

Frankston City News

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Frankston City welcomes its latest café and bar, Oliver's Corner, as one of the many new business developments shaping the City

Frankston flagged as hotspot by those in the know

Investors are sitting up and taking serious notice of our City.

Once seen as simply the 'gateway to the Peninsula', Frankston is now enjoying its own status as a key lifestyle destination for both tree and sea changers alike, and

investors are cashing in on the prodigious opportunities. Our enviable blend of city, bush and bay has shaped up under the guiding influence of our current Council to become a major investment attraction. "Teamed with the City's accessibility, affordability, robust employment and

booming health and education sector, Frankston has become a hotspot for new development," Mayor Nathan Conroy said.

"Council has recently approved its largest ever capital works investment of \$91.6 million. Thanks

to this unprecedented investment in infrastructure, the Municipality has been earmarked for a new wave of luxury apartments, office developments and exciting business ventures."

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

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

Carrum Downs Library and Customer Service Centre
203 Lyrebird Drive, Carrum
Downs, times vary

Visitor Information Centre
7N Pier Promenade,
Frankston Waterfront
Open 7 days, 10am–4pm
Phone: 1300 322 842

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Mayor's message

Earlier this year I participated in Launch Housing's 'Roughin It Challenge' to gain a better understanding of some of the extreme challenges facing our community. Homelessness is on the rise and it's an issue exacerbated by increasing housing costs, inadequate supplies of social and affordable housing and mental and physical illness. Equipped with \$10, a back-pack to carry my belongings and the knowledge I'd be sleeping rough for the next 24 hours, I set out to walk a small mile or two in the shoes of a rough sleeper, knowing this was only a small taste of some of the very real difficulties people in our community face. After experiencing one of the longest and coldest nights I've had in a long time, I'm more determined than ever that no one should have to live like this.

The Roughin' It Challenge is designed to build awareness of homelessness, but I also hope it can serve to raise awareness about the services and

support networks available to our community. In 2021, the Frankston Zero initiative was established by the Frankston Strategic Housing and Homelessness Alliance in partnership with Launch Housing to address the rising rates of rough sleeping in Frankston City. The goal of Frankston Zero is simple: to achieve Functional Zero homelessness in our municipality.

People of all ages and backgrounds can become homeless. Many are escaping family violence, poverty, mental or physical illness, financial hardship or relationship breakdowns. If you, or someone you know, is experiencing any type of these difficulties, I urge you to reach out to some of the dedicated services and organisations to get the necessary support.

From Community Support Frankston on Beach Street, where I helped dish out hot meals as part of their lunch service and had an opportunity to discuss various available support, to our



Comfort Station providing shower facilities on Playne Street, where I could take shelter from the elements and hear some heart-warming stories — help and advice are available here in Frankston City. We need to spread the word and let our most vulnerable know that they are not forgotten and not alone.

For more information, visit: frankston.vic.gov.au/Housing-and-Homelessness

Nathan Conroy, Mayor

Message from the CEO

Council Plan and Budget adopted

Our Council Plan and Budget was adopted at the 6 June Council meeting following community consultation including pop up information sessions around Frankston City. Thank you for taking the time to let us know what's important to you. It's vital we sense check our thinking to ensure we're on the right track and focusing on what you need.

Our Plan and Budget sets our roadmap for the next 12 months and strikes a balance between essential services, such as roads, drainage, waste and safety, and an exciting, bold approach to investment in infrastructure and economic stimulus for our future-thinking City. All of this will continue to drive positive development as Frankston continues to carve its reputation as a destination of fantastic opportunity and growth.

Community Satisfaction Survey

Our annual Community Satisfaction Survey is underway with market researchers conducting face to face interviews across the City. Each year we ask residents what matters to them in terms of services and facilities so we can plan for future needs. We also ask you about issues like safety, traffic and parking and your thoughts on our

overall performance. Your feedback is then used in budget planning to develop responsive plans and policies.

Frankston District Basketball Association

Congratulations to the Frankston District Basketball Association (FDBA) who were named this year's number one basketball association in Victoria! This is a mammoth effort following the significant impacts of COVID-19 on community sport. The FDBA has demonstrated true grit to turn the organisation around under the stewardship of CEO Wayne Holdsworth and the rest of the Blues crew.

Frankston Memorial Park

Many of you will drive by Frankston Memorial Park on the corner of Cranbourne Road and Moorooduc Highway (McMahons Road) on your way around town but may not know much about the history of the cemetery and Council's role in managing the site.

Seven acres of Crown Land was first set aside for the cemetery in 1864–65 with the first recorded burial in 1878. The aim of the Memorial Park was, and still is, to provide a resting place for locals. Council was appointed Trustee of Frankston



Memorial Park in 1965 and continues to maintain the park to ensure it remains a tranquil and welcoming place for relatives and visitors.

There are a number of projects underway to improve the site including an update of the Caretaker's House to a Cemetery Customer Service office, accessible public toilet facilities and ongoing grounds maintenance. The grounds are open to visitors during daylight hours, 7 days a week.

**Phil Cantillon,
Chief Executive Officer**

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Mayor Nathan Conroy, South East Ward Cr Claire Harvey and Customer Service Officer Carissa Roussety with the dedicated Frankston Visitor Information Centre volunteers

Volunteer Awards: Celebrating the impact of volunteers in our community

Do you know an outstanding volunteer or community organisation serving the Frankston community who deserves to be recognised?

Individuals and organisations are now able to nominate volunteers for the annual Frankston City Volunteer Awards. Help celebrate those who make an impact on our community by

registering your nominations before 1 August 2022. With a \$1,000 prize to be awarded, nominations are open across the five recognition categories of Service, Leadership, Initiative, Youth

and Teamwork. To nominate, visit: frankston.smartygrants.com.au/VolunteerAwards22



How does one volunteer with Meals on Wheels?

Meals on Wheels plays a vital role supporting vulnerable residents in our community through the provision of hot meals delivered to their doors.

Run by volunteers, the organisation creates food from fresh ingredients from Council kitchen facilities. There are various ways you can get involved, either in the kitchen or on the road, and shifts are

available at multiple times to suit different schedules. If you're interested in lending a hand to a rewarding program that forges friendships, comradery and caregiving throughout the community, contact: Amanda Smith on 9768 1624 or Liz Orlov on 9768 1324. Interested volunteers can also get in touch via Impact Volunteering: 9770 6492

LGBTI aged care training in Frankston

100 of our Community Services staff members underwent age care training provided by Transgender Victoria and funded by the Federal Government.

The goal was to promote a better understanding of the needs of older LGBTI people in our community in order to offer an inclusive best practice service.

Historically, LGBTI people have a shared experience of discrimination and prejudice with many LGBTI elders experiencing lifelong violence, isolation and stigma. The Australian Human Rights Commission documents that 42% of LGBTI people hide their sexuality and gender identity, and these elders can remain



invisible in the aged care sector and broader community.

Community services support all older people's independence to stay in their own homes by providing a range of services, including home care services, personal care services, assistance with shopping, meals and social support. Council is dedicated to ensuring our community is a safe place where all of its members are seen, respected and advocated for. Visit: frankston.vic.gov.au/Our-Community/LGBTQIA

Local artists exhibited at Frankston Arts Centre

Local Frankston Artist Project Grant recipient Jonathan Thompson is a man with a mission.

With over 20 years' experience in various mediums and techniques and now on display at Frankston Arts Centre, Jonathan is committed to showing other disabled artists that it is possible to achieve exhibitions of their own. "My main inspiration is to share my sculptures with the community in which I live and create and raise the visibility of artists with a disability," Jonathan said.

While the COVID-19 pandemic created challenges, isolating Jonathan socially from his mentor, Mark, it also brought him the idea of casting his sculptures in bronze. Previously utilising second-hand or discarded materials such as aluminium foil and masking tape, this step was revolutionary for his work.

"Prior to COVID-19 I was still making my figures out of various materials but I was confused at how to produce the final product," Jonathan said. "It was during the pandemic that Mark suggested that I should have some of my figures cast in bronze. I was amazed at the results."

Similar to Jonathan, fellow Artist Project Grant recipient Brodie Alserda lives and breathes art. A proud recipient of an Artist Project Grant from Council, Brodie is excited that her work, which primarily focuses on animals, is being displayed at Frankston Arts Centre.

