



Council Meeting Agenda

2025/CM04

Monday, 24 February 2025



THE COUNCIL MEETING

Welcome to this Meeting of the Frankston City Council

The Council appreciates residents, ratepayers and other visitors taking their places in the Public Gallery, as attendance demonstrates an interest in your Council and community affairs. Community spirit is encouraged.

This information sheet is designed to help you to understand the procedures of Council and help you to gain maximum value from your attendance.

The law regarding the conduct of Council meetings enables the public to observe the session. However, to ensure the manageability of Council meetings, opportunities for public participation are limited to Question Time and registered submissions in accordance with Council's guidelines, which are available from Council's Councillors Office (call 9768 1632) and on our website, www.frankston.vic.gov.au. It is not possible for any visitor to participate in any Council debate unless specifically requested by the Chairperson to do so.

If you would like to have contact with Councillors or Officers, arrangements can be made for you to do so separately to the meeting. Call the Councillors Office on 9768 1632 and ask for the person you would like to meet with, to arrange a time of mutual convenience.

When are they held?

Generally speaking, the Council meets formally every three (3) weeks on a Monday and meetings start at 7.00 pm, unless advertised otherwise. **This Council Meeting will be held in the Council Chambers, Frankston Civic Centre, 30 Davey Street (entry via Young Street).** Livestream footage can be viewed via our website, www.frankston.vic.gov.au.

Council meeting dates are posted at Young Street entrance to the Civic Centre (upper level) and also on our website, www.frankston.vic.gov.au.

Frankston City Council Governance Rules (adopted 31 August 2020 and amended 5 September 2022)

25. Chair's Duty

Any motion which is determined by the *Chair* to be:

- 25.1 *defamatory of or embarrassing to any Councillor, member of Council staff or other person;*
- 25.2 *abusive or objectionable in language or nature;*
- 25.3 *a direct negative of the question before the Chair;*
- 25.4 *vague or unclear in intention;*
- 25.5 *outside the powers of Council; or*
- 25.6 *irrelevant to the item of business on the agenda and has not been admitted as*

79. Chair May Remove

- 79.1 *The Chair may order and cause the removal of any person, including a Councillor, who disrupts any meeting or fails to comply with a direction given under sub-Rule 78.2, or cause the removal of any object or material that is deemed by the Chair as being objectionable or disrespectful.*
- 79.2 *Any person removed from the meeting under sub-Rule 79.1 must not return to the meeting without the approval of the Chair or Council.*

It is intended that this power be exercisable by the Chair, without the need for any Council resolution. The Chair may choose to order the removal of a person whose actions immediately threaten the stability of the meeting or wrongly threatens his or her authority in chairing the meeting.

The Governance Local Law 2020 creates the following offences in relation to behaviour at Council meetings:

- Refusing to leave a meeting when requested to do so by the Chair (following improper or disorderly conduct)
- Failing to comply with a direction of the Chair

Each of these offences carries a penalty of 2 penalty units.

Live Streaming of Council Meetings

Frankston City Council is now Live Streaming its Council Meetings.

Council is encouraging residents to view the meetings via the live streaming.

Live Streaming allows you to watch and listen to the meeting in real time, giving you greater access to Council decision making and debate and improving openness and transparency.

Every care will be taken to maintain privacy and, as far as practically possible, it is not intended that there be either live or recorded footage of the public or Media personnel, however, there might be incidental capture; for example footage of a person exiting the building depending on which camera is being used at the time, or audio recording of a person who interjects the meeting. Council officers who address Council will be heard on the live audio stream, and audio of them speaking will be recorded.

As per Council's Governance Rules 77.2 – the proceedings will be live streamed and recordings of the proceedings will be retained and will be published on Council's website within 24 hours from the end of the meeting.

Council will make every reasonable effort to ensure that a live stream and recording is available. However technical difficulties may arise in relation to live streaming or access to Council's website.

