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Are you a vaccination hero?

Eligible residents across Frankston City are lining up to take advantage of the free COVID-19 vaccine at Peninsula Health's vaccination sites in Frankston and Rosebud.

Peninsula Health's Chief Medical Officer, Dr Shyaman Menon, said Peninsula Health is providing vaccinations to people who meet the eligibility criteria, as part of the Federal Government's COVID-19 vaccination program.

"Since March, Peninsula Health has completed more than 20,000 COVID-19 vaccinations for eligible Frankston and Mornington Peninsula residents, as well as local healthcare and aged care workers, paramedics, police and firefighters."

"Information on vaccine eligibility, vaccination clinic locations, and how to make a booking, is available on our website."

Cr Brad Hill said he was thrilled to receive the vaccine and hopes anyone

who is eligible and hasn't yet taken the opportunity, does so soon.

"We are only going to beat this thing if we all pull together and get vaccinated. This does not just protect me and you, it helps protect everyone. So I'm doing my part."

Mayor Kris Bolam said it is important take a moment to acknowledge vaccines are our best way out of this devastating pandemic.

"COVID-19 has hit local businesses and residents hard and I am grateful

that this vaccine is providing us with a pathway out of this incredibly difficult time. We are not out of the woods yet, so I encourage all of our community to get vaccinated as soon as they are eligible. I would like to thank each and every local who has already taken time out of their day to get the jab. You are helping to protect your community."

For more information, visit: peninsulahealth.org.au
Meet some of our COVID vaccination heroes on page 8.



2021-2025 Council Plan and Budget

To see how Council is investing in the future of Frankston City, head to page 9.

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Customer Service Centres

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

Seaford Customer Service Centre
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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1800 333 000 (Crime Stoppers)

Graffiti removal
1800 66 8247 (1800 NO TAGS)

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From the cover: Cr Brad Hill receives his COVID-19 vaccination and encourages eligible community members to do the same.

Mayor's message

Budget to support another busy 12 months

Council adopted our 2021–2025 Council Plan and Budget on 28 June, following extensive community consultation. Despite the pandemic, Council is performing extremely well, including the forecast surplus of \$9.123 million for 2020–2021.

There are many highlights in our \$260 million budget, including: infrastructure expenditure of \$64.89 million and operational expenditure of \$178 million. We recognise that many residents are having a hard time since the pandemic, which is why we have also included discount vouchers as part of the recovery package. See pages 9, 10 and 11 for more detail.

Rates notices will also be different this year and include a package that better explains what your rates are paying for. I'm very proud of some of the proactive items in this year's budget, including the completion of a two-year program of investment in CCTV units which has increased the CCTV network by 20 per cent, the creation of a recurrent line-item that seeks to alleviate family

violence and the doubling of tree plantings which will lead to 80,000 newly planted trees by 2024.

More important decisions

Council adopted its first ever Customer Service Promise at our Council Meeting on 31 May. The Promise is about acknowledging our responsibilities to our customers and that we can and should be doing better. The Promise outlines the level of service excellence we are committing to provide to our community.

Also on 31 May, Councillors unanimously voted to abandon the Frankston Heritage Review Study. Council abandoned the process as the overlay failed to take into account property rights and had the potential to damage the housing prices of affected residents. Councillors also voted unanimously to commit an additional \$60,000 to the annual Heritage Grant Program, resulting in a total grant funding amount of \$100,000. An increase in the Heritage Grant funding will enable property owners of existing heritage places to access these funds for maintenance and restoration works.



Building Frankston's Future Campaign

Many residents aren't aware of how extensive our infrastructure program is. This is why Council wants to be as transparent as possible with how we are spending your rates and how this may benefit you. To help us achieve this, we have launched our 'Building Frankston's Future' campaign. The campaign will include banners and signage at construction sites, periodic updates in Frankston City News, on social media and a major construction projects tracker (over \$500,000) on the Council website.

Cr Kris Bolam,
Mayor

Message from the CEO

As we all endured our fourth lockdown in 15 months, I was again in awe of our community's adaptability and resilience in the face of such difficult circumstances. I know the June lockdown hit people particularly hard, as many of us hoped we had seen the last of these kinds of restrictions and it certainly affected the business community significantly. There are many small businesses and sole traders who once again found themselves without steady income and perhaps feeling uncertain about the future of their business. Together, we managed to beat the numbers back again and get ourselves to the other side. However there will be lingering effects and there are many supports available for those who need them. As you will see mentioned on page 10, Council has provided for a rejuvenated COVID Recovery Package in our 2021–2025 Council Plan and Budget and for more information on government supports, visit: coronavirus.vic.gov.au/financial-and-other-support-coronavirus-covid-19

Vaccination is the best way we can protect those we love against COVID-19

and I urge everyone who is eligible to step forward and help us to move out of this pandemic. As you will have seen in our cover story, Peninsula Health has been hard at work vaccinating our frontline workers and eligible locals these past few months at pop up locations in Frankston and Rosebud. The staff there has done an excellent job and I am looking forward to seeing our vaccination numbers continue to climb. Thank you to everyone who has joined the effort to date, you can meet some of our 'vaccination heroes' on page 8.

For Council staff, it has been an unprecedented 12 months adapting to restrictions whilst doing our jobs and delivering a quality service to our community. I am incredibly proud of our ability to adapt and innovate our services, and embrace flexible working, all while supporting each other and making our workplace a truly great place to work.

Lastly our new Community Engagement Framework was endorsed by Council on 28 June. The Framework was developed with extensive input from our community and staff across the organisation.



The Framework confirms Council's Engagement Promise to the community, which is: to engage and collaborate with our diverse local community, to understand and include people's different views, experiences and expertise, to genuinely listen and learn from the local community to ensure community feedback influences Council's decisions and project outcomes. The Framework uses our Engagement Principles to develop a consistent and coordinated approach to community engagement and I look forward to seeing how this new engagement strategy builds on our relationship with our community. For more information on the Community Engagement Framework, visit: frankston.vic.gov.au/CommunityEngagement

Phil Cantillon
Chief Executive Officer

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New mural pays tribute to our natural environment

A stunning new mural at Seaford pays tribute to Frankston City's captivating natural environment. The mural on the Seaford Library and Community Centre will enhance the experience of people looking to 'Do it Outdoors' and expand outdoor dining into reserves, including the Broughton Street Reserve.

Council commissioned the mural as part of the 'Do it Outdoors' campaign to promote outdoor dining and support businesses impacted by the Coronavirus pandemic. Artist Melanie Caple's mural features coastal banksias, tea tree and a swamp gum – based on what she observed at nearby Kananook Creek.

Using the library's entrance sign, front and side walls as its canvas, the mural

opens up in clean whites and greys, with highlights of orange, yellow and pink.

Ms Caple said, "I featured botanicals that are indigenous to the Kananook Creek area. I was particularly excited about painting the Tea Tree — those flowers are so beautiful!"

More outdoor entertainment and music is scheduled later this year as part of Frankston City Council's 'Do It Outdoors' campaign. To see Frankston City's amazing artworks, book a Street Art Tour today, visit: discoverfrankston.com

Artist Melanie Caple's mural at the Seaford Library and Community Centre pays tribute to Frankston City's wonderful and captivating natural environment.



Carrum Downs' Libraries After Dark extended until July 2022

Carrum Downs Library is extending its Libraries After Dark program, thanks to additional funding from the Victorian Responsible Gambling Foundation.

The \$32,000 boost will allow Council to continue running its Thursday night evening sessions until July 2022.

Since February, more than 800 people have accessed Carrum Downs library after hours.

If gambling has become a problem for you or a loved one make an appointment with Gambler's Help

Southern: 9575 5353 or after hours, phone: 1800 858 858



Cooper and his sisters enjoying Ballam Park

Have your say: Disability Action Plan

Council will be seeking feedback on the Draft Disability Action Plan 2021-2016 in coming weeks. The plan aims to reduce barriers for people with disabilities, so they can feel more included, connected and valued in Frankston City.

Thank you to everyone who contributed their ideas during our consultation in April, your feedback has been invaluable in shaping the draft plan.

We want to hear from:

- People with disabilities
- Carers, family and friends of people with disabilities
- Professionals who work with people with disabilities — who live, work, play, visit, study, invest in or pass through Frankston.

Keep an eye out for the plan at: frankston.vic.gov.au/HaveYoursay

OR to have a copy of the draft sent directly to you, email: disability@frankston.vic.gov.au or phone 1300 322 322



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Department of Health

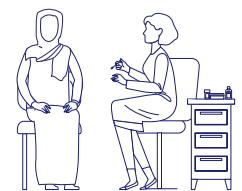
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It's important to get a COVID-19 test if you have symptoms



If you have a fever, cough, sore throat or shortness of breath, get tested. Even if your symptoms are mild.

Getting a COVID test is quick. There is no pain. It might feel a bit uncomfortable, but it only lasts a few seconds.



Once you have had your test you must go straight home and stay home until your results come back, usually by the next day.

Testing helps stop the spread of the virus and will help keep you, your family and friends safe.