"I used to attend art groups at Cube 37 and never thought my artwork would one day be hanging there," Brodie said. "I was happy to sell so many pieces of my work at my first exhibition, as it told me that viewers liked my work."



Brodie Alserda, Iguana, 2021

I am excited to see what response I get this time."

Brodie took the adversity of the COVID-19 pandemic in her stride, using the lockdowns to focus on her work.



Jonathan Thompson, Standing Figure, 2021

You can see Jonathan's sculptures and Brodie's artworks on display at Frankston Arts Centre's Mezzanine Gallery until 24 September 2022. For more information, visit: thefac.com.au

3- and 4-Year-Old Kindergarten

Three-year-old and four-year-old kindergarten is about having fun and making lots of friends.

It's also a great place for children to connect with their community and get ready for primary school. Kindergarten is a key building block for your child's development.

Kindergarten builds strong, happy, social, friendly and creative kids.

Register online the year before you want your child to attend. Registrations open each year from 1 February.



For more information

frankston.vic.gov.au/3yearoldkindergarten
frankston.vic.gov.au/4yearoldkindergarten
 1300 322 322 | kindergarten@frankston.vic.gov.au



Mental Health Matters FREE online training



This FREE 1.5 hour session is an ideal introduction to Mental Health training. It is designed to give a basic understanding of how to identify if someone may be experiencing mental health concerns and what to do.

Content covers:

- History of mental health support
- Recognising mental health concerns
- Common mental illnesses
- Support and assistance

There are no prerequisites or assessments for this information session.

Register here: Using the QR code
 Email: communitystrengthening@frankston.vic.gov.au
 Phone: 9768 1629



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Invest Frankston Business Grant recipient Nick McCabe-Schultz, owner of local business The Commute

Council grants to help eight Frankston City businesses thrive

A bigger and better Community Grants Program

Frankston City Council's Community Grants Program for 2022-23 financial year is set to be bigger and better than ever, with more than \$780,000 worth of funding to provide relief to the most vulnerable of the community.

Over the past year, Council has undertaken a review of the Community Grants Program with Councillors, Council officers, community groups and organisations invited to provide feedback and input.

With a new policy to support the program, streamlined categories and an increase of more than \$244,000 to its funding pool, the Community Grants Program is set to support even more local individuals and not-of-profits community groups this financial year.

Over the coming months, the \$780,000 will go towards:

- Community Service Partnership Grants — \$489,000
- Annual Community Grants — \$120,000

- Child & Youth Inclusion Grants — \$60,000
- Heritage Grants — \$40,000
- Artist Project Grants — \$30,000
- Environmental Sustainability Grants — \$10,000
- Urgent Grants — \$10,000

Council encourages local not-for-profit community groups who support local community needs to apply for the Annual Community Grants from August 1-29 2022.

This funding is available to support:

- organisation needs (e.g., minor equipment, rent, utility bills, training, materials etc.)
- and/or to enable the organisation to respond to the needs of the community (i.e., supply of food, mental health support, health and well-being initiatives, equipment, and community connectedness).

To apply, visit: frankston.smartygrants.com.au

More Information

For more information about the Community Grants program and upcoming information sessions, please go to frankston.vic.gov.au/grants and read the guidelines to determine whether you or your organisation could be eligible.

Eight local businesses will share in \$228,000 to help grow their enterprises and enhance the economy thanks to the 2022 Invest Frankston Business Grants.

Initiatives such as a work experience programs for people with disabilities, an earth centre and a new marketing agency are among the projects to receive funding as part of the popular program which saw 18 businesses apply this year.

The businesses were chosen by an independent panel and were assessed based on their plans to generate new and sustainable employment and upskilling opportunities to enhance Frankston City's reputation and economic growth.

Frankston City Mayor Nathan Conroy called the businesses recently to deliver the exciting news. "Sharing this news was very rewarding; each business is so deserving in that they will all bring a significant boost to the community and to our economy," Mayor Conroy said, adding that it was a pleasure to hear about each project. "I'd like to congratulate our successful recipients and thank them for the important contribution they make to our city."

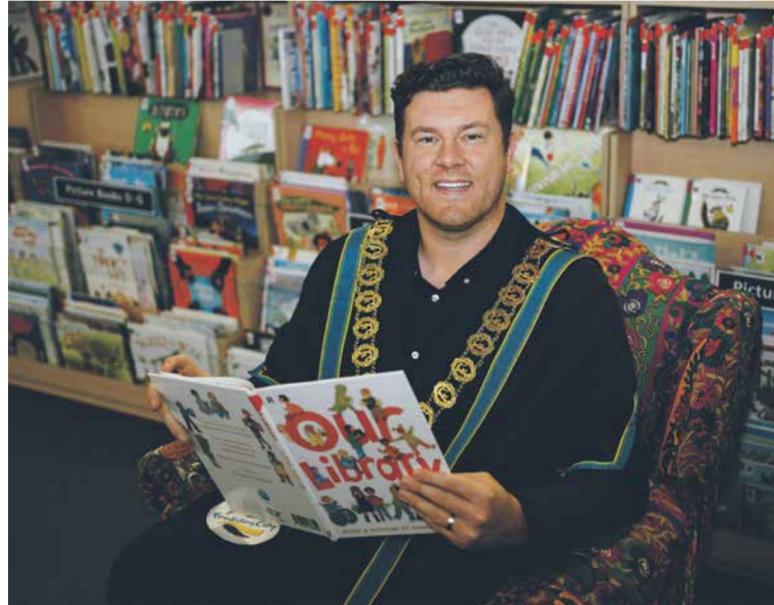
Since the program's inception in 2012, as the Small Business Grants Program, 60 grants have been awarded which have contributed to more than \$350 million to the local

economy. This year alone the grants will equate to a little over \$163M in output to the local economy.

Invest Frankston Business Grant Recipients 2022:

- **The Perpetual People Co** — \$28,245
Work experience programs for people with disabilities
- **The Living Earth Co** — \$30,000
Forest themed Earth Centre
- **The Commute** — \$30,000
Content studio and outdoor events space
- **Little River Coffeehouse** — Meetings and function room and employment of more staff
- **Hotel Lona** — \$30,000
Private dining room and staff locker room area, hire of local musicians
- **Sea Breeze Dentistry** — \$30,000
Technological aids to change conventional ways of dental operations and delivery of training programs
- **Ash Marton Realty** — \$30,000
Façade upgrades and new community space
- **Young Folks Digital** — \$25,000
Relocation to Frankston and refurbishment of vacant premises

For more information about investment opportunities and business support visit Invest Frankston socials or sign up to the eNewsletter at: investfrankston.com



The Men as Role Models mentoring program aims to significantly affect the lives of young men in our community by giving them positive role models to aspire towards

New Men as Role Models mentoring program fights violence, forges life skills

The Men as Role Models mentoring program is now open to mentees, aged 15-24, and more experienced male role models as mentors.

Participants will have the opportunity to enjoy recreational activities, such as boating, fishing, woodworking and other fun events with Frankston-based volunteer groups, allowing young mentees the chance to build new skills, forge friendships and strengthen their connection to the community.

The program's main goal is violence prevention. This is achieved by using positive role models to affect the lives of the boys looking up to them, encouraging boys and men to be the best version of themselves. The program also cultivates enriching life skills.

As a mentee, you will:

- get to participate in unique activities and learn new skills

- improve your self-esteem and confidence
- build connections with others who share similar interests to you
- have a trusted person to talk to outside family and school
- have the chance to change someone's life for the better
- benefit from formal volunteer experience and mentorship training
- build your leadership skills and include the experience on your CV

As a mentor, you will:

- join a community of like-minded individuals
 - Our program is free, and we encourage mentors and mentees to register their interest through a quick and easy online sign-up.
- For more information, contact: Jason Rodwell, Men as Role Models Program Manager, 0417 040 094

Are you ready to take the Mayor's Reading Challenge with Frankston City Libraries in 2022?

Frankston City Libraries invites children aged 0-5 years, and their families, to get involved with this year's Mayor's Reading Challenge.

In its twelfth year, the Mayor's Reading Challenge supports early literacy development by encouraging parents and carers to engage in regular reading experiences with their children in a fun and rewarding way.