Appropriate signage will be placed at the entrance to the meeting location notifying all attendees that the meeting will be streamed live and recorded. Please note that it is not intended that public speakers will be visible in a live stream of a meeting and care is taken to maintain a person's privacy as an attendee in the gallery, however they may be unintentionally captured in the recording. If public speakers do not wish to be audio recorded they will need to contact the Councillors Office on telephone (03) 9768 1632 or via email councillors.office@frankston.vic.gov.au to discuss alternative options prior to the meeting.

In the event Council encounters technical issues with the livestreaming, the meeting will be adjourned for up to 30 minutes until the matter is resolved. If the matter cannot be resolved, the meeting will be postponed to another evening.

The Formal Council Meeting Agenda

The Council meeting agenda is available for public inspection immediately after it is prepared, which is normally on the Thursday afternoon two (2) business days before the meeting. It is available from the Reception desk at the Civic Centre (upper level), on our website www.frankston.vic.gov.au or a copy is also available for you in the chamber before the meeting.

The following information is a summary of the agenda and what each section means:-

- **Items Brought Forward**

These are items for discussion that have been requested to be brought forward by a person, or a group of people, who have a particular item on the Agenda and who are present in the Public Gallery.

- **Presentation of Written Questions from the Gallery**

Question Time forms are available from the Civic Centre and our website, www.frankston.vic.gov.au.

“Questions with Notice” are to be submitted before 12 noon on the Friday before the relevant Ordinary Meeting either in person at the Frankston Civic Centre, online using the Question Time web form or via email to questions@frankston.vic.gov.au.

“Questions without Notice” are to be submitted between 12 noon on the Friday before the relevant Ordinary Meeting up until 4pm on the day of the relevant Council Meeting either in person via the designated Question Time box located at the Frankston Civic Centre front reception or the after-hours mail box or via email to questions@frankston.vic.gov.au.

A maximum of 3 questions may be submitted by any one person at one meeting. There is no opportunity to enter into debate from the Gallery.

More detailed information about the procedures for Question Time is available from Council's Councillors Office (call 9768 1632) and on our website, www.frankston.vic.gov.au.

- **Presentation of Petitions and Joint Letters**

These are formal requests to the Council, signed by a number of people and drawing attention to matters of concern to the petitioners and seeking remedial action from the Council. Petitions received by Councillors and presented to a Council meeting are usually noted at the meeting, then a report is prepared for consideration at the next available meeting.

- **Presentation of Reports**

Matters requiring a Council decision are dealt with through officer reports brought before the Council for consideration. When dealing with each item, as with all formal meeting procedures, one Councillor will propose a motion and another Councillor will second the motion before a vote is taken. If the members of the public wish to clarify any of the items on the Agenda, please contact the relevant manager by phoning 1300 322 322.

- **Presentation of Delegate Reports**

A Councillor or member of Council staff who is a delegate may present to Council on the deliberations of the external body, association, group or working party in respect of which he or she is a delegate or an attendee at a Council approved conference / seminar.

- **Urgent Business**

These are matters that Councillors believe require attention and action by Council. Before an item can be discussed, there must be a decision, supported by the majority of Councillors present, for the matter to be admitted as "Urgent Business".

- **Closed Meetings**

Because of the sensitive nature of some matters, such as personnel issues, contractual matters or possible legal action, these matters are dealt with confidentially at the end of the meeting.

Opportunity to address Council

Any person who wishes to address Council must pre-register their intention to speak before 4.00pm on the day of the meeting, by telephoning Council's Councillors Office (call 9768 1632) or by submitting the online web form or by using the application form both available on the website, www.frankston.vic.gov.au.

The submissions process is conducted in accordance with guidelines which are available from Council's Councillors Office and on our website. All submissions will be limited to 3 minutes in duration, except for Section 223 submitters, who have a maximum of 5 minutes. No more than ten (10) members of the public are to be permitted to address the Council. Further speakers will be permitted to address the meeting at the discretion of the Chair. All speakers need to advise if they are speaking on behalf of an organisation and it is deemed that they have been appropriately authorised by that said organisation.