Visit health.gov.au for more COVID-19 information

You may be eligible for the Victorian Government's one-off household payment of \$250 towards your electricity bill, if you receive a Centrelink Pensioner Concession, a Veterans' Pensioner Concession (or hold a gold card), or JobSeeker, Youth Allowance, Austudy or Abstudy.

If you need help with your application, specialists from the independent Energy Info Hub will be at the following venues:

Frankston North Community Centre from 10am and 2pm on Wednesday, 14 July. (To book: 8773 9545 or email FrankstonNorth.CommunityCentre.vic.gov.au)

Frankston South Community Centre from 9.30am to 12.30pm on Thursday, 5 August.

(To book: 9293 7122 or email frankstonsouthreccentre@frankston.vic.gov.au.)

Frankston Library from 10am to 4pm on Monday, 9 August.

Carrum Downs Library from 10am to 4pm on Monday, 16 August.

(Bookings for both library events: 9784 1020 or visit:

library.frankston.vic.gov.au)

Bookings are essential and a concession card, a recent electricity bill (not a reminder notice) and your bank account details will be needed on the day.

To apply online, visit: by visiting compare.energy.vic.gov.au

Cash boost for Langwarrin Skate Park upgrade

Council has successfully applied for a \$20,000 Federal Government grant to upgrade the Langwarrin Skate Park. Council will contribute \$60,000 for design and community consultation works to upgrade the park, as well as for ancillary infrastructure such as shelter, seating and bins.

The push for improvements was driven by 13-year-old Caiden, who visits the park with his brothers and gathered 355 signatures on an online petition to upgrade the facility earlier this year. The Federal Member for Dunkley, Peta Murphy MP, announced that \$20,000 in funding will also be provided for the project from the Dunkley Stronger Communities Program. "The facilities at the Langwarrin Skate Park are outdated. The Langwarrin community deserves a skate park that's safe and that caters for different levels of experience.

"Caiden is a terrific young man. I'd like to thank him and his friends along with GameFace for supporting this project.

I look forward to continuing to work with Council, who also provided funding, on immediate improvements and consultation and design on bigger works," Ms Murphy said.

Caiden said an upgrade will make the space more inclusive and help support teen mental health. "Expanding the skate park would be good for everyone. Not only does it support positive mental health, it also gives kids something safe to do," Caiden said.

Councillor Nathan Conroy said, "We will be speaking directly with the kids who use the park and the wider community, to ensure we're delivering a space they can enjoy, that meets their needs. It's important that we provide an environment where young people feel safe participating and being actively involved in their community."

Council expects to have initial works completed by December and planning works completed in 2022, following community consultation.



Mayor Kris Bolam and three-year-old Spencer

Are you ready to take the Mayor's Reading Challenge?

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 11th 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.

Mayor, Kris Bolam said the challenge is not only fun, it creates positive literacy outcomes for young children.

"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 Mayor said.

"The Mayor's Reading Challenge is a great opportunity to read to kids and

collect some pretty cool prizes along the way.

Everyone who completes the challenge of 60 books receives a free book and goes into the draw to win one of the major prizes."

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

After a month of happy reading, children collect a reading rewards pack, including a certificate signed by the Mayor and a new board book. For more information and to register, go to library.frankston.vic.gov.au or phone 9784 1020



Deputy Mayor Nathan Conroy with Caiden at Langwarrin Skate Park.

Community Panel: registration now open

We are looking to expand our Community Panel from 40 community members to 500, to ensure the panel is truly a snapshot of Frankston City.

Our Panel provides feedback on a range on projects, by completing surveys, quick polls, attending focus groups, workshops and other activities that we make as interactive and enjoyable as possible.

Being on our Community Panel is also a great way to connect with other community members, learn

about Council, and influence Council decisions. For more information, please visit our Community Panel registration page www.engage.frankston.vic.gov.au/community-panel

You can also check out our new community engagement platform, *Engage Frankston*, which provides an easy and more interactive way to give your feedback on Council's plans, projects, policies and activities. Check out *Engage Frankston* today engage.frankston.vic.gov.au

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Our first pollies barbeque a massive success

On Saturday 26 June, I joined Senator for Victoria, David Van, the Federal Member for Dunkley, Peta Murphy, and the State Member for Frankston, Paul Edbrooke, at a traditional Bunnings barbeque in Frankston. Council hosted the barbecue to bring together all three levels of government and provide an easy and accessible way for our community to ask questions and provide feedback directly to their elected representatives. Our first ever 'Pollies BBQ' proved very popular, with plenty of locals stopping for the famous sausage sizzle and a chat. It was a great, informal way for residents to get in touch with those who represent their interests at all levels of government. I am delighted to announce that the barbecue raised just over \$2000 for key local charity, Community Support Frankston (CSF), who do tremendous work in supporting the most vulnerable within our community.

More walking paths for the North West Ward

In addition to providing recreation and exercise benefits, the availability of footpaths and shared paths provide essential access to such destinations as schools, shops and workplaces. There are parts of the city where the paths network has gaps that need filling, or where roadside footpaths are absent entirely. I have been working to help deliver pathway upgrades. I am pleased to confirm a number of these upgrades have been completed, including Spruce Street, Mitre Court, Manorswood Drive, Ballam Park, O'Grady Street, Telopea Reserve, Pat Rollo Reserve and Seaford Road (between Galway Street and Brunel Road). Please contact me if you know of a footpath in need of development or upgrading.

Ballam Park South Pavilion now open

The new \$4.63 million Ballam Park South Pavilion is in full action — enabling the Peninsula Strikers Junior Football Club to host games with a new kitchen and kiosk, eight female-friendly change rooms, suitable spaces for umpires, a large social space and new public toilets for park users. The new pavilion provided female-friendly amenities for around 70 girls and young women in the first home game round of the season. The pavilion and new sports lighting gives Karingal another state-of-the-art sporting facility. Club officials said the new facilities have provided a huge boost and the potential for more growth. The new pavilion has been built thanks to three-way funding from each tier of government, plus the Peninsula Strikers Football Club. Another fantastic outcome!

Cr Kris Bolam, Mayor

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A refreshed shopping strip for Frankston North

Work is underway to revitalise the Excelsior Drive shopping strip in Frankston North, with improved footpaths, new shade trees, garden beds, seats, bins and public lighting. The project was made possible with contributions of \$300,000 from Council and \$100,000 from the State Government. Construction is expected to be completed by the end of July and will reinvigorate Excelsior Drive for shop owners and visitors. This work follows the installation of CCTV cameras at the shopping strip in 2019, to improve safety by directly relaying footage to Frankston Police Station.

Key project underway at the gateway to Frankston

Works have started on a \$550,000 greening, lighting and public art initiative at a key gateway to Frankston's city centre. Significant landscape improvements are underway on the north and south sides of the Fletcher Rd overpass, as part of Council's City Centre Greening Program. Greening this area will help us deliver on our commitment for sustainable, integrated and economically viable public spaces, meet our Urban Forest Action Plan targets and support our Greening our Future strategy. Works include installing garden beds featuring indigenous plants, trees, a smart irrigation system, seating and design elements to improve storm water quality and drainage. Existing pedestrian paths will be retained. This is just one part of a bigger plan to reinvigorate the area, including through creative underpass lighting and public art. Thank you to the State Government for contributing \$250,000 towards creative lighting and artworks.

Coming together to tackle homelessness

Homelessness is increasing faster in Frankston than the Victorian and Australian averages and at more than twice the rate of Frankston City's total population growth. Innovative solutions and a coordinated approach are required to meaningfully reverse this trend.

In response to continued pressures and emerging gaps in the housing sector the Frankston City Strategic Housing and Homelessness Alliance, of which Council is a member, was formed last year. The Alliance brings together senior representatives from 14 organisations operating in Frankston City, to inform local planning and advocacy. The Alliance will develop and drive a shared agenda, to ensure everyone has a safe roof over their heads each night. For more information visit: strategic.homelessnessalliance.org.au

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Speaking of pets....

During my election campaign last year it became clear to me that animal management is an area of great interest and passion for residents. Many of us enjoy the company of animals, even if we don't have any furry family members ourselves. Did you know, there are over 21,000 pets registered with Council? Council recognises the important role pets play in our lives and invests around \$1.3 million each year in animal management. The funding, together with your animal registration fees, help us look after the pets of Frankston City.

We are often asked about the benefits of registration, when microchipping will help lost pets find their way home. Animal registration provides services microchipping can not.

Registration fees and Council funding help us:

- Attend to nuisance complaints about barking, cat and dog trespassing, and wandering and stray animals
- Attend to and investigate dog attack, bite and rushing incidents
- Patrol parks, beaches and streets
- Pick up stray cats and dogs
- Manage and run pound and shelter facilities
- Attend training courses and programs to ensure officers have the most up-to-date information and skills in animal management
- Secure the tools animal management officers need to perform their roles in the most efficient and comprehensive manner
- Maintain a pet registry
- Provide dog-friendly events, such as Pets' Day Out
- Provide over 33 free-roam parks, dog waste bins and dog drinking fountains

People failing to pick up after their dogs is certainly one of the grievances I noted during my campaign. It is annoying to encounter dog waste on pathways, nature strips and in parks and playgrounds. As a dog owner, I recognise it is my responsibility to pick up after my dog and ensure the health and comfort of all residents, not to mention avoiding an infringement being issued. More information on responsible pet ownership can be found at:

frankston.vic.gov.au/Animals

The significant increase in dog ownership as a result of lockdowns has resulted in more local organisations offering puppy training classes. These are great for teaching skills and helping dogs of all ages to socialise.