Running throughout August, participants can register via the Frankston City Libraries website, by dropping into the Frankston, Seaford or Carrum Downs branches or by visiting the Council Customer Service Centre in Langwarrin. Reading records can be downloaded from the website or collected from any of the above locations.

"The challenge is fun and creates positive literacy outcomes for young children," Mayor Nathan Conroy said. "The Mayor's Reading Challenge is a great opportunity to read to kids and collect a great prize at the end.

Whether it's the start of your reading journey or if you have already discovered a passion for exploring all literary genres, this challenge is for you! Australian research has found that children who are read to six or seven times a week have a literacy level almost a year ahead of children who are not read to at home, and tend to learn more when they start school."

The books read in your regular Storytime sessions all count towards the Challenge, as do any of the books you enjoy via online platforms such as Story Box Library or Tumblebooks, both free with your Frankston City Libraries membership.

After a month of happy reading, children can collect a reading rewards pack, including a certificate signed by the Mayor and a new board book.

The Mayor's Reading Challenge launches on 1 August 2022. For more information and to register, go to: library.frankston.vic.gov.au or phone: 9784 1020

The Food Connection addresses poor nutrition

The Food Connection is a website created to increase vegetable intake within families with young children throughout Frankston and

the Mornington Peninsula. It was created by The Community Plate, funded by the Department of Health, Health Promotion and Innovation Grants, in response to research by the Australian Bureau of Statistics (2017-2018) which

showed that many local children were not eating enough fruit and veggies. The reason for the low intake of good nutrition, according to a community survey in 2021, was due to cost, convenience and a lack of information – factors which

The Food Connection addresses by offering tasty, easy and affordable meals for the whole family. Follow The Food Connection on Facebook and Instagram or visit their website at: thefoodconnection.org.au

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Beautification powers ahead

Power boxes provide an important supply and access for utility companies; however, they're also unsightly. I've championed a program that involves beautifying them with pieces by talented artist Melanie Caple. Her designs are added to a digital design which adds background colours before being transferred to vinyl and then applied to each electrical box. Melanie's artworks are adding colour and vibrancy, while reminding us of Frankston City's beautiful natural environment.

This initiative is excellent for boosting pride and a sense of belonging throughout the municipality. Power boxes have been beautified at 11 locations, including the Seaford town centre, with six more in the pipeline. If you would like a power box beautified near you, please contact me.

Funding for grants

Our amazing community groups are the heart and soul of Frankston City – regularly going 'above and beyond' the call of duty.

That's why I proudly supported a \$210,000 increase (over \$780,000 worth of funding) in Community Grants. Further, with Youth Grants no longer eligible to be funded via the State Government, Council endorsed funding the newly established Child and Youth Inclusion Grant. These grants (from a \$60,000 funding pool) will support young people to participate in formal education, community stewardship and recreational programs.

It's important to note that Student Scholarship Grants provided vital support for students over the past two years during the height of COVID-19. This grant assisted local students impacted by COVID-19 with monetary support to purchase text books and/or assist with education fees for students who are studying at higher educational institutes. This grant has been merged into the newly established Child and Youth Inclusion Grant, which will open 1 August 2022.

New pavilion at Pat Rollo

The \$2.8 million Pat Rollo Pavilion at Frankston North is now open – thanks to major investment from Council and the State Government.

This wonderful new facility is used by schools and sporting groups. It includes two new female-friendly change rooms, umpires rooms, accessible toilets, a kitchen and kiosk, a meeting room and a social room. It's a fantastic step toward increasing female participation in sport, particularly football. It is also yet another upgrade of a sporting facility in Frankston North. Congratulations to all on what is yet another marvellous modern facility for the Pines community.

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Monterey Reserve Soccer Pavilion opens to public

Frankston North is undergoing rapid transformation, and the Monterey Reserve Soccer Pavilion is just the latest work to highlight the region's development. Set to officially open at 5pm on 21 July, the new sporting pavilion was designed in conjunction with the Frankston Pines Soccer Club.

Frankston City Council slated \$3.3 million towards the \$3.9-million project which replaces the previous structure and provides female-friendly facilities and disabled access. It includes four change rooms and attached amenities, a multi-purpose community function room, a kitchen/kiosk, umpires rooms, a first aid room and a meeting room. I believe that this refurbished pavilion will motivate more young people to participate in sports, and will attract more female players to the Club.

By staying active, community members will not only improve their fitness levels but also their well-being. The Club will be a drawcard for the community at large, such as the Fijian community in the area, who will be able to run community events and tournaments. The new pavilion, along with further upgrades and revamped open spaces to Monterey Reserve and the construction of the Eric Bell Pavilion will serve to capitalise on both the region's immense natural beauty and potential.

Kudos to environmental volunteers

One of my four key missions when taking on my role as Councillor was to support community groups, because our community is full of local heroes. We are blessed to have the Friends of the Pines, just one of the passionate environmental organisations listed on the Frankston Environmental Friends Network (FEFN).

The social group's activities include weed works, engaging with local community groups and habitat restoration. Volunteering is not just an important way to help preserve our natural environment but a great chance to socialise and mingle with likeminded locals who have a passion of protecting the reserve. They meet every 4th Sunday of the month from 9am to 11am. For more information, please contact Gillian Collins on 9782 5116 or email gillianuu@yahoo.com.au

Women leaders in Council

Councillors play an important role debating and discussing many decisions affecting all members of our community. This is why it's vital that the voices in Council chambers adequately reflect those they seek to represent. The State Government's Women Leading Locally fellowship program is designed to inspire women and equip them with the resources and tools to become successful local representatives for their communities. The program is an example of how our City is aiming to boost the representation of women councillors and mayors in Victoria.

When I stood for Council, I wanted to bring my skills, experience and passion for people together to make a difference locally. I strongly encourage future women leaders to consider enrolling in programs like this or reaching out to me to find out more about the role of a Councillor, to help reach our City's target of 50 per cent representation of women leaders in Council.



Women's Spirit Program helps women heal

On the subject of strong women, I was privileged enough to attend the Women's Spirit Project's 2022 celebration event at the Frankston Dolphins Junior Football Club in June. Marking the end of a successful program, the project encourages women from all walks of life to become stronger and ready to meet their personal and professional goals, despite their challenges, through fitness and wellness activities. It was a wonderful event to attend: women danced, showcased their mandala artworks, and shared personal stories about how the 13-week program had transformed them.

Community initiatives like this rely on the contributions of many people, who share the vision of that organisation. In this case that includes State Government and neighbouring Council funding. The Women's Spirit Project is to be commended for the breadth and depth of experience it has also attracted in its volunteer supporters. The success of the latest program is reflected in the positive impact and learning for Mentors, organisers and members of their Board too. I'm proud to have represented Council's support for this life-changing program and wish each of these women the very best for their future endeavours. You can read about the program here: womensspiritproject.org

Local primary schools' leaders of tomorrow

I've had the pleasure of paying visits to local primary schools over the past couple months. Taking the time to meet student leaders and sometimes whole year levels to engage in conversation about the role of government is a delight with such a genuine level of enthusiasm shown. While these students are beginning to learn about levels of government, democracy and the voting and election process, these visits give them the chance to direct questions to me as their local representative and allow me in turn to field queries from our fantastic young community.

I love the opportunity to engage with our leaders of tomorrow and am impressed by the level of care they show. Engagement in community starts with our youngest members and it's important they feel heard, respected and valued. I'd like to thank the schools and students for being such welcoming hosts and wish the students all the best in their future endeavours.

A revitalised Carrum Downs' Recreation Reserve

Carrum Downs Recreation Reserve is an important part of the local area as one of the largest sections of open space in Carrum Downs and Skye. Home to several sporting clubs and a key space for families, the park's revitalisation is of high priority and Council's successful securing of funding from the State Government last year for a playground redevelopment is now underway.

Supported by the Park Revitalisation Grants Programme and following a valued community consultation, the construction of a new destination play space at Carrum Downs Recreation Reserve commenced in June 2022 and is expected to be completed later this year. Although there will be limited access to some parts of the park during these months of construction, I hope the upgrades — including new play space and multi-purpose courts — will give the community a beautiful space they can enjoy and utilise afterwards.

The last couple of years have proved how valuable open spaces are to community health, wellbeing and connection and I look forward to seeing the new and revitalised Carrum Downs Recreation Reserve in the near future.