Public submissions and any subsequent discussion will be recorded as part of the meeting. The proceedings will be live streamed and recordings of Council meetings will be made available to members of the public within 24 hours of the meeting.

Members of the public who address the Council will be heard on the live stream and audio of them speaking will be recorded. It is not intended that submitters or members of the public in the gallery will be visible in the live streaming or recording of the meeting. If a submitter does not wish to be recorded they must advise the Chair at the commencement of their public submission or prior to the Council Meeting.

Disclosure of Conflict of Interest

If a Councillor considers that they have, or might reasonably be perceived to have, a direct or indirect interest in a matter before the Council or a special committee of Council, they will declare their interest and clearly state its nature before the matter is considered. This will be done on every occasion that the matter is considered by the Council or special committee.

If a Councillor has an interest in a matter they will comply with the requirements of the Local Government Act, which may require that they do not move or second the motion and that they leave the room in which the meeting is being held during any vote on the matter and not vote on the matter.

If a Councillor does not intend to be at the meeting, he or she will disclose the nature of the interest to the Chief Executive Officer, Mayor or Chairperson prior to the meeting commencing.

MAYOR

NOTICE PAPER

ALL COUNCILLORS

NOTICE is hereby given that a Council Meeting of the Council will be held at the Civic Centre, Davey Street, Frankston, on 24 February 2025 at 7:00 PM.

COUNCILLOR STATEMENT

All members of this Council pledge to the City of Frankston community to consider every item listed on this evening's agenda:

- *Based on the individual merits of each item;*
- *Without bias or prejudice by maintaining an open mind; and*
- *Disregarding Councillors' personal interests so as to avoid any conflict with our public duty.*

Any Councillor having a conflict of interest in an item will make proper, prior disclosure to the meeting and will not participate in the debate or vote on the issue.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRADITIONAL OWNERS

I acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we meet today, the Bunurong People of the Kulin Nation, and pay my respect to Elders past, present and future. I would like to extend that respect to Elders of other communities who may be here today.

BUSINESS

- 1. APOLOGIES**
- 2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**
- 3. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST AND DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST**
- 4. HEARING OF SUBMISSIONS**
- 5. CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS OF OFFICERS**
 - 5.1 Hearing of Submitters - Submissions for consideration in Budget 2025-20262

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CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

20/02/2025

Frankston City

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Enquiries: (Caroline Reidy: Corporate and Commercial Services)

Council Plan

Level 1:

6. Progressive and Engaged City

Level 2:

6.1 Ensure sustainable financial management and the strategic allocation of resources to deliver planned infrastructure and services

Purpose

To brief Council with public submissions relating to the proposed Council Budget 2025-2026 for consideration prior to its adoption.

Recommendation (Director Corporate and Commercial Services)

That Council:

1. Hears and considers the public submissions relating to the proposed Council Budget 2025-26;
2. Notes engagement on the Budget 2025-26 was informed by extensive community engagement as part of the review of the Community Vision and the creation of the Council and Wellbeing Plan, with feedback collected from 1,361 people via pop ups, face to face workshops and stakeholder meetings;
3. Notes for the first time the community engagement for the Budget 2025-26 was carried out early in the year during January and February 2025 and built on data collected in 2024, with more than 350 community groups contacted for feedback and an online survey on Engage Frankston;
4. Notes that 13 people have registered to speak at this meeting in support of their submission; and
5. Notes a report to formally adopt the Budget 2025-26 will be presented to Council at its meeting on 23 June 2025.

Key Points / Issues

- Council is engaging earlier with the community to inform the Budget. This will allow more time for Councillors to consider the ideas in detail. There will also be a Community Public Submission Meeting on 24 February 2025, where the individuals, clubs, groups or organisations who have submitted a funding idea will have an opportunity to speak to their written submission.
- As part of the communications plan a letter to stakeholders including local clubs, groups and organisations (more than 350 groups) were sent out on the 16 December 2024, informing them of the upcoming engagement.
- The public were invited to comment and provide submissions, stating that Council will consider all written and verbal submissions at its meeting held on 24 February 2025.