An outcome of our Domestic Animal Management Plan review in 2020 was asking the community about informal feedback on topics such as cat curfews, dogs in our city centre and dog off-leash beaches. Public feedback is now closed and we will update you shortly.

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North-West Ward

Seaford >> Karingal >> Frankston North >> Frankston

Business grants more important than ever

One of the many ways we are helping to support local business is with our ongoing program of grants, a combination of longstanding funding and new opportunities created in response to the pandemic. Applications for the Façade Improvement Grant, Kerbside Dining Encouragement Grant and Vacant Shopfront Activation Grant are now closed. We also had incredible response to our Fast Business Grants for COVID-impacted business, with all funding now exhausted. It's fantastic that we have been able to adapt our offering during this difficult period for small businesses, to ensure the funds are going where they are needed most. I am also excited about the idea of covering vacant shop front windows in our city centre with unique artwork from local artists, while we work to fill these spaces. Our larger Invest Frankston Business Grant Program, offering grants up to \$30,000, will open shortly. Keep an eye on the Council website for more information.

Our growing city centre

The opening of new businesses on Playne Street and Nepean Highway in recent months has created a lot of interest in the remaining vacant properties in that area. Importantly, we are building on this momentum to ensure our city centre reaches its full potential as a bustling, productive and fun destination of choice for locals and visitors alike. Currently in the works is Vicinity Centre's Balmoral development, creating a \$240 million, eight storey office and retail space at 12 Balmoral Walk. Likewise a nine storey development at 1-2 Plowman Place will be a major boost to the city centre. There are plenty more new investments in the pipeline for Frankston and I look forward to seeing our city centre thrive in the coming months and years.

Sandfield Reserve delivers for Carrum Downs community

I hope locals have been taking advantage of the new dog off-leash area which opened to the public at Sandfield Reserve in June, boasting some wonderful new facilities for our furry family members. These free-roam and open spaces are an important feature of community life, encouraging us to venture outdoors and enjoy a little fresh air and exercise even during the colder months. This is why we are also undertaking a Masterplan for the reserve, to ensure we are developing and maintaining this important asset for the Carrum Downs community to enjoy well into the future. See page 20 for more information.

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A fairer deal for small business

In 2019, Council signed up to the Small Business Friendly Council (SBFC) initiative, a state-wide partnership between the Victorian Small Business Commission and councils, to help create a fair and competitive trading environment. When signing the Charter, councils make important commitments including to:

- Pay small business supplier invoices within 14 days
- Support local businesses in managing the disruption caused by infrastructure projects
- Streamline approval processes for people looking to open a business in the area
- Help set up and support local business networks.

With the pressures placed on local small businesses during the pandemic, our participation in this initiative has never been more important. Our SBFC membership also complements the many other supports we have in place for small local traders. To see what our Charter commitments look like in practice, visit: www.vsbfc.vic.gov.au

Advocating for the best community outcomes

In May, Council successfully advocated for key motions at the Municipal Association of Victoria's State Council Meeting. The adopted motions related to:

- The establishment of a National Integrity Commission
- A review of Native Vegetation Offset requirements
- Introduction of legislation to create an offence for spectators or other people to attend a hoon event
- Major road lighting upgrades
- Training requirements and tests for boat a licence
- Improved funding to support marine search and rescue volunteers

I would like to congratulate our advocacy team and other staff involved for their passion and commitment when it comes to providing for a Future Ready Frankston. Council's push to bring key local issues and funding gaps to the attention of State and Federal Governments is critical to our ability to create a liveable city which benefits our local, regional and industry communities. Together we can influence real change for our municipality and I look forward to seeing what we can achieve this year.

For more information about Council's commitment to advocating to the State and Federal Governments on behalf of residents, please visit: frankston.vic.gov.au/Advocacy

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Celebrating and respecting older residents

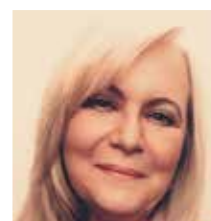
While older Australians give so much to our community, our families and the workplace, sadly we sometimes need reminding about just how important it is to recognise their contribution. The Victorian Senior of the Year Awards are presented annually each October, as part of the Victorian Seniors Festival. These significant awards recognise the volunteer work and contributions to community life, of older Victorians. The awards are our chance to say thanks to the many senior Victorians who have given and shared their skills, experience, time, and energy with our state. Nominations are now closed and I look forward to hearing more about the winners in each category. This will also form part of our own hugely popular Seniors Festival, held every October in conjunction with the Victorian Government event. Keep an eye on the Council website for the full calendar of events in the coming weeks. Sadly, not all seniors are given the respect and care they deserve. World Elder Abuse Awareness Day was 15 June and local advocacy organisation the Frankston Mornington Peninsula Respecting Seniors Network launched a campaign focusing on financial abuse. Close to two-thirds of older Victorians experience some form of financial abuse, a disappointing statistic. Everyone deserves to be respected and cared for, especially after a lifetime of helping others. For more information, visit: respectingseniorsnetwork.org.au

Removing barriers for women in sport

Council hosted two online Gender Inclusion Workshops in June, for local sporting clubs to come together to help remove barriers to female sporting participation. Participants were encouraged to share their experiences and workshop ideas to create welcoming club cultures. This type of workshop is indicative of a significant overall shift in recent years towards a more inclusive sporting culture across the country. Most local clubs are making specific efforts to ensure anyone who enjoys sport and wants to play, can, regardless of gender, background, culture or any other factor that may have been a barrier in the past. Council has also been working hard over a long period, and invested millions of dollars, to upgrade local sporting pavilions to create female-friendly changing rooms and other facilities. In 2020-2021 alone, we contributed \$19.932 million to pavilion upgrades. It is wonderful to see this growing recognition of women's contribution to sport and the importance of equal access.

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Building a pathway to sustainability

You may have noticed installation of a recycled, shared-user path in Stotts Lane, Frankston South is well underway. The path will include Polyrok – a sustainable alternative to mineral aggregate in concrete, which finds a home for the most problematic waste stream, soft plastic. Polyrok is made here in Frankston City by Carrum Downs firm, Replas, from recycled soft plastics such as bread bags and frozen pea bags. The project was identified as a high priority in Council's Path Development Plan and will significantly improve the journey for pedestrians and cyclists along the western side of the Stotts Lane between Golf links Road and Escarpment Drive. We have invested \$785,000 to deliver the project, with works expected to be completed in August. Many residents contacted me about the need for this improvement and I'm looking forward to the benefits it will provide for the community.

Our commitment to the environment continues

Our push towards a sustainable Frankston City was again boosted when Council partnered with Sustainability Victoria, to deliver a \$1.25 million project featuring recycled materials to reconstruct Brighton Street, Frankston South. Materials, including plastics recovered from Council recycling collection services, were used in the \$1.25 million project. We are investing \$950,000 and Sustainability Victoria, \$300,000 via the Sustainable Infrastructure Fund, on behalf of the Victorian Government.

Works along Brighton Street, between Humphries Rd and Baden Powell Drive, will address issues such as speeding and improve road safety, particularly for pedestrians. An 800 metre pedestrian footpath, a trial section of kerb and channel and a parking bay will be constructed using Polyrok. The project also features 867 metres of The Green Pipe – made from 100 per cent recycled plastic such as milk bottles and 408 tonnes of Reconophalt asphalt, using recycled plastic, toner from printer cartridges and crushed glass to resurface the road. The project is expected to be completed by the end of August.

Last November, we made history as the first Council in Australia to use Polyrok, for a footpath in Seaford and in 2019, we were only the second Council to use recycled materials to resurface a road, also in Seaford. This road utilised infrastructure company Fulton Hogan's eco-friendly asphalt range called PlastiPhalt® — diverting 500kg of waste from landfill in the process.

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Cr Claire Harvey and other SECCCA Councillor delegates and staff at the annual Strategic Planning Day in April

The severe storms that hit Melbourne in June provided yet another reminder of how vulnerable we are as communities. Trees were down, power was out, and at a time when we were already facing lockdown restrictions relating to the COVID pandemic. Council staff and local SES volunteers were kept busy in the aftermath, and we're aware that some parts of Victoria are still grappling with aspects of what will be a very long 'clean-up' process.

Scientists have been sounding alarms for decades, indicating that extreme weather events are going to become more frequent as our atmosphere warms due to increased greenhouse gases. Their forecasts suggest that intensified floods, storms, fires and heatwaves will become very much the new normal if our 'business as usual' approach continues.

As Council delegate to the South East Councils Climate Change Alliance (SECCA), I was privileged to spend a whole day with like-minded Councillors and Officers from eight neighbouring Councils as we took a hard look at what we can and must do as a part of our Climate Emergency response. This planning day, back in April, included discussions around how to achieve reductions in energy use for Council operations and within the wider community, greater support for electric vehicles and active transport, increased tree coverage, and how to better collaborate with community groups who are already very active in this space.