Frankston a finalist in Top Tourism Awards

Our City is turning it up a notch as a tourism drawcard with another fantastic showing as a finalist in the Top Tourism Town Awards for 2022. Frankston has so much to offer its residents and visitors, from stunning, family-friendly waterfront to edgy urban cityscape — it's great to see that it's catching on as a top destination. Frankston was a finalist in the 2021 Top Tourism Town Awards, so reaching this again for the second year running has really cemented our identity as a City of rapidly growing potential and innovative innovation.

These quieter winter months are a great time to celebrate our local businesses, talent and attractions. Whether you're eating out, rugging up to explore a new walking trail or taking in some of our award-winning street art, I hope you appreciate our enviable blend of city, bush and bay that is continuing to draw attention from outsiders and investors as we ramp up our status as a 'top tourism town'.



Job Advocates program open to all

If you're seeking work, considering switching careers, keen to re-enter the workplace or simply wanting advice or support around training pathways, Frankston's Job Advocates are there to help. The Job Advocates program in Frankston offers practical, face-to-face support to job seekers, people seeking a career change, or advice for training pathways. In these difficult times it's important to recognise that help is out there should you need it, with the program offering help to navigate employment and training services.

There are no boundaries on who can access the Job Advocates Frankston program and their services can be accessed at various locations around the municipality, connecting with people in libraries, community centres, shopping centres and other public spaces via proactive outreach. To view their current schedule, head onto their Job Advocates webpage here: frankston.vic.gov.au/JobAdvocates



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A new voice for business and industry in Frankston

The Board of Frankston City's new Business Collective met for the first time in early June, with their guiding pillars of Advocacy, Connection and Innovation a welcome addition to our City's thriving local economy. Independent from Council to ensure the needs of business and industry are represented independently, our City's business chamber reflects the considerable business and industry talent in our City and bodes well for an exciting and innovative future. The calibre of applicants for the Board were of an impressively high standard.

As a past business owner, I'm pleased to congratulate the new seven members of the Board: Chair Bernd Neubauer, Vice Chair Joyie Wood, Treasurer Mike Cusack, CEO Jeff Rogut, Joanna Baker, Bernadine Geary, David Friend and James Eling. These members will steer this not-for-profit entity and bring a much-needed business network to the region and I look forward to seeing what develops. To find out more about membership, sponsorship options and how to get involved, please email: jeff.rogut@frankston.vic.gov.au

Acknowledging our aged care employees

There are more than 360,000 aged care staff in Australia who dedicate their time and skills caring for our elders. Aged Care Employee Day takes place on 7 August each year to celebrate and appreciate those who work in Australia's residential, community and home aged care, looking after important members of our community. Council has many employees who are dedicated to providing care and support to the elders of our City and I'd like to acknowledge and thank the work they do on an ongoing basis. This includes nurses, health professionals, care workers, hospitality staff, drivers, cleaners, volunteers and many more.

Council's In Home Support team are in the process of rolling out Samsung Galaxy devices to all careworkers in the field, to assist in electronic rostering and safer practice of work. Their team of 100 staff, who provide various services within the field, are currently seeking Direct Care workers, so be sure to check out Council's website for the latest job openings. You can get more information about Aged Care and Disability services here: frankston.vic.gov.au/Our-Community/Active-Ageing



Cr Suzette Tayler, Deputy Mayor

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Upgrades at Baxter Park

Baxter Park, one of our largest reserves, is about to get an exciting new revamp. Consultation on the new plan ended on 10 July, and community feedback will be incorporated into the final master plan in August 2022 before it is endorsed at the Council Meeting in September.

The new Plan includes upgrades to Baxter Park's oval and pitches, pavilion, spectator areas, training facilities, car parking, pedestrian crossings, and lighting – including female friendly facilities. The plan proposes to turn the tennis courts into multipurpose courts, and a new playground with shelters, barbecues and upgraded public toilets.

The draft equestrian master plan will upgrade the Baxter and Langwarrin Equestrian Reserves, with improved facilities, such as a new sand arena and water jump, new entry and access, walking trails and revegetation works, and improved site layout, including parking.

The Park is already home to a range of sporting clubs and community groups, including archery, horse riding, AFL, soccer, cricket, netball, walkers and trail runners. To find out more, visit: engage.frankston.vic.gov.au/baxter-park-master-plan

Frankston pier, beautiful at night

Frankston pier, a focal point of our beautiful foreshore, has both value as a tourist attraction and an area of environmental interest. Thanks to the Frankston Revitalisation program, \$342,000 has been benchmarked for an eco-friendly lighting upgrade for the landmark to give the Pier a safe and welcoming ambience for locals and tourists, while also ensuring that sea-life is protected.

The state-funded project will showcase the 16 *Sight Line* nautical sculptures created by artist Louise Lavarack back in 2004. Lavarack, whose art practice explores the relationships between landscape and place, rebuilt the sculptures in 2018-2019 with upgraded materials and modified design to withstand the elements. Having survived the major storm that impacted Frankston pier a few years back, *Sight Line II* has proven it's here to stay. Now, this new lighting will make the artwork even more magical, creating an iconic and environmentally sustainable landmark for our City. I look forward to seeing this project develop and hope many enjoy the lighting upgrade which will be a night-time draw-card throughout the seasons.



Celebrating our local knitters

I recently had the opportunity to join a room full of vibrant and friendly volunteers who were celebrating the significant achievements of the Frankston Red Cross Trauma Teddy Program, now in its third decade! The program has been supported by the Frankston Branch since 2001 and has grown exponentially over the years, providing over 1 million children with a comforting Trauma Teddy since their inception and now branching out to provide other knitted goods. Knitters have been particularly productive during the past few years as many volunteers saw knitting as a primary way of giving back to the community while stuck at home during successive lockdowns!

The Trauma Teddy team now consists of 76 members who make and donate over 4,000 teddies each year. With each teddy taking over 5 hours to knit, this is a significant contribution of volunteer knitting time. Many of these teddies are donated to the Emergency Department at Frankston Hospital to bring some comfort to children, but others find their way to medical clinics, vaccination hubs, paramedics, and various Pathology centres based in Melbourne's South-east.

This tremendously successful program has expanded beyond teddies for children, and now includes large rugs for oncology patients; catheter bag covers; magnificent fidget blankets for therapy; children's knitwear for local charity group Mums Supporting Families in Need (MSFIN); knee rugs for Forest Lodge aged care; as well as beanies and scarves for those facing homelessness. What a tremendous service these knitters offer to our community – perhaps you or someone you know would like to get involved? Find out more here: redcross.org.au/teddy

Food relief thanks to volunteers

With winter hitting hard and food bills increasing, I think it's important to give a shout out to all the incredible volunteers who help shape our community into one where everybody is seen, valued and cared for. If you're seeking food relief or know of community members who are, there are dedicated services run by our generous volunteers that you can access around the City.

- The Brekky Club runs five days a week from 7.00 – 8.00am, serving up free take-away breakfasts and hot cuppas at Chisholm Institute (Building N), Bunurong Cafe.
- Those needing sustenance over the lunch period, Community Support Frankston at 35 Beach Street provides take-away meals from 12.00 – 2.00pm, Monday – Friday.
- Vulnerable residents unable to reach these services, Meals on Wheels delivers hot meals to doorsteps.

Again, extending a huge thanks to our volunteers who give their time and effort to look after those who need it. For a list of further services, head to: frankston.net/food-and-meals or if you're interested in volunteering yourself, email: ImpactVolReferrals@frankston.vic.gov.au or phone: 9768 1407

Call out for audio engineers

FReeZA Frankston is a youth development program that provides opportunities for young people to enjoy live events that are safe, affordable and accessible for all ages. 'Fresh Entertainment', Frankston's FReeZA program, has planned, organised and run a range of live events for more than 15 years, from Open Mic Nights to markets and Skim and Skate competitions. They are currently seeking Volunteer Audio Engineers to assist in making these much-needed events come to life for the young people in our community. All volunteer audio engineers and music producers are resourced and supported by FReeZA facilitators so that they can work with young local musicians and performers. Volunteers are subject to an application and interview process and must be 18+ years old. This is a great way to get involved in your local community. To find out more about it, please email: freeza@frankston.vic.gov.au



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2022-2023 Council Plan and Budget

Our City's future is looking bolder, bigger and brighter with Frankston City's largest ever budget recently announced. Totalling \$91.6 million, the new budget covers investments and improvements for major projects across our municipality (see page 12 for details).