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- At the time of writing this report Council has received 45 submissions and 13 have confirmed that they wish to address Council at the Hearing of Public Submissions on 24 February 2025. A copy of each written submissions is attached as supporting information to the Agenda. Should Council receive any further submissions, these will be distributed under separate cover.
- The proposed Budget 2025-26 will be presented to Council for adoption at its Council Meeting held on 23 June 2025.

Financial Impact

The draft Budget 2025-26 and the Council and Wellbeing Plan will be prepared in accordance with the *Local Government Act 2020* and relevant Australian Accounting Standards. The Budget is underpinned by the financial framework established by Council in its adopted 2021-2031 Financial Plan and continues to address the operating and infrastructure renewal challenges faced by both this Council and the Local Government sector.

As an organisation we are facing a tight budget for 2025-26 and beyond, which is further burdened by the many economic challenges that have impacted on the long-term sustainability of the local government sector including:

- Rate capping
- Cost shifting
- Higher interest rates
- Constraints on ability to grow own source revenue
- Global economy impacts
- Increasing costs of materials, services, utilities and Workcover

The economic outlook, along with the ongoing financial sustainability challenges in the sector, mean continued caution is required. This clearer view of the current financial situation requires Council to implement changes / cost savings in key areas and strengthen its strategic service planning which guides our future direction.

Council is now in the process of considering the activities/initiatives that will inform the new Council and Wellbeing Plan and seek to ensure they align with the demands of the prevailing financial environment. By putting these measures in place now, Council will be in a stronger position to ensure we continue to deliver essential services to the community in a sustainable way.

Consultation**1. External Stakeholders***Public Consultation*

The Community Engagement process began in March 2024 and has concentrated on the legislative requirement for:

- Reviewing the Community Vision, Financial Plan and Asset Plan
- Creation of the Council and Wellbeing Plan
- Budget 25/26.

Feedback was collected from 1,361 (1% of the population) via:

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- 22 community pop ups in every Frankston suburb
- 5 deliberative workshops attended by a representative Community Panel
- An online survey on Engage Frankston, and promoted widely
- 12 stakeholder workshops

The final stage of the engagement for the Budget 2025-26 took place between 20 January 2025 and 20 February 2025.

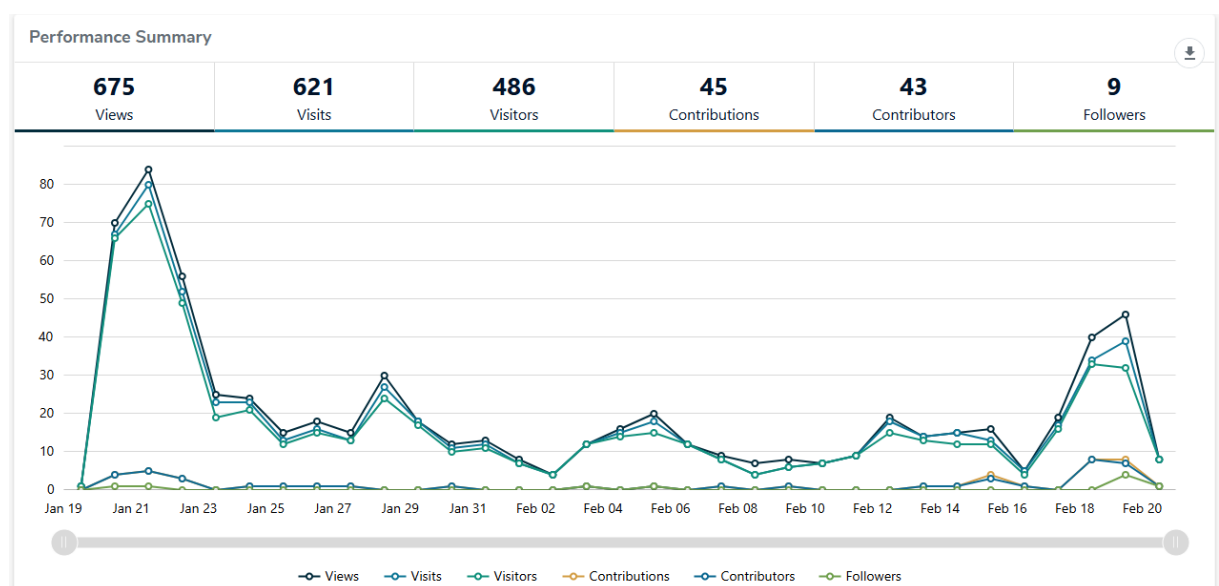
A letter to stakeholders including local clubs, groups and organisations (more than 350 groups) were sent out on the 16 December 2024, informing them of the engagement and how to contribute.