In my own home we try to reduce our own energy use as well as purchasing 100 per cent GreenPower for our electricity. We also make an annual donation to GreenFleet (effectively offsetting remaining emissions relating to use of natural gas and vehicle travel). We compost most of our food waste, as well as utilising the curb side food and organics (FOGO) waste collection service. It's easier than some might think to start the transition toward being a net-carbon-zero home! Consider subscribing to Council's Environment News email for more good ideas regarding how to reduce your own carbon footprint. Visit: frankston.vic.gov.au/Subscribe

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Supporting our young people to be their best

This has been a busy few months for Council's Youth Services team, as they begin to supplement their online support programs with more in-person events and activities post lockdown. In May, Council's youth music and event program, FreeZA, hosted an amazing — and sold out — IDAHOBIT Open Mic Night, while back in April Council was thrilled to participate in the RAD-FMP Street Art Workshop held over two days and supported by YMCA skate park, Chisholm VCAL students, Headspace and PARC. Young people joined local professional street artist, Sheldon to learn techniques and develop skills to create unique designs on canvases. Not only was it a chance to learn a new skill, but with so many great services involved it was an invaluable opportunity to connect the young people to the support they may require.

In May, I attended the Youth Council online meeting for a meet and greet and open discussion. I came along to the meeting to give Youth Council members an idea of my experience as a young person in Council and so members could let me know what they are up to in 2021. It was inspiring to meet such an engaged and passionate group of young residents, who are really actively making change in their community.

Also in May, Council, Members of Parliament and community groups supported the Frankston Regional Youth Forum, to raise awareness about bullying, mental health and domestic violence. Organised by That's the Thing About Fishing founder Glenn Cooper and Young People with a Purpose founder Hannah Swinnerton, the Forum was supported by Lions Club, Bully Zero, Hope Assistance Local Tradies (HALT) and Frankston Community Connect. Indigenous woman, Aunty Karan, also ran a Wayapa (Aboriginal wellness and connection) session. Council provided financial support for the forum and our Youth Services team attended with the 'What Bus', to engage young people through interactive activities.

Youth Workers are back in local schools to pilot the newly-developed Student Connections Program. Student Connections uses interactive workshops and discussions to empower students by connecting them to community and raising awareness of local programs, events, and support services. The aim is to enable students to pursue their passions and aspirations, while facing any challenges.

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Meet our vaccination heroes

Vaccination is the best way of protecting yourself, loved ones and your community against COVID-19 and getting back to the way of life we know and love. Safe and effective vaccines are free for everyone in Australia, including those who are not Australian citizens or permanent residents. Let's meet some of our local 'vaccination heroes', who recently received, or are keen to receive, the jab.



Heidi

I want life to get back to some kind of normal! I know that vaccination isn't the only way – but it will make such a big difference.

It also is important to me as I know that this vaccine isn't about me – it's about protecting vulnerable and sick people. It really feels like the least I can do. I think vaccination is a massive act of generosity and community.



Cam

There is definitely nothing to be concerned about. My jab was quick and painless, similar to a flu shot.

I've had both my doses now and I only had minimal side effects after the second dose. I think it's such a small and simple thing we can all do to help put an end to this.



Sisters, Jeannie and Jude

It's was important for us to get vaccinated to protect and support each other, our family and friends.

We love spending time with our grandchildren and want to ensure we continue to play an active part in their lives.



Mark

We all have a role to play to beat COVID-19. Getting the vaccine is a big part of the solution.

The process is simple, painless and free. If I can do it, you can too.



Laura

I called the hotline to book for the Pfizer and the person was really helpful. The next available appointment was at the Showgrounds on the Saturday evening, so my husband and I drove up there. Everyone was lovely, and once we were through the ID process, we headed over to have the vaccination.

Everything was explained to me, including any possible side effects. I confessed that I was a little nervous, and I even got a badge for being brave. We had to sit and wait for 15 minutes to ensure we were ok, which is standard for any vaccination, and then we headed out the door with a 'see you in three weeks for your next jab!' A very smooth process which was well handled by the team at the showgrounds.



Rachel

In 2015 I received a lifesaving kidney transplant. Due to my anti-rejection drugs, I'm now immunocompromised.

Like many other people who have a weakened immune system, I am at higher risk of severe illness and dying from COVID-19. I want to give myself the best chance at life (and honour my donor), so getting the COVID-19 vaccine was an obvious choice. I also want to play my part in preventing the spread of COVID-19.



Cr Harvey

This is the first time that our generation has faced a health crisis of this magnitude. We have all sacrificed a lot over the past 18 months, including facing a very difficult range of restrictions under four separate lockdowns here in Melbourne.

I am painfully aware of some of the negative impacts upon individuals, families and communities, including the loss of a sense of what has – until recently – always been our 'normal'. This vaccination program is the best line of defence that we currently have, in terms of providing us with an opportunity to courageously move toward a new normal and to protect the health of those we love and hold dear. By getting vaccinated I'll be playing my small but important part.

It is important to be vaccinated as soon as you are eligible and not wait.

To check eligibility and book your vaccination appointment: Phone: 1800 675 398. Press 0 for interpreter service.

Visit: health.gov.au
Contact your doctor.
To stay up to date with the latest COVID-19 information visit www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au



2021–2025 Council Plan and Budget highlights

Council’s 2021–2025 Council Plan and Budget was endorsed at the 28 June Ordinary Council Meeting. This year, for the first time, the Council Plan and Budget have been combined, reflecting how these two pieces of work inherently complement each other in the delivery of critical services and infrastructure for our City.

We conducted extensive planning and community consultation over the past 12 months, to ensure the Council Plan and Budget is delivering the key projects and supports our community needs.

The resulting 2021–2025 Council Plan and Budget sets out the strategic direction Council will take for the next four years, and aims to enhance the following six future outcomes.




HEALTHY AND SAFE COMMUNITIES

- Active and healthy lifestyles that support residents living independently longer
- Long term health and learning outcomes established in early childhood
- Reduction of harms from family violence, gambling, alcohol and other drugs
- Value and support young people

Alignment to the Community Vision 2040  Healthy Families and Communities


COMMUNITY STRENGTH

- Accessibility of services to enhance social inclusion and mental wellbeing
- Volunteering to build connections and resilience within the community
- Frankston City’s arts and cultural identity

Alignment to the Community Vision 2040  Vibrant and Inclusive Communities


SUSTAINABLE ENVIRONMENT

- Climate emergency response and leadership
- Green canopy cover to reduce urban heat
- Diversion of waste from landfill
- Protection, access and connection to the natural environment

Alignment to the Community Vision 2040  Natural Environment and Climate


WELL PLANNED AND LIVEABLE CITY

- Urban design renewal of public places and spaces
- Connected, accessible, smart and safe travel options
- Frankston City’s identity as a liveable city

Alignment to the Community Vision 2040  Connected Places and Spaces


THRIVING ECONOMY

- Business and industry investment attraction
- Activity centre precincts
- Local employment, education and training opportunities for all people

Alignment to the Community Vision 2040  Industry, Employment and Education

PROGRESSIVE AND ENGAGED CITY

- Engagement with our community in communication and decision-making
- Future ready service delivery through changes to culture, capability, connectivity and customer experience
- Sound governance to build trust in the integrity and transparency of Council

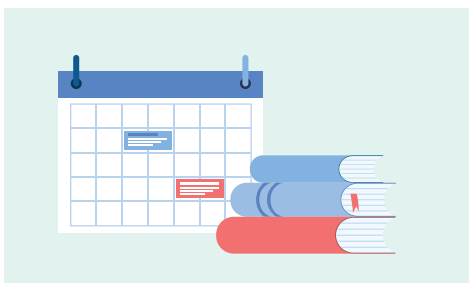
Alignment to the Community Vision 2040  Advocacy, Governance and Innovation

For more information on the 2021–2025 Council Plan and Budget, visit: frankston.vic.gov.au/

TOTAL BUDGET: MORE THAN \$260 MILLION



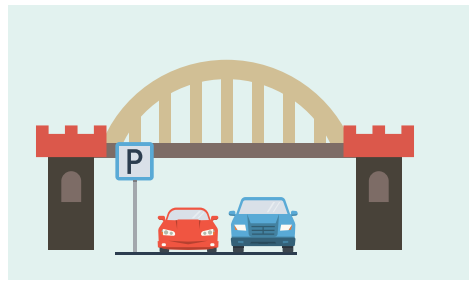
COMMUNITY SAFETY
\$10.75m



**ARTS, LIBRARIES,
FESTIVALS AND EVENTS**
\$12.15m



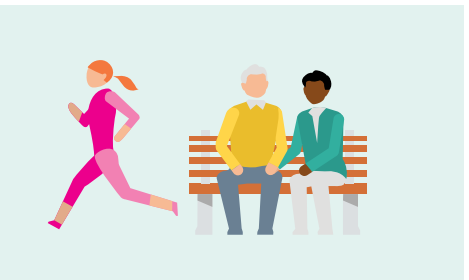
**OPERATIONS (CITY AND
OPEN SPACE MAINTENANCE)**
\$25.97m



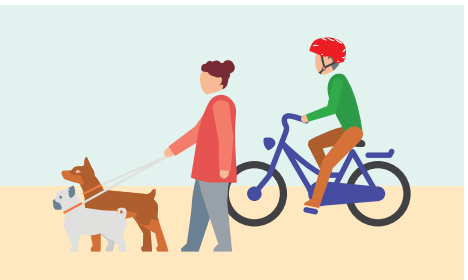
ROADS AND BRIDGES
\$9.53m



WASTE MANAGEMENT
\$23.96m



**COMMUNITY WELLBEING,
PARTICIPATION AND INCLUSION**
\$7.03m



FOOTPATHS AND BIKE PATHS
\$2.105m



FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICES
\$16.30m

COVID RECOVERY PACKAGE

Our COVID Recovery Package has received a \$3.86 million boost — to a total of \$9.128 million in assistance since the start of the pandemic.