This year's Council Plan and Budget is all about striking that all-important balance between essential grass-roots services — roads, drainage, safety, waste — and bold, ambitious, future-thinking investment in infrastructure that will continue to drive Frankston as a destination of amazing opportunity, growth and change.

The past two years have been challenging for our community, our businesses and our Council. Community relief and economic stimulus continue to dominate as high priorities for the future health, wealth and success of our City and everyone who lives, works and plays and visits here.

As the Covid-19 recovery continues, Council has also set aside funds for initiatives to reactivate the municipality, support businesses, provide relief for the most vulnerable in the community and keep the community safe.

Council initiatives for Frankston City

Reactivating Frankston

\$250,000

Destination events attraction program

\$100,000

Positioning Frankston as a destination city

\$250,000

Enhancing existing council run events

\$60,000

Frankston Metropolitan Activity Centre (FMAC) revitalisation program

Supporting businesses

\$130,000

Frankston Business Chamber

\$110,000

Business concierge

\$153,292

Investment Attraction

\$20,000

Industry Development

\$5,000

Buy Local

\$5,000

Commercial Activities

\$23,270

Business Support

\$25,437

LYNDA On-line learning

\$25,437

LYNDA On-line learning

Various Economic Stimulus Grants

\$180,000

Invest Frankston Business Grants

\$120,000

Night Time Economy

\$10,000

Shop Activation and Façade Improvements

Community relief and support

an additional

\$175,000

for 2 years

Community Support Frankston

\$210,000

Community grant program enhancement

Creating a safer community

\$340,000

plus a vehicle

\$60,000

Safer community rapid response team

Sustainable environment

\$40,000

Urban Forest Precinct Plans (Frankston/Karingal and FMAC)

\$120,000

Climate and Sustainability Officer

\$40,000

Coastal Marine Management Plan

Waste initiatives

\$1 million

Waste Circularity Master Plan Implementation

\$850,000

Closed Landfill Aftercare Management

\$80,000

Advanced Waste Processing Solution

Budget

Under the Local Government Act 2020, a Budget must be prepared every year and submitted to the Minister for Local Government.

The Budget closely aligns with the financial framework established by Council in its Financial Plan and continues to address the infrastructure renewal challenge faced by both this Council and the Local Government sector.

The Budget contains financial statements including a consolidated Income Statement, Balance Sheet, Cash Flow Statement and Statement of Capital Works. It also includes detailed information about the rates and charges to be levied, the capital works program to be undertaken and other financial information which Council requires in order to make an informed decision when considering its Budget adoption.

This four year Budget aligns with the initiatives and actions set out by the Council Plan.

This Plan meets the legislative requirements under the Local Government Act 2020 for a Council Plan and Budget.



Our next chapter

The Plan and Budget have been developed together to ensure Council can balance the wants and needs of our residents and businesses, and also maintain the long term financial sustainability of Council's operations.

Our Frankston City Community Vision 2040 has been shaped by input from the community to reflect on the aspirations and priorities of our community for the next 20 years.

Council Plan

Our Council Plan sets out the four year vision for the city and the outcomes Council wants to achieve over that period. These outcomes align with key focus areas identified in the Frankston City Community Vision 2040.

Our Council Plan identifies key priorities and initiatives aimed at working towards the six future outcomes that will set the strategic direction for Frankston City.

- 1** Healthy and safe communities
- 2** Community strength
- 3** Sustainable environment
- 4** Well planned and liveable city
- 5** Thriving economy
- 6** Progressive and engaged city

The Council Plan plays a vital role in shaping Frankston City's future, as it identifies both challenges and opportunities for our community and it forms the basis for Council to make decisions regarding resources and priorities in response to community needs and aspirations.

Four key priority areas

Acknowledging the value of our community voice, our Asset Plan has been aligned with four key priority areas identified by the Community Panel established earlier this year.



Public space and nature



Connectivity and accessibility



Sustainability/climate change resilience



Facilities meet community needs

Frankston City Asset Plan

Under the Victorian Local Government Act 2020, this Plan is a formal commitment to engage with our community about our City's valuable infrastructure assets and link our infrastructure investment with community priorities and objectives.

While we manage an extensive portfolio of assets, valued at approximately \$2.4 billion, this Asset Plan focuses on physical infrastructure that is under the control and is recognised as an asset of the Frankston City Council. Our physical infrastructure assets include:

- Buildings and Facilities
- Roads and Car parks
- Bridges, Major Culverts and Pedestrian Structures
- Pathways
- Stormwater Drainage Assets
- Open Space and Natural Assets

Building Frankston's Future

Council is making our way across Frankston City, upgrading our sporting facilities to create a state-of-the-art environment for local sports to flourish.



Frankston City Council
Building Frankston's Future

Rising high in Frankston City

The 2022–2023 Council Plan and Budget will be Council's biggest ever Budget and notably the largest ever annual Capital Works Program (\$91.6 million) to be delivered in Council's history!

By Capital Works, we mean the building and engineering works that create an asset, including the construction and installation of facilities and fixtures like tiles, brickwork, gyprock, timber and so on. This is either to create an entirely new asset or space, change the use and/or layout of an existing asset or revitalise older assets to best suit the needs of those who use it.

Frankston City's population and demographics are constantly growing and evolving and it is vital to keep ahead of the times and create truly valuable spaces for our community. It's not just about the number of projects going on, or the amount of money spent, but ensuring that each and every one is carefully planned in consultation with our community, to perfectly address and fulfil the collective needs, desires and ambitions for our City.

The projects earmarked for delivery in 2022–2023, as informed by our community, are all-inclusive: spanning sports and recreation, biodiversity and open space, car parking and transport connectivity, arts, culture and events. We are building Frankston's future figuratively and literally — by creating spaces that will bring our community closer together; instil a sense of pride, belonging and ownership; attract

visitors and investment; and benefit businesses, clubs, associations and individuals to all grow and prosper.

The Capital Works will continue to build upon the six outcomes of our 2021–2025 Council Plan & Budget which drive and direct our planning and decision making: healthy and safe communities, community strength, a sustainable environment, a well-planned and liveable city, a thriving economy and a progressive and engaged city.

While major building projects are one of the clearest signs of economic prosperity within a city, and therefore one of the most exciting areas for Council and our community, we also acknowledge the need to prudently manage the many associated nuances of such a bold and ambitious program. Everything is aligned with our Asset Plan (see page 11), which optimises the life span and cost of the works and we monitor the impact on local businesses and residents very closely.

We've nailed the details. Now let's raise the roof and celebrate our greatest asset: Frankston City!

If you would like to have your say on how we continue to build Frankston's future, we encourage you to visit engage.frankston.vic.gov.au and provide feedback on some of our many projects, or join our Mini Frankston City community panel.

Phil Cantillon, Chief Executive Officer

Major projects in 2022/2023 Total of \$45.73M

Jubilee Park Indoor Stadium Redevelopment
\$19.97M (\$35.32M*)

Kevin Collopy Pavilion
\$2.21M (\$3.65M*)

Eric Bell Pavilion
\$2.65M (\$6.75M*)

Lloyd Park Pavilion
\$5.00M (\$6.58M*)

Healthy Futures Hub
\$3.53M (3.98M*)

Frankston Yacht Club
\$1.40M (1.66M*)

Ballam Park Regional Play Place
\$2.05M (\$3.29M*)

Ballam Park Lake
\$1.25M (1.30M*)

Kananook Commuter Car Park
\$3.80M (\$18.00M*)

Barretts Road Construction
\$2.05M

LXRA Community Asset Program
\$1.00M (3.50M*)

Seaford Wetland Bridge
\$1.35M (1.5M*)