Additionally there was as an online survey, with the option for community members to provide hard copy responses, or input via phone or email. The engagement was promoted via Council's social media posts, Frankston City E-News, Engage Frankston notifications, and in a number of letters to stakeholder groups.

Council received 45 contributions to our online survey, and one written submissions.

The *Local Government Act 2020* does not require councils to undertake a formal submissions process to provide the opportunity for persons to make submissions on a proposed Budget. However, in line with Council's commitment to our community, Council undertook a public submissions process as part of its engagement approach.

During the consultation period, at the time of writing this report, the Engage Frankston web page inviting submissions on the Budget 2025-26 received 621 visits with 44 providing feedback through participation tools. A summary of the engagement statistics is shown below.

Engagement during the public exhibition period

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| Submission Details | Feedback Summary | Request to be heard? (5 minutes) |
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| Formal submissions received during public exhibition period 20 January to 20 February 2025 | | |
| Submission 1 (Mornington Peninsula Theatre Company inc.) | A dedicated theatre space 'The whole of SE Melbourne suffers from a paucity of suitable spaces for theatre productions. PLEASE NOTE a hall with a stage at one end is NOT the same thing as a theatre. There are many other considerations.' | No |
| Submission 2 (Individual) | Housing for homeless 'Based on the housing first model - initiated in the US and implemented in Finland (see https://youtu.be/0jt_6PBnCJE?si=AZF66WxRzUF6om7Q), we need to provide accommodation for people experiencing homelessness. This accommodation may be staged, from initial temporary accommodation to help people have the means to have safety, rest, recover from addiction (which they can't do on the street), and get basic life needs sorted. Another level would be where they have a space to learn to take care of, where they can contribute to the upkeep and with some sort of permanency so they can find jobs. Another level is permanent accommodation. At every level, they need a team of support people to help with counselling, life skills, job skills, etc. They also need accommodation that is safe and secure, where other tenants cannot break in or threaten. They also need opportunities to give back and have a sense of ownership. The accommodation needs to be central to shops, transport and services.' | No |

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| Submission 3 (Individual) | <p>Closing the Gap - Bay Trail Frankston</p> <p>'Winding its way along the beach, the Bay Trail is a great route for people riding bikes to work and for people taking a leisurely bike ride, walk or jog on the weekend. Unfortunately, despite having significant expanses of foreshore crownland, Melbourne's Bay Trail has a gap between Frankston and Carrum/Patterson River.</p> <p>During this section, bike riders must leave the path and negotiate local and sometimes main roads like Nepean Highway (where we saw another collision this week) before reconnecting to the path at Frankston Lifesaving Club.</p> <p>A 3-metre-wide path along the edge of Seaford Foreshore Reserve similar to the recent trail build between Mentone Lifesaving Club and Mordialloc Creek would provide accessibility to footpath-bound vehicles such as bicycles, wheelchairs, prams and scooters and will contribute to and