**Community
Recovery**
\$1,010,000

\$100,000

Community
Recovery Grants

\$10,000

Student grants program

\$500,000

Community Support
Frankston material aid

\$150,000

Rontinued relief and
recovery triage service

\$100,000

Mental Health
support programs

\$150,000

Meals on Wheels
support

**Economic
Recovery**
\$1,352,000

\$220,000

Fee relief

\$25,000

Economic grants
(local artists)

\$170,000

Invest Frankston
Business Grants



\$500,000

Frankston Business
and Industry Council

\$100,000

Invest Frankston
marketing campaign

\$100,000

Develop a calendar of
activations and small events

\$237,000

Local business buy local
reward program & campaign



Rates relief

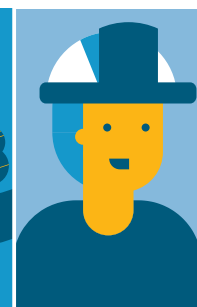
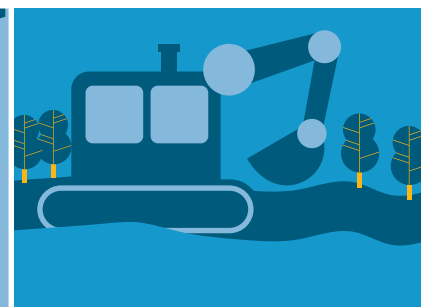
Council has allocated an additional \$400,000 to support further rates relief for struggling residents impacted by COVID-19.

For more information, visit:
[frankston.vic.gov.au/
RateRelief](https://frankston.vic.gov.au/RateRelief)

**Ratepayer rewards
are coming
Helping you support
your community**

Council has endorsed \$1.1 million in ratepayer reward vouchers. Frankston City ratepayers will be able to choose from one of three offers, including discounted PARC and Frankston Arts Centre vouchers, or a discount on an at-call hard waste collection. Full details, including how to redeem your reward will be available in your 2021–2022 Annual Rate and Valuation Notice — expected to hit letterboxes in the second half of August this year.

Building Frankston's Future



OUR \$64.89 MILLION INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT

Council is Building Frankston's Future with continued investment in the infrastructure that keeps our City progressive, vibrant, active and connected.

The 2021–2025 Council Plan and Budget is providing:



\$0.4 million

Aquatic centres

HEALTHY AND SAFE
COMMUNITIES



\$2.7 million

Arts and cultural
services

COMMUNITY STRENGTH



\$1.3 million

Corporate buildings

PROGRESSIVE AND
ENGAGED CITY



\$8.5 million

Community open space

SUSTAINABLE
ENVIRONMENT



\$2.5 million

Community facilities and
meeting places

COMMUNITY STRENGTH



\$1.5 million

Business transformation

PROGRESSIVE AND
ENGAGED CITY



\$21 million

Recreation facilities

HEALTHY AND SAFE
COMMUNITIES



\$0.2 million

City centre initiatives

WELL PLANNED AND
LIVEABLE CITY



\$13.5 million

Integrated transport
management

WELL PLANNED AND
LIVEABLE CITY



\$1.1 million

Integrated water
management

SUSTAINABLE
ENVIRONMENT



\$0.6 million

Public toilets

WELL PLANNED AND
LIVEABLE CITY



\$0.6 million

Waste management

SUSTAINABLE
ENVIRONMENT



\$0.2 million

Family and youth facilities

HEALTHY AND SAFE
COMMUNITIES



\$1.2 million

Sustainability initiatives

SUSTAINABLE
ENVIRONMENT



\$2.5 million

Plant, fleet and
equipment

WELL PLANNED AND
LIVEABLE CITY



\$3.6 million

Urban revitalisation

WELL PLANNED AND
LIVEABLE CITY



\$0.4 million

Smart Cities infrastructure

WELL PLANNED AND
LIVEABLE CITY



\$3.1 million

Information services

PROGRESSIVE AND
ENGAGED CITY

Major Local Community Events Grant applications opening soon

The Major Local Community Events Grant applications open 9am Monday 19 July 2021. These grants provide funding to support locally initiated events that significantly benefit Frankston City residents and build local capacity for participation in, celebratory, cultural and artistic activities. The events funded will primarily attract local audiences, which enhance the quality of life of residents; celebrate local identity and culture; and provide a range of community benefits including participation, wellbeing and community connections.

Previous funding recipients include the Bay Mob Expo and Smart

Communities' Theatre in the Park events. These events delighted audiences in 2021, with Marita Fayle, Director at Smart Communities commenting, "We were grateful and impressed with the level of support we received from the events team and the Council throughout the entire application process... the grant not only provided valuable financial support in hosting the event but also provided a platform allowing our organisation to have a larger presence in the wider community."

Applications close 5pm, Friday 20 August 2021. To apply and for more information visit: frankston.vic.gov.au/CommunityEventsGrant



Capture your Frankston moment and WIN

Did you know Discover Frankston has a photo competition? Every month you have the chance to win a \$100 voucher to an amazing Frankston business. Recent prizes have included General Public, Sk8House and The Hop Shop.

It's super easy to enter, just take a photo while out and about in Frankston City, tag @discoverfrankston or use #discoverfrankston in a social media post and you've entered. EASY!

We love seeing the different ways people enjoy our amazing city, whether your pic is a moment in the city, bush or by the bay.

So don't let the winter chill put you off, pop on your coat, get exploring and you could win!

For more details including terms and conditions, visit: discoverfrankston.com.au/contest



Looking for a little winter inspiration and motivation?




As the weather begins to cool, and the sky starts to grey, why not add a little colour and energy to your day by exploring the Discover Frankston website? It's a great way to get new ideas on what to do with the kids, friends or even places to enjoy on your own.

It's a brilliant spot to find:

- Places to ignite your curiosity: sculpture trails, street art tours, new brews
- Places to get energised: walks, bike tracks, AND nature reserves you might not know exist?
- Places to cocoon: cosy corners, fireplaces, AND winter dishes to warm your belly

So while you're tucked in on the couch,

wondering how to spend the weekend, find us at the following digital hangouts:

 discoverfrankston.com.au
 facebook.com/DiscoverFrankston
 instagram.com/discoverfrankston

Don't forget, when you're next down at the waterfront, it's also worthwhile popping into the Frankston Visitor Information Centre.

Say hello to the team, who love nothing more than helping you discover a local gem you didn't know about. In no time, they'll have you saying, "I can't believe I didn't know this place existed!"

The Frankston Visitor Information Centre is open seven days a week, 10am-4pm, Frankston Pier Promenade.

Embrace the winter sunshine at McClelland Sculpture Park + Gallery

Frankston City is all about creativity, colour and curiosity. Sculptures and street art are dotted throughout the city centre and across the municipality.

McClelland Sculpture Park + Gallery in Langwarrin is a special example of this creativity. Celebrating its 50th birthday, the park is home to over 100 sculptures woven within 16 hectares of natural bushland. The onsite café has launched a new winter menu to be enjoyed before or after you explore the surrounds – with delicious coffee too! Take advantage of the winter sunshine and put a visit to McClelland on your 'to-do' list.

