6. Follow the parking guidelines
 7. End your trip

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Win a \$100 voucher to celebrate with your neighbours!

Social distancing does not have to mean social disconnection.

Knowing your neighbours, and your broader community has never been more important and now is the perfect time to make friends or simply connect with old ones. Neighbour Day is Australia's annual celebration of community and in its 20 year anniversary, continues to encourage people to connect with those who live in their neighbourhood.

This Neighbour Day, Sunday 27 March, Frankston City Council

wants you to celebrate your neighbourhood. Get to know your neighbours by hosting a COVID-safe event on your front lawn, in your street or in a local park.

Council is giving away a limited number of vouchers worth \$100 towards a BBQ pack to lucky residents, so get in quick! Entries close Friday 18 March.

Apply now: frankston.vic.gov.au/NeighbourDay



Concept designs for the revitalised aquatic centre

Record breaking summer at Pines pool

Attendance records were smashed at Pines Forest Aquatic Centre this summer, with 10,699 people visiting the centre in January 2022, the highest ever January attendance and a 57% increase on January 2021.

In the lead up to this year's Federal and State Elections, Council is advocating on behalf of the community for Federal and State

government funding to transform the existing Pines Forest Aquatic Centre, located at Monterey Reserve in Frankston North, through an estimated \$31 million redevelopment. Council has committed \$10.3 million to deliver the project and is calling on state and federal candidates to match Council's proposed investment. Read the full story: frankston.vic.gov.au/SummeratPinesPool

Local help for seniors: \$250 power bonus

Seniors from Seaford, Langwarrin, Carrum Downs, Frankston and Karingal have found it super easy to apply for their \$250 Power Saving Bonus at Belvedere Community Centre or Langwarrin Community Centre.

It's a simple process of ringing to make an appointment then bringing their paperwork in to the centres. The staff take about 15 minutes to complete the online claim and

eligible applicants can choose to receive their money by direct deposit into their bank account or by cheque. The time for applications has been extended until June 2022, both Belvedere and Langwarrin Community Centres are happy to take your call to discuss eligibility.

Belvedere Community Centre Seaford: 9776 9822 or Langwarrin Community Centre: 9789 7653

"Wow, so easy, I'm going to let my neighbour know to give you a call," Sonya

"Well that was quick, thanks for doing the computer bit," Barry

"Great, the \$250 is coming at just the right time," Olivia

Event Forum registrations opening soon

Council's Event Forum is designed to assist local community groups and organisations with hosting events within Frankston City.

The free forum guides organisers through all aspects of event planning, including guides available to assist with preparation and promotion. The event, to be held at the Frankston Arts Centre, is aimed at groups who have limited or no experience with event planning and includes a Q&A session.

"It can be overwhelming to organise even a small event when you haven't done this before. People often don't realise what goes into an event and we are here to make it as streamlined as possible" says



Frankston City Council Event Coordinator, Jessica Schuyler. "Frankston City is such a wonderful spot to host an event, we want to make sure event organisers are aware of Council support available." The Event Forum will be held on Tuesday 24 May at Cube 37. Stay tuned for more details.



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Tennis has gone technicolour at Frankston Centenary Tennis Club

Frankston Centenary Tennis Club (FCTC) now boasts four new specialist courts, designed to motivated kids to try tennis by providing them with early success on modified courts with modified racquets and balls. The new courts help to fast track young players to competitive tennis and were delivered thanks to a grant from Tennis Australia.

FCTC offers lessons on the custom courts six days a week and specialised games days every Friday night and Saturday morning. FCTC has also teamed up with Dunlop to offer once a month a 'Party on the Peninsula' event for kids all over the state to come and compete in 7, 9 & 11 and under events.

FCTC President, John McGillivray said, "Another key benefit of these hot shot courts is they provide an opportunity



for people with a disability to have a more enjoyable and successful time with the sport, due to the more accessible nature of the courts."

Kids are not the only ones enjoying the colourful new courts. Many adults are interested in using the courts and due to popular demand the club is just about to offer its first ever 'Adult Mini Tennis Championships' in late March. To join Frankston Centenary Tennis Club, visit: fctc.net.au



Local soccer team heads to competition thanks to \$1,000 grant

Thanks to a \$1,000 Council COVID-19 Urgent Relief Grant, the Frankston Pines All Abilities Football Club will be able to participate in the 2022 Access All Abilities League run by Football Victoria. Combined support of Council's Community Strengthening and Family Health Support Services teams, the assistance will help the team to hire a bus to transport them to the games for upcoming competition.

Frankston Pines All Abilities Football Club Liaison, Paul Makrenoglou said the grant will fund transportation, fuel costs and lunch for participants as they head to the game.

"Without the grant, participants would have to find their own way from Frankston to the suburbs such as Broadford, Collingwood and Footscray for the program. The team very much appreciates Council assisting us with these costs," Paul said.

The COVID-19 Urgent Relief Grant is available to assist grassroots community groups who have a pressing need for support (e.g. equipment, rent, utility bills, training, materials etc.) arising from the impact of COVID-19. Applications will remain open until funds are fully expended in FY2021-2022. To apply, visit: frankston.vic.gov.au/CouncilGrants

The club provides opportunities for everybody in the community to play and enjoy football, regardless of their gender, age and ability, with weekly training every Saturday morning from 9am to 11am.

Paul said the funding will also help the club to participate in other programs such as Friendship days and tournaments.

"Receiving the grant will greatly help our All Abilities players as it will be used to support the various programs run by Football Victoria, including the Access to All Abilities League.

"The Frankston Pines All Abilities team is only one year old and run solely through volunteers, sponsorship and fundraising. The majority of the All-Abilities program is fee free and program organisers love to run social activities for the players, such as BBQs and Christmas parties.

"We would love to keep this going for as long as we can and to keep this as affordable for participants as possible. This Council funding goes a long way in bringing a smile to the faces of our participants and keeping them active. Thank you so much."

The team will also play the Victoria Police Soccer Club on Sunday 20 March. To join the Frankston Pines All Abilities Football Club, email: admin@frankstonpinesfc.com.au or visit: frankstonpinesfc.com.au

To keep up to date with local sports project milestones, follow @FrankstonCityCouncil or visit: frankston.vic.gov.au