*Total project cost



FRANKSTON ARTS CENTRE

Bookings: 9784 1060 or thefac.com.au



Drama

Shake & Stir Theatre Co

Jane Eyre

Wednesday 17 August, 7.30pm

FAC Theatre

Tickets: \$27–\$60



Music

Daytime Music + Theatre

The World of Musicals
starring Simon Gleeson
and Natalie O'Donnell

Friday 19 August

10.30am & 1.30pm

FAC Theatre

Tickets: \$20–\$22



Opera

Opera Australia

The Barber of Seville

Saturday 3 September, 7.30pm

FAC Theatre

Tickets: \$27–\$84



Music

Ben Maiorana

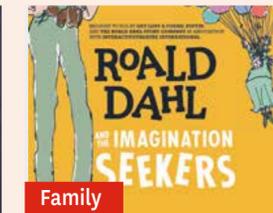
Mark Vincent: The

Impossible Dream

Sunday 4 September, 3pm

FAC Theatre

Tickets: \$74.90–\$79.90



Family

Imagination Workshop

Road Dahl and The

Imagination Seekers

Mon 5 Sep, 5pm and Tue 6 Sep,

11am and 5pm

Cube 37 Theatre

Tickets: \$20–\$25

(Family of 4 \$80)



Family

Junkyard Beats & Critical Stages Touring

The Box Show

Tuesday 20 September, 11am

FAC Theatre

Tickets: \$28–\$30

(Family of 4 \$100)

Frankston City Libraries



Science Week
with
Frankston
City Libraries

Children's Programs
Science Week
13–20 August

Join Frankston City Libraries for lots of science fun! Our hypothesis is that you'll enjoy a week of science experiences. From science shows to a week-long puzzle challenge, what will you learn this Science Week?



eLibrary

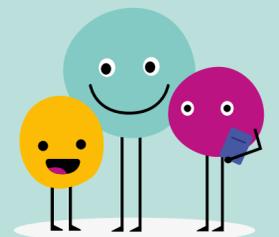
Did you know that at Frankston City Libraries we have an eLibrary?

Access newspapers, magazines, eBooks, stream music, film and documentaries and much, much more. Need medical information or seeking local and family history? You don't even need to leave your house!

Scan here to see what Frankston City Libraries has on offer.



What's on



Library App

With the Frankston City Libraries app, you can manage your account, search the catalogue, check-out items and book events, straight from your mobile device! Easy to use and navigate, the app is an alternative to using our website when on a mobile device. The free app is available for both Apple and Android phones and tablets.

For all the latest upgrades happening near you, visit: frankston.vic.gov.au/MajorProjects

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

Warm up with PARC this winter

Looking for cost effective, fun day out for the whole family? With the added bonus of being nice and warm indoors so the weather can't spoil your plans!

Join Peninsula Aquatic Recreation Centre (PARC) for the best pool party on the Peninsula, with fantastic pools and activities for kids of all ages. There's loads of fun to be had with PARC's famous Constrictor waterslide, the award winning multi-level Aquatic Playground, plus a dedicated learn to swim and toddler pool.

The entertainment doesn't stop outside the water, with a delicious café for mums and dads serving local Commonfolk coffee, and a Crèche if you need a little "me time" to recharge the batteries.

For those of you who are keen for a workout, PARC was recently awarded Health Club of

the Year at the Aquatics & Recreation Victoria Awards. You can access their welcoming and inclusive gym or group exercise classes casually, or purchase a multi-visit pass.

The team at PARC are passionate about helping you achieve your health and wellness goals. Whether you are new to exercise or you're a seasoned athlete, they are 100% focused on supporting you along your wellbeing journey and surrounding you with the friendly PARC community we know and love.

So whether you're after some fabulous family fun, or some solo time in the gym or spa, PARC has something for everyone this winter. Come on in, warm up and make a splash at the Peninsula's local premier aquatic and recreation facility. We can't wait to welcome you!



Beat the chill and head on down to PARC for a great day out

#FrankstonCity



Get the kids outdoors for a Magic Parks experience at Pindara Reserve, Langwarrin

Enjoy the first digital playground experience in Australia!

Roam with dinosaurs or robots, collect cute kittens in fairyland, rescue dolphins or train a dragon. Learn the basics of recycling in a fairy world and help keep your park clean.

Magic Parks is an AR digital playground designed to get kids off the couch and active outdoors using geospatial Augmented Reality (AR). Head to

Pindara Reserve, Langwarrin with a GPS-equipped smart phone and let your kids experience the fun and excitement themselves.

The Magic Park AR digital playground is free to play at Pindara Reserve, 29 Pindara Boulevard, Langwarrin, until April 2023. For more information, please visit: magicalpark.net

Frankston city is getting 'smart' as it moves to the future

Last summer, Frankston became the first city in Victoria and first non-state capital city to adopt Neuron Mobility pedal-assisted e-bikes.

That was just the start of Council's use of technology to improve efficiency, sustainability and the quality of life for residents as it leads the way in utilising smart cities technology. A number of 'smart' technologies have already been implemented and more are planned as our City eyes the future.

Council's participation in the Regional Smart City Partnership aims to work with the Councils of Boroondara, Casey, Knox, Maroondah and Stonnington to increase smart city opportunities across South and Eastern Melbourne suburbs.

The partnership allows the regions to share data and experiences in the deployment of smart technology and infrastructure. Participation in this program aims to increase the Council's capabilities in the smart city space and promote sustainable development as Frankston grows and develops.

Mayor Nathan Conroy said: "Over the last three years we have seen dramatic changes to our cities and the way in which technology and innovation can help boost their resilience and solve problems. For this reason, our Council is committed to seeking new opportunities offered through the Smart City infrastructure to better utilise technology and innovation. We can benefit from such partnerships as we move to the future."

In Frankston, smart cities initiatives include the use of e-bikes and e-bike charging stations on the Frankston Foreshore. The installation of digital wayfinding screens at Frankston Foreshore, Wells Street and Young Street is making our city easier to navigate.

Soon, more initiatives will be implemented to make Frankston a liveable, sustainable and innovative city. Already, plans are underway to ensure our city is at the forefront of developments.

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Frankston's latest cafe and bar, Oliver's Corner, is situated on the ground floor of the architecturally designed Frankston Yacht Club. Overlooking the golden sands of our family-friendly foreshore, its stylish fireplace and heated glass atrium make it the perfect venue to enjoy our picturesque bay, no matter the weather. The menu includes a variety of pizzas, salads and burgers to suit any budget, plus coffees, milkshakes, cocktails, beer on tap, local wines and even French champagne to wash it all down. It is open for trading Monday to Friday from 11am to sunset and weekends from 8am to sunset.

Oliver's Corner is just one of the many new developments that's helped shape our City as the perfect destination for locals and visitors alike. Harking back to its origins as Melbourne's seaside resort, Frankston has been targeted as the natural new home to the stylish Hotel Lona, an exciting addition known for its vibrant year-round atmosphere and rooftop bar. Our City also boasts the trendy Aussie '50s beach vibe of Betty's Burgers



and the utterly luxurious 'premier selection' of Horizon Apartments. Several high-end investors are also in talks with Council regarding the Yacht Club's spectacular first floor space and the potentials it could unlock.

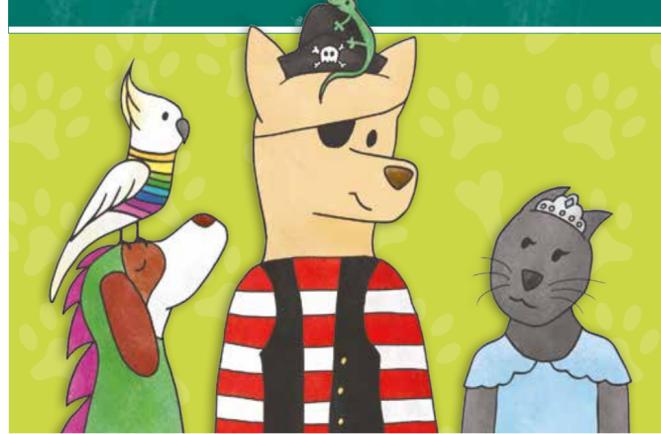
Frankston City continues to transform before our eyes, resulting in a City that welcomes and attracts business and development for the benefits of its investors, visitors and community. But Let's be Frank. With more than 30,000 innovative enterprises already calling Frankston their home, its business as usual for our City.

Part of Our Next Chapter: Creating a Thriving Economy, as part of our 2021-2025 Council Plan and Budget.