Save the date

In October, McClelland will be hosting a special after-dark event, 'McClelland by Moonlight'. To be the first to know when tickets are released, visit: www.mcclellandgallery.com



FRANKSTON ARTS CENTRE

2021 program

Bookings: 9784 1060 or thefac.com.au



Theatre

Australian Theatre for Young People (ATYP)

Follow Me Home

Thursday 12 August, 7pm FAC Theatre Tickets: \$28-\$30



Theatre

Daytime Music + Theatre

Gone with the Wind Radio Play

Friday 13 August, 10.30am & 1.30pm, FAC Theatre Tickets: \$19-\$21



Music

HCC Entertainment

Neil Diamond Super Hits Show

FAC Theatre, Friday 13 August, 8pm Tickets: \$45-\$59.90

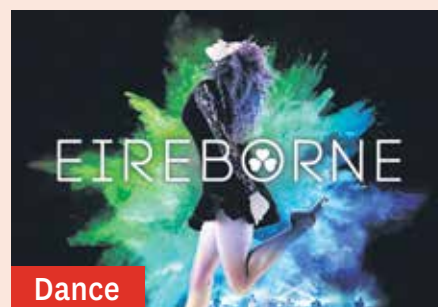


Drama

Shake & Stir Theatre Co

Animal Farm

FAC Theatre
Friday 27 August, 7.30pm
Tickets: \$27-\$60



Dance

Mellen Events

Eireborne

FAC Theatre
Wednesday 1 September, 7.30pm
Tickets: \$79.90-\$89.90



Comedy

A-List Entertainment

Ross Noble 2021 Comeback Special

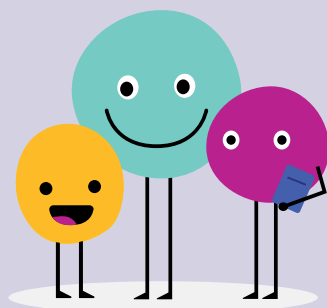
FAC Theatre, Saturday 4 September, 8pm Tickets: \$49.90-\$54.90

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

FrankTALK with Brooke McAlary

Join The Slow Home podcaster and author to celebrate the release of her latest book *Care* and sign copies at Frankston Library.

Monday 19 July at 1pm



Frankston City Libraries

Explore the possibilities

Technology Assistance

The library hosts regular technology classes. From choosing the right device through to one-on-one help so we can help with your needs. Visit the library website to book.



For our full calendar of events or to book visit library.frankston.vic.gov.au/whatson
Phone: 9784 1020



Council's climate action update

Local governments are leading the way in climate action around the world. Closer to home, Frankston City Council has been working to address climate change for over two decades.

In November 2019, Council declared a climate emergency, recognising that urgent, meaningful action on human-induced climate change is required at all levels of government to restore a safe climate.

Recently, Council committed to the development of a Climate Change

Strategy and Action Plan, to identify and prioritise initiatives to further reduce greenhouse gas emissions and adapt to the impacts of climate change.

The development of the new strategy will be undertaken in 2021-2022, with extensive community consultation. This will build upon last year's climate change survey where Council heard back from over 750 community members on their concerns and priorities for tackling climate change at a local level.

Some of Council's recent climate actions include:

- Since 1 January, all street lights on residential roads have been powered by 100 per cent renewable energy through GreenPower™
- In February, Council publicly exhibited its Environmentally Sustainable Design (ESD) planning scheme amendment which aims to improve ESD outcomes in new residential and commercial developments. A number of submissions were received to the amendment which are currently being considered and anticipated to be reported to Council in June 2021
- In March, Council secured \$300k from the Victorian Government (Sustainable Infrastructure Fund) to use recycled materials in footpath and road infrastructure works
- In May, Council successfully advocated to the Municipal Association of Victoria to seek funding from the Federal and State governments for enabling major road lighting upgrades
- In response to the Urban Forest Action Plan, Council has increased funding for tree planting across the municipality, concentrating on planting in areas where heat impacts are high and tree canopy cover is low
- A street lighting upgrade of all 7,000 residential street lights to energy efficient LEDs is nearly completed
- Council has set aside funding in 2021-22 for large-scale roof top solar on PARC and the also Frankston Civic Centre, as well as lighting efficiency upgrades in Council community-use facilities

For more information visit: frankston.vic.gov.au/EnergyandClimate



Have Your Say

Draft Biodiversity Action Plan 2021-2036

Council is committed to maintaining a healthy and sustainable environment and recognises the importance of supporting resilient ecosystems. These ecosystems should be connected by a network of biolinks (wildlife corridors) that provide benefits for the entire community, for present and future generations.

The Draft Biodiversity Action Plan 2021-2036 has been developed to ensure our community values and supports the conservation of local biodiversity. Our vision is for Frankston City to have healthy ecosystems, biolinks and waterways that enhance our city's liveability and foster strong community connections with nature over the next 15 years and beyond.

The extensive wildfires of summer 2019-2020 caused massive losses of biodiversity in south eastern Australia, across some of our largest national parks. Now, areas outside the public reserve system, such as those found within our city, are being recognised for their contribution to maintaining biodiversity.

Managing threats to local biodiversity and improving the quality of the remaining habitat for plants and animals in our local area, as well as balancing competing needs such as fire prevention, are significant challenges for Council and the community. The plan focuses on meeting these challenges. Feedback on the **Draft Biodiversity Action Plan 2021-2036** closes Monday 16 August, visit: frankston.vic.gov.au/HaveYourSay



Frankston's hard waste collection a success thanks to community efforts

Council's hard waste contractor visited 58,941 homes across the City and collected 4,624 tonnes of scrap steel, garden waste, e-waste, fridges, mattresses and hard waste during the six week collection period.

Overall, the amount collected remained similar to last year, however contractors recorded a 30 per cent decrease in green waste and 7 per cent decrease in hard waste. This year's collection also included 200

fridges, 8,617 mattresses and 751 tonnes of scrap metal, which was distributed to local and nearby recycling facilities. In addition, 117 tonnes of garden waste was processed into compost for local farmers.

For tips on reducing household waste, recycling and Council's food and garden waste program, please visit frankston.vic.gov.au/WasteandRecycling

#FrankstonCity

National Tree Day 2021

Sunday 1 August, 10am–12pm,
Robinsons Park, Frankston

National Tree Day 2021 is an opportunity for residents to help support a sustainable and diverse range of native wildlife to flourish in Frankston City. While last year's event couldn't go ahead due to lockdown, we instead gave away more than 1,100 plants to 225 households to add to their backyards, with participants sharing snaps as they planted.

This year's event will see hundreds of natives planted at Robinson's Park, 20 hectares of combined softball and baseball pitches, a dog free area and

natural reserve, featuring vulnerable and endangered remnant vegetation. This year's National Tree Day site aims to enhance the vegetation cover along the south-east corner of the park to improve connectivity and habitat for local fauna.

Council has again donated thousands of trees to our local schools and preschools to plant on their grounds for School Tree Day, Friday 26 July.

If you would like to join the 2021 National Tree Day planting event, register for the Frankston event at: treeday.planetark.org



Actions to help you combat climate change

As a result of our 2020 Climate Change Community Survey, we know that 80 per cent of respondents are 'extremely concerned' or 'very concerned' about climate change.

Below are some tips to help you take action — many are affordable and will also save you money.

Reduce your travel emissions

Before jumping in the car consider walking, riding, car sharing or taking public transport (COVID-19 restrictions permitting). Every time you don't drive your car you reduce the greenhouse gas emissions associated with the fuel usage.

Switch to renewable energy

Install solar panels or switch to GreenPower for your home or business.

Reduce food waste

When doing the grocery shopping write a meal plan to help you purchase only what you will need. Consider meat free meals and buy local produce. Doing these things will help to reduce the emissions that are associated with food production and waste. For more ideas check out Sustainability Victoria's Love Food Hate Waste campaign, visit: sustainability.vic.gov.au

Save energy and water

- When you are in the market to purchase a new appliance, buying the cheapest one probably won't save you money in the long run. Try and buy the most efficient appliance you can afford and only buy the size you need. Look for the star rating label; the more stars the better.
- Replace inefficient lights (halogens, and compact fluorescents) with energy efficient LEDs.

Keep food out of landfill

Consider putting food waste into a compost bin, worm farm or signing up for a food and garden waste bin from Council. Composting food and garden waste reduces the amount of emissions that this waste would produce if it just went into the normal garbage bin and ended up in landfill.

Stay informed

Sign up to EnviroNews, Council's environmental and sustainable living e-newsletter for more tips and resources. Visit: frankston.vic.gov.au
For more information, on climate change visit: frankston.vic.gov.au/EnergyandClimate



Trees: they really grow on you

Frankston City's 20 year Urban Forest Policy and Action Plan is working to transform the City's urban forest into a highly-valued, well-resourced and thriving asset.

Urban forests provide environmental, economic, social and health benefits to the community. Council currently manages around 62,000 street trees made up of more than 450 species. Our urban forest also includes trees found in our local parks and reserves, as well as those in private residences.

Together, these trees create a 17 per cent canopy cover for Frankston City.

Our goal is to grow our tree canopy cover from 17 per cent to 20 per cent by 2040.

We also understand that tree

canopy cover in Frankston City is not evenly distributed between suburbs. The UFAP will work to address unequal distribution of canopy cover and plant trees where they are needed most.

There's an estimated 16,000 vacant street tree sites, providing significant opportunity to increase tree cover across the city.

You can help us reach our goal by heading down to the Frankston Indigenous Nursery to collect your free indigenous tree to plant on your property (see coupon on this page). Please also pin your street tree or other plantings on our Community Planting Register, so we can watch our urban forest grow, available via the MyAddress feature on the Council website.

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



FREE native plant

Present this voucher at the Frankston Indigenous Nursery to collect your FREE indigenous tree*
Offer available until Saturday 4 September

Frankston Indigenous Nursery
7 McMannis Way, Seaford (off McCulloch Avenue)

For more information, phone: **9768 1513** or visit: frankston.vic.gov.au/FrankstonIndigenousNursery

*One tubestock plant per household, while stocks last



Frankston City Council CEO, Phil Cantillon and Mayor, Kris Bolam during a recent advocacy trip to Canberra



Council CEO, Phil Cantillon, Frankston City Mayor, Kris Bolam, His Excellency Mr Luke Daunivalu, High Commissioner for Fiji and Council Coordinator Advocacy and Strategic Partnerships, Kristen Thomson



Federal Member for Dunkley, Peta Murphy with former Deputy Prime Minister, the Hon Michael McCormack MP, Frankston City Mayor, Kris Bolam and Council CEO, Phil Cantillon

RAMPING UP FRANKSTON CITY'S ADVOCACY AGENDA IN CANBERRA

Advocacy and building relationships with political representatives from all sides of politics has been a priority for Frankston City this year, in the lead up to the 2021-2022 federal election. Mayor, Kris Bolam and CEO, Phil Cantillon, travelled to Canberra to showcase Council's positive plan for Frankston City's future and to ensure that future is firmly on the national agenda.

During the Canberra visits, the City's continued revitalisation need was a key talking point, with discussions taking place on rail electrification, commuter car parking, local road projects, and the inclusion of gymnastics in the proposed Frankston Basketball Stadium redevelopment. More sustainable funding models for Community Support Frankston, and promoting the City as a viable option for future public sector offices and

projects have also been part of the conversation.

The Mayor and CEO spoke to former Deputy Prime Minister, the Hon Michael McCormack MP about Council's proposed Dunkley Roads package, which includes \$2 million in upgrades and improvements to roads across Carrum Downs, Seaford and Frankston.

Recently, they also met with His Excellency Mr Luke Daunivalu, High Commissioner for Fiji, to discuss the mutual benefits associated with potentially forming a Friendship City relationship between Frankston and Suva in Fiji.

Council will continue advocating to all levels of government for funding and initiatives to improve the lives of Frankston City residents.

BUDGET WINS ASSIST IN COVID-19 SUPPORT AND RECOVERY

Critical projects that will enhance COVID-19 support and recovery in Frankston City received the green light in the recent State Budget, with \$67.43 million in funding supporting mental health, education and vital infrastructure projects for first responders.

Funding for Frankston Hospital (\$43 million), Frankston High School (\$15.13 million) and Frankston firefighters (\$9.3 million) acknowledged the

essential needs of residents in the community, while funding towards alcohol and drug treatment programs, mental health services and homelessness outreach recognise the needs of the community's most vulnerable.

As part of the Frankston Hospital redevelopment, a paediatric emergency department will be delivered with joint funding from the State and Federal governments.

The investment in mental health is particularly exciting as Frankston will be the first of six new 'Front Door' mental health early intervention services being established to provide the community the help they need, sooner and locally.

In response to a push from Council and local homelessness support providers, Victorian Government funding over four years has secured the ongoing provision of housing support

through Neami and an assertive outreach program provided by Launch Housing.

Additional Federal Government funding, amounting to \$106.2 million, has been allocated towards existing rail and road projects, including the Hall Road Upgrade (\$56.8 million), Western Port Highway Upgrade (\$30.4 million), and the Frankston commuter car parking (\$19 million).

POLITICS OVER AN AUSSIE FAVOURITE SUPPORTS FRANKSTON CITY’S MOST VULNERABLE

The City’s first Annual Politicians Barbecue on Saturday 26 June was a good old-fashioned Bunnings sausage sizzle with the opportunity for community members to mingle with representatives from all levels of government.

This event facilitated important conversations while raising over \$2000 for Community Support Frankston (CSF) and the Pets in

the Park initiative - a free vet clinic in Frankston for pets of those experiencing the many forms of homelessness. Raising money and awareness for organisations like CSF couldn’t come at a better time. At the onset of the pandemic, demand for CSF services including emergency food, medicine, household bills and housing,

increased drastically. In response, Council provided \$825,000 worth of funding and staffing support. A further \$500,000 grant has now been approved as part of the extended Recovery Package in Council’s 2021/22 budget. The barbecue was well attended and enabled constructive conversations between residents and their political

representatives about a range of local matters, from drainage issues through to rail infrastructure. These types of events are great for building trust within the community and Council is looking forward to continuing this tradition into the future, while raising vital funds for local charitable organisations across the city.



State Member for Dunkley, Peta Murphy, Frankston City Mayor, Kris Bolam, State Member for Frankston, Paul Edbrooke and Senator David Van at the first Annual Politicians Barbecue



Councillors Claire Harvey, Sue Baker and Brad Hill at the first Annual Politicians Barbecue

AN UPDATE ON OUR ADVOCACY PRIORITIES 2021-2025

Council received 214 responses during the community consultation on its Draft Advocacy Priorities during April and May.

Thank you to the community for such a fantastic response, which has led to Council adopting 19 projects requiring Council-led advocacy within the following strategic themes:

- a) Investing in our prosperity
- b) Enhancing our environment and liveability
- c) Strengthening our community

Council is currently reviewing which of these projects will progress as key flagship advocacy priorities requiring community support in lobbying for required funding from candidates ahead of the upcoming state and federal elections. To stay up-to-date with Frankston City’s advocacy campaign, subscribe to our Future Ready Frankston Advocacy eNews: www.frankston.vic.gov.au/eNews

FRANKSTON CITY STAKEHOLDERS EVENT

On Tuesday 3 August 2021, Council is hosting the inaugural Frankston City Stakeholders Event.

This is an exciting opportunity for Council, community organisations and local groups and businesses to come together and collaborate on initiatives that respond to the needs of the community and make Frankston City the best place to live, work, study and enjoy.

Council encourages local community groups and organisations that wish to be a part of this collaborative approach to improving the City’s liveability and prosperity, to email their contact details and the name of the group they represent to: advocacy@frankston.vic.gov.au

Invest Frankston



South East B.I.G Build

South East B.I.G Build will be held 11 and 12 August, 2021. The event will showcase almost \$1 billion worth of the latest exciting new developments coming to the region, and provide opportunities for local businesses to hear from developers about how to be involved.

Presented by Invest Frankston, and supported by City of Kingston, City of Monash, City of Greater Dandenong, and Mornington Peninsula Shire Council – the event includes tips on

understanding government procurement and tender processes, and connect regional building development projects with local trade. Held at the Frankston Arts Centre, the first day features a workshop for local businesses and the second day showcases the 'big builds' that are coming up in Frankston City and our wider region. To register your interest, visit: artscentre.frankston.vic.gov.au/Whats-On/Events-directory/South-East-B.I.G-Build-Expo-and-Workshop

Mumpreneur Workshops

Following our successful Mumpreneur Workshop Series in May and June, for those keen to start a business, Invest Frankston and Council will be extending the program with a Business Basics Workshop Series. Workshops will be open to all those interested in growing or starting their own businesses in Frankston City.

The six workshops will be held both in person (COVID restrictions pending) and virtually later, this year, and will cover topics such as getting started, business mapping, finance, digital marketing, eCommerce, website development, branding and resources. You can join all six to receive a discount or book workshops

individually. If you would be interested in attending these workshops, we would love to know whether you prefer virtual or in-person sessions and if day or evening suits you best. Email: business@frankston.vic.gov.au



Business Networking Nights

Our Business Networking Nights have been a huge success since they began in March at the McClelland Gallery and Sculpture Park. Our April event was held at the new Frankston Brewhouse and almost 80 Frankston City business owners attended. Unfortunately our May event was postponed due to restrictions but our June event held at Biersal Brewery in Seaford helped celebrate the EOFY with music, food, beer and plenty of networking opportunities. The Invest Frankston Networking Nights are held on the last Thursday of each month to provide a place for the Frankston City business



community to get together, network and establish collaborations to help their existing grow. Whether you are looking to start your own business or gain insights and tips about running your current business, you don't want to miss our IF Business Networking Nights. Visit: investfrankston.com/news for more details or follow @InvestFrankston on Twitter, Instagram, Facebook and LinkedIn for event updates.

Business Grants wrap up with a #repaint

Some of Frankston's vacant shopfronts have received an artistic makeover, as part of our Vacant Shopfront Activation campaign #repaintfrankston. Local artists have created murals on windows and walls of vacant shops in the Frankston's city centre to help activate our shopfronts and entice new businesses to occupy the spaces.

Mural artist Sheldon from Sota Murals created a design for 480 Nepean Highway while local artist Emma Anna designed stunning flower mandala vinyl applications. Sara Catena's interactive artwork for Clyde Street Mall was impressive and R & D signage provided projectors to help advertise our fantastic grant program, which closed 9 July, in some key sites in Station Mall and Nepean Highway.

Frankston City Council in partnership with the Victorian

Government offered the Vacant Shopfront Activation Grant to attract new businesses to vacant shopfronts across the city. The new grant, which offered businesses up to \$20,000 was designed to financially assist with transforming properties into confident, sustainable and attractive spaces that create new business for Frankston City and surrounding suburbs. Watch this space as new businesses move in soon!



Tree of Dreams by artist Sara Catena, Clyde Street Mall

Business mentors ready to help your business grow

Council offers businesses based in Frankston City FREE business mentoring sessions.