Pets' Day out

FREE ENTRY

Sunday 9 October 2022
10am-3pm
Ballam Park, Frankston



Animal Farm • Demonstration Arena • Pet Parade
Pet Stalls • Face Painting • Pet Ownership Information

For more information visit:

discoverfrankston.com

Frankston City Council acknowledges and pays respect to the Bunurong People, the Traditional Custodians of these lands and waters.

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Mayor's FAMILY PICNIC
FREE ENTRY
SATURDAY 17 SEPTEMBER
12-5PM
LIVE MUSIC FOOD TRUCKS MARKET STALLS
CARRUM DOWNS RECREATIONAL RESERVE
Wedge Road, Carrum Downs
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Invest Frankston

Invest Frankston Business Grants

Eight local businesses shared in \$228,000 to help grow their enterprises and enhance the economy thanks to the 2022 Invest Frankston Business Grants, which closed earlier this year.

Initiatives such as a work experience programs for people with disabilities, an earth centre and a new marketing agency are among the projects to receive funding as part of the popular program which saw 18 businesses apply this year. The businesses

were chosen by an independent panel and were assessed based on their plans to generate new and sustainable employment and upskilling opportunities and enhance Frankston City's reputation and economic growth, testing demand for other businesses to follow. Mayor Nathan Conroy called the businesses to deliver the exciting news himself. Read page 5 to see who scored the grants.



Digital Marketing Masterclasses

A very eager 19 businesses signed up to our three-week Digital Marketing Masterclass in June to learn practical digital marketing skills.

Key focuses were learning techniques to maximize each business's digital marketing capacity and helping participants become more confident in understanding key aspects of digital marketing such as digital strategy/content creation, effective

marketing campaigns, understanding social media insights, analytics and advertising, email marketing and much more. The three sessions held on Tuesdays for three weeks were hosted by Oraco Agency, at You Group Victoria, Playne Street, Frankston. A big congratulations to those Frankston City businesses who joined the program and took a step in the direction toward improving their business.



Business Networking

On June 16 we held our last official Invest Frankston Business Networking Night.

The events began in March 2021 and were designed to give Frankston City business owners a local place to meet and collaborate. Since its inception the project held nine in-person events and two online with a total of 732 tickets sold! The nights were held at local venues or businesses such as Frankston Brewhouse, Biersal Brewery, Burst Graphics, Ash Marton Realty,

McClelland Gallery, Sandhurst Club, Dainton Taphouse, Frankston Bowls Club and General Public.

Many amazing connections were made with more than 90 per cent of businesses reporting they met someone which led to a business collaboration. Invest Frankston have now handed over the networking nights to the exciting new chamber, Frankston Business Collective. To join, head to frankstonbusinesscollective.com.au



Business Mentoring

Did you know we offer free business mentoring for all Frankston City businesses?

Our panel of 13 mentors are all industry experts and can even help you get started or expand your business as well as offer you tips and suggestions on how to improve your business plan and model. Mentors can offer advice from a range of different

industries such as finance and accounting advice, business mapping, management, marketing and digital and technology transformations and general business tips. You can access two one-hour sessions with any of our business mentors simply by emailing your interest to business@frankston.vic.gov.au

Future Ready Frankston

Engaging our community

Advocacy wrap-up

Council congratulates re-elected Federal Member for Dunkley, Ms Peta Murphy, as Frankston City moves a step closer towards the delivery of a number of fantastic projects across the municipality. We look forward to working with

Ms Murphy as a member of the new Albanese Federal Government to deliver for the local community. Frankston City Mayor Nathan Conroy said: "We are excited for what the future holds with Ms Murphy's tenacity for delivering

locally and we look forward to continuing to work with her in a constructive and positive way to deliver the best possible outcomes for the people of Frankston City." Election commitments totalling \$18.3 million were made by

Ms Murphy toward three of Council's five key advocacy projects. We welcome this substantial investment in our community and the endorsement of the extensive work undertaken in developing these priority projects.

New Federal Government commitments to projects within Frankston City made during the election campaign:

- Frankston Basketball and Gymnastics Stadium — \$15 million
- Sandfield Reserve — \$1.3 million

- Frankston Regional Arts Trail — \$2 million
- Nairn Marr Djambana neighbourhood house and gathering place for Frankston's First Nations community — \$850,000
- Upgrade of Langwarrin Skate Park — \$170,000

- Langwarrin Community Centre play equipment — \$13,000
- Seven new community domestic violence workers
- Carrum Downs community battery



Ballam Park's athletic track and pavilion upgrades are underway thanks to \$750,000 in funding

Victorian Government Budget highlights for Frankston City

Naranga Special School
\$7.612 million to replace relocatable buildings with new permanent facilities and upgrades to classrooms in the Senior Block.

Banyan Fields Primary School
\$2.1 million to upgrade and modernise the school including the multipurpose hall and prep building.

Ballam Park Athletic Upgrade
\$750,000 towards the redevelopment of the pavilion and replacement of the athletics track.

Frankston Bowls Club
\$500,000 towards the delivery of covered greens at the club.

Skye Primary School
\$497,600 to refurbish the senior toilet block and partial refurbishment of the junior toilet block to improve the amenity, cleanliness and hygiene.

Frankston Primary School
\$204,100 for roof, ceiling and concrete paving repairs across classrooms.

Frankston BMX Park
\$150,000 to upgrade the BMX track and facilities.

Seaford Surf Life Saving Club
\$53,000 for all abilities infrastructure including beach matting and beach wheelchairs.



Project updates

Pines Pool Redevelopment

The Pines Pool Redevelopment has been undergoing further investigations to strengthen its business case and explore the possibility of expanding its operating season.

There has been a groundswell of support for the project. Most recently we received the endorsement of Life Saving Victoria and Royal Life Saving Australia, who have particularly emphasised the value of these upgrades in expanding access to learn to swim programs. Local swim team, the Frankston Flyers, have shown their support and noted the unprecedented

demand for competition swimming in the Frankston municipality. We've also received numerous letters of support from local schools that use the venue to host their swimming carnivals.

Frankston Arts Trail

Our Regional Arts Trail is moving forward with the project team currently undertaking a Feasibility and Concept Review with consultant Fitzgerald Frisby Landscape Architecture (FFLA). This work includes a multidisciplinary assessment of key opportunities and challenges. Stay tuned for further developments!

Next steps for our advocacy campaign

A change of Federal Government means a whole new set of Ministers – Council has written to these representatives congratulating them on their appointment and seeking to build strong working relationships.

The state election is fast approaching on 26 November and we are already ramping up our efforts to prepare our advocacy strategy to make sure that we can reflect the needs of our community to our local representatives and candidates.

To date, we have consulted on 66 projects, with over 47,000 visitors and an incredible 8,641 items of feedback.

To learn more about our advocacy, visit: frankston.vic.gov.au/Advocacy

How you can get involved

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



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The Australian Blackwood, *Acacia Melanoxylon*

Indigenous plants in Frankston City

Got a green thumb, a prized garden or an interest in local flora? Indigenous trees and plants play a crucial role in our local environment and can be a cost- and time-saving grace for your garden.

The natural environment of Frankston City ranges from coastal dunes to woodlands and waterways and all have different plants best suited to their area. Indigenous plants are ones that grow naturally in a given place; they are local flora that have evolved to the conditions of a specific location and are therefore well suited to the region's soil, topography and climate, making them an excellent choice for your garden.

Whether you're planting grasses, shrubs, flowers or trees, sourcing indigenous plants for your garden provides many benefits, both from a personal and environmental viewpoint.

What are the benefits of indigenous plants?

- Indigenous plants thrive with minimal care as they do not require large amounts of nutrients and, once established, need very little water, making them easy to maintain
- These plants are more resistant to disease, grow quickly and often flower within their first season, allowing you to enjoy your garden sooner and for longer

- Planting local flora provides the correct shelter and food source for native animals, such as birds, reptiles, insects and marsupials, strengthening wildlife corridors
- Indigenous trees and plants preserve and enhance Frankston City's natural beauty and biodiversity

For the best results in your garden, opt for plants indigenous to the part of the Frankston municipality you live in. To learn more about the natural vegetation in your local area, see Council's website or contact the Frankston Indigenous Nursery at: **32R McMannis Way, Seaford** or phone: **9768 1513**



National Tree Day 2022

Sunday 31 July 2022, 10-12pm
Jubilee Park (83R-85R Hillcrest Road, Frankston), access via Nursery Avenue
 Planet Ark's National Tree Day started in 1996 and has grown into Australia's largest community tree planting and nature care event.

As part of the ongoing Jubilee Park redevelopment, a patch of neglected, weedy vegetation has been identified as an area for rehabilitation and replanting, to increase its biodiversity and habitat values. Frankston City Council have prepared the site for planting by removal of existing weeds and mulching.

Come enjoy a free sausage, get your hands dirty and join Council's Natural Reserves Rangers and Environmental Officers to help restore some precious urban bushland this National Tree Day!

Register your interest here:
treeday.planetark.org/site/10026597



'environmental vandal' signage and replants. If you see any suspicious clearing of vegetation in Frankston City's coastal or inland reserves, please report it to Council on **1300 322 322**. All part of Our Next Chapter: supporting a Sustainable Environment, for the 2021-2025 Council Plan and Budget.

Protecting our coastal vegetation

Frankston City is the proud home to some of the most extensive examples of Coastal Banksia Woodland left on Port Phillip Bay.

Council officers and community groups work tirelessly to keep the beaches clear of rubbish, remove weeds and revegetate the dune system. Damage to our valuable coastal vegetation cause by environmental vandals is an ongoing issue on the Frankston and Seaford foreshores and most coastal communities.

What is happening and why?

Coastal trees and vegetation on public land is poisoned and removed

by some residents and developers, who wish to improve their views and increase the value of their developments.

Land is also 'annexed' adjacent to private property to increase the area usable by property owners (including planting invasive weeds into the reserves) and clear illegal, private pathways to the beach. Further damage is caused by beach goers trampling the dunes by walking off designated paths, lighting fires and dumping rubbish.

Why is this a problem?

Comparatively very little coastal vegetation exists north of Frankston

City, with what remains providing the last mainstay of coastal biodiversity and habitat within the area. With so much removed and modified in the past, anything that has remained has an immeasurably high value. Council officers and the community do valuable work which can be undone in a few moments by a selfish environmental vandal.

What is Council doing, and what can I do help?

Council officers respond to reports of illegal clearing, attend and investigate. Where sufficient evidence has been gathered and a case can be proved, Council issues fines, erects

Going green at the library

Celebrate National Tree Day on 31 July with a suggested title from Frankston City Libraries' Reading List, ranging from Adult Non-Fiction to Picture Books.

Head to your local library branch and speak to library staff member, or reserve an item from the Reading List here: library.frankston.vic.gov.au/FrankstonLibraries/Home

"Gum: The Story of Eucalypts & Their Champions" by Ashley Hay

Scrawny or majestic, smooth as pearl or rough as guts, eucalypts have defined our continent for millennia and shaped the possibilities and imaginations of those who live among them.

"From Seeds to Leaves" by Doug & Robin Stewart

Discover how to grow native Australian trees from seed with this acclaimed gardening book.

"The Arbonaut" by Meg Lowman

Biologist, botanist, and conservationist Meg Lowman takes us on an adventure into the world's treetops, along her journey as a tree scientist, and into climate action.

"The Book of Australian Trees" by Inga Simpson: Illustrated by Alicia Rogerson

Trees tell stories about places, and Australia has some of the tallest, oldest, fattest and most unusual trees in the world for you to learn about.

"Plantastic! A to Z of Australian Plants" by Catherine Clowes: Illustrated by Rachel Gyan

Discover and identify native plants found in your local park, bushland, or even in your very own backyard.

"Around the World in 80 Trees" by Jonathan Drori: Illustrated by Lucille Clerc

From India's sacred banyan tree to the fragrant cedar of Lebanon, trees offer us sanctuary, inspiration and raw materials all around the world.



Climate change consultation

Frankston City Council invites residents, businesses and community members to have their say on its climate change action to help shape a new strategy and action plan.

In response to its Climate Emergency Declaration in 2019, Council has committed to develop a Climate Change Strategy and Action Plan for the next 5-10 years. The aim is to identify the risks, opportunities, and priorities for Frankston City to reduce emissions and build

resilience to climate change for the benefit of the community, environment, and the economy.

Whether you are keen to reduce energy costs or climate-proof your home or business, or simply passionate about creating a better world, we want to hear from you!

You can attend one of the pop-ups around Frankston City from now until September, or have your say online at: engage.frankston.vic.gov.au



Financial support to stay warm and save

Rising energy costs during the cooler months is an unfortunate reality for many. On average, Victorian households can spend up to \$800 a year, or a third of their energy bill, on heating.

Fortunately, a range of financial incentives are currently available for households and businesses to improve energy efficiency, save money and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

- **Home Heating and Cooling Upgrades Rebates** – a \$1,000 rebate is available for eligible homeowners and rental properties (via the landlord) to upgrade gas, electric and wood heaters with energy efficient reverse-cycle air conditioners. A reverse-cycle air conditioner is one of the most cost effective and energy efficient ways to provide heating and cooling for your home in one system. Visit: heatingupgrades.vic.gov.au

- **Victorian Energy Upgrades Program** – offers discounts to homeowners and businesses on energy saving products and appliances including low and no-cost options such as draught sealing, as well as subsidies for replacing major appliances such as hot water systems, heating systems and much more. Visit: victorianenergysaver.vic.gov.au
- **Power Saving Bonus** – a once-off \$250 payment is available to provide financial relief to concession card holders to help cover the cost of home energy bills. Visit: compare.energy.vic.gov.au
- **Victorian Energy Compare** – from 1 July 2022 a new \$250 payment will also be open to all Victorian households who use the Victorian Government's independent site to compare their energy deal and seek out a better price. Visit: compare.energy.vic.gov.au



Frankston District Basketball — Association of the Year

Frankston District Basketball Association (FDBA) was named this year's number one basketball association in Victoria! The award recognises an outstanding association that experienced significant achievements in 2021.

Just three years ago, the FDBA were 138th on the ladder, but under the stewardship of CEO Wayne Holdsworth and the Board, they now sit top of the table. The association's focus on community engagement and reactivating participation after Covid lockdowns has seen the number of junior teams registered for the winter season at an all-time high of 626 teams; coupled with the senior teams, they could break the 1,000 team mark later this year.

Their high level of engagement with members through social media during lockdowns and beyond has seen growth in the number of referees and participation in development programs and holidays camps, as well as schools and inclusion programs including all abilities and walking basketball.

The association is proud to have created equality in the budgets for Men's and Women's representative programs. The new federal funding commitment combined with Council's existing commitment means that two thirds of the total funding has been secured for the redevelopment of the Frankston Basketball and Gymnastics Stadium. Council and the FDBA are working closely to continue advocating for a redeveloped stadium worthy of the number one association.

Pat Rollo Pavilion Opening

The official opening of the newly redeveloped Pat Rollo Reserve Pavilion was recently celebrated with great excitement by the Pines Junior Football Club and Pines Cricket Club members.

The tenacity of the clubs to campaign for the project and support from the Victorian Government and Council contributing \$2 million and \$840,000 respectively have made their dream of a new pavilion a reality.

The new pavilion has a social room with views overlooking

the oval and provides female friendly change rooms with supporting amenities. Also included is a small meeting room, first aid room and two umpire change rooms providing a fit for purpose facility for junior football and cricket.

Further works on the reserve surrounds are also being undertaken to create a path network around the park as well as upgrades to the oval infrastructure, creating a wonderful space for passive and active recreation for the local community.



Mayor Nathan Conroy, Pines Football Netball Club President Jeff Svigos, Paul Edbrooke MP and Pines Cricket Club President Brad Saunders with (rear) Cr Brad Hill and Cr Sue Baker at the ribbon cutting ceremony to open the new Pat Rollo Pavilion at Frankston North

The perfect winter walk

Winter may bring colder days and shorter daylight hours, but that's no reason to stop exploring your local area. Fresh air does a world of good, promoting better health and wellbeing, so why not head on down to Sweetwater Creek and check out the beautiful greenery while the reserve is in its peak lushness?

With plenty of walking trails and rest areas, Sweetwater Creek Nature Reserve beckons explorers to slow down and enter a different headspace. Surround yourself with forest and bushland, listen out for the trickling creek and wind through boardwalks over swampland.

For more information, visit: sweetwatercreek.org.au



Wind your way through Sweetwater Creek's natural beauty

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