You can access our experienced panel of 11 business mentors who are experts in a variety of skills such

as management, digital marketing, finance, eCommerce, business planning, website design and more. Each business will be matched with a mentor based on their circumstances for a one-on-one

consultation. Consultations can be digital or in person, adhering to restrictions. This really is an opportunity worth taking advantage of because no matter where your business is at, there's always room

for growth and development. Submit an online inquiry now or call our Business Concierge who can help match you up with a mentor on 1300 322 322.

For more information visit: investfrankston.com

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Rugby League: everyone's game

Frankston Raiders Rugby League Club is proud to be raising the profile and changing the game when it comes to female participation in Rugby League. The club provides a safe, supportive and inclusive environment for all players to grow and learn important life skills, such as teamwork, leadership and confidence.

Registered female participation remained the strongest growth area for the Raiders, with a 660 percent increase in female participants since the club was established in 2015. The club provides opportunities for females in all of its teams from four year olds, right through to masters.

The Raiders will continue to work closely with NRL Victoria and Council

to further increase its female participation for the 2022 Season. For more information on joining or supporting the Raiders, visit: frankstonraiders.net



Online forum helping to build gender-inclusive sports clubs

Council hosted two online Gender Inclusion Workshops in June, for those interested in removing barriers to women and girls' participation in local sporting clubs. We invited players, potential players, sports club volunteers and staff, club committee members and parents to share their experiences and workshop ideas to create welcoming club cultures. Participants examined what factors might prevent women and girls from playing and taking on leadership roles within clubs, and the benefits of increasing female membership.

Participants also heard from Change Our Game Ambassadors Tal Karp, a former Olympian and Matilda, and umpire Chelsea Roffey. Chelsea is the first and only woman to have officiated in an AFL Grand Final.

The forum is part of ongoing efforts to increase opportunities for those who identify as female to be involved in every aspect of local sporting clubs.

South Ward Councillor Claire Harvey said Council's extensive building and renewal of sports pavilions to include female-friendly amenities is just one step toward improving access, but more could be done.

"Having appropriate change rooms and suitable spaces, including umpires rooms, goes a long way toward making someone feel comfortable, but we also know that an inclusive environment within a club is needed to make a real difference as well," Cr Harvey said.

A recent survey of sporting clubs within the municipality showed that those who identify as female make up only 39 per cent of participants.

"The workshops focused on developing cultures that are welcoming and inclusive, so that girls and young women who want to play any sport – and be a part of the club in any capacity – can sign up without hesitation," Cr Harvey said.



Helping our community THRIVE

A new mental wellbeing pilot program is utilising the power of positive psychology and best practice teaching to help support local school kids and the wider community.

The THRIVE Program pilot will run until the end of 2021 and encompass 10 local sports and recreation clubs, including approximately 8,000 club members.

The program recognises that participation in group recreation provides a sense of value, belonging and attachment. Local sporting club leaders and coaches are already embracing and embedding the THRIVE positive psychology model into their club strategic plans, policies and values. The program is providing clubs with a structured approach to supporting their members' mental health and wellbeing, whilst also utilising the model to drive positive club culture, participation, and performance.

THRIVE translates into six key actions: Try your best, be Healthy, Relate well,

get Involved, live your Values, Enjoy positive emotions.

The program is a partnership between St Kilda Football Club, Langwarrin Positive Education Network, Frankston City Council, Peninsula Health and the Primary Care Partnership.

The program is funded through the South East Melbourne Primary Health Network and the Victorian State Government, under the Suicide Prevention Place-based Trial.

The launch was held recently at St Kilda Football Club, with guests including Parliamentary Secretary for Mental Health Steve Dimopoulos MP and Parliamentary Secretary for School Tim Richardson, the Mayor of Frankston Cr Kris Bolam, Saints coach, Brett Ratten and club psychologist Dr Ben Robbins, together with guests from a range of allied health services, community club representatives and school principals.

For more information, visit: thrive-network.com.au



From left: turning the sod with Deputy Mayor, Cr Nathan Conroy, Mayor Kris Bolam, Paul Edbrooke MP and Frankston Pines Soccer Club President, Lee Davies



The old pavilion being demolished in early June

Soccer gets a head start in Frankston North

The Monterey Reserve Soccer Pavilion is receiving a \$3.3 million redevelopment, thanks to Council and \$600,000 in State Government funding. The new pavilion will cater to those with mobility issues by having full accessibility throughout.

The pavilion will also include a new kitchen, four new change rooms, umpires rooms, a multipurpose function room and new public toilet. The redevelopment will improve safety and accessibility to all users of the reserve, including female-friendly facilities. Works will also allow the Frankston Pines Soccer Club to increase junior participation from

Miniroos and under 8s to under 16s and run an All Abilities Program in a safe, female-friendly and welcoming environment.

The new facilities will also attract new senior players and they hope to field a new women's team. The club will be able to better engage with other community groups, such as the Fijian community, who they have a strong affiliation with, to run community events and tournaments. An official sod turning in May launched the project, which will support the incredible contributions this Club makes to our community. Work is now underway, with the demolition of the pavilion in early June.

Local artists creating in lockdown thanks to grants

With a career spanning twenty years, Kylie Stillman is a local artist who works primarily with sculptural processes.

Thanks to an Artist Project Grant from Council last year, Kylie's newest sculptural work will be exhibited in the Frankston Arts Centre from July 2021.

"I feel fortunate and grateful for the opportunity to create this work and I am excited to present work in my local community and sharing it 'in real life!' she said.

"My hope is that the work contributes to Frankston's reputation for vibrant street art and sculptural attributes.

"The work is designed with the general public in mind, a symbol of beauty and conceptual engagement that aims to unite the community by celebrating respect for the natural environment and hand crafted ingenuity."

Kylie's project is experimental in its use of materials, with funding used to purchase aluminium to construct the work in a new approach to making for her.

As a response to temporary closures of art spaces and restrictions on social activities, Kylie was inspired to think beyond familiar processes of creating and presenting her art.

"After experiencing a number of exhibition cancellations due to gallery closures I felt it was timely to consider work that could be experienced beyond a traditional art venue."



Kylie Stillman



Georgia Anson

professional creatives she admires and learn from their practices as a result of the grant.

"This is something that I have been wanting to do for a long time! I am excited to experiment making some ceramic glazes and do some high temperature firing with Melbourne artist Madeleine Thornton-Smith."

"I believe there is a big interest in Melbourne for learning to make ceramics and I hope to refine my ceramic skills and branch out into doing ceramics workshops."

Council significantly expanded its Community and Business Grants program in 2020 to support up to 16 artists and creatives.

Designed to help artists and those working in creative industries to pursue their passion while delivering culturally important work to the community, they included Artist Project Grants of up to \$4,000 and Professional Development Grants of up to \$2,500.

This was a result of the \$6.434 million Relief and Recovery Package, which the council created to help Frankston City recover from the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.

For more information about artist grant recipients and opportunities for local creatives, visit thefac.com.au.

Frankston artist, Georgia Anson, is inspired to keep creating throughout the pandemic thanks to a Professional Development Grant from Frankston City Council.

"This grant came to me at a really pivotal point in my career, like everyone else, I was feeling the isolation and uncertainty that the pandemic has brought on," she said.

"To be recognised in this way has given me a positive boost to keep persevering in this work that I do not often get acknowledged for."

As an emerging artist, Ms Anson works predominantly with handcrafted processes of ceramics, drawing, painting and jewellery. She is excited to be mentored by

O'Grady Avenue play space ready for fun

If a break in the weather has you and the kids looking for a new place to play, why not head out to the refurbished O'Grady Reserve in Frankston? New and improved play equipment, paths and garden beds were installed and trees planted, as part of this \$141,000 Council-funded project.

North-west ward Councillor, Sue Baker said, "It is wonderful we have been able to provide the community this rejuvenated space to enjoy in central Frankston. It will beautifully complement the pocket park project planned for nearby Evelyn Street."

O'Grady Reserve is located on the corner of O'Grady Avenue and Evelyn Street in Frankston. For more local entertainment options, visit: frankston.vic.gov.au/ThingsToDo



Play time for your pooch at Sandfield Reserve

The new dog park at Sandfield Reserve, Carrum Downs is now open and ready for you and your best mate to enjoy. Works were completed in June and include new dog agility equipment, new bins, drinking fountain, seats, paths and tree planting.

The \$176,925 project is a partnership with the Victorian Government and was completed thanks to an \$87,000 contribution from the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning's Economic Stimulus Program. A Masterplan is also underway for Sandfield Reserve, to deliver improved

community facilities for the Carrum Downs community. Community consultation ended in early June, with a scheduled pop up consultation at the reserve postponed due to COVID restrictions. Community feedback will be considered in the finalising of the plan and a list of projects and budgets developed for future implementation.

The new dog park officially opened in early July and the final Sandfield Reserve Masterplan will be made available later in the year, keep an eye on the Council website for more information.



The Hon. Lily D'Ambrosio MP, Minister for Energy, Environment and Climate Change recently joined State Member for Carrum Sonya Kilkenny MP, Cr Sue Baker, Frankston City Mayor, Kris Bolam and Deputy Mayor, Nathan Conroy to officially open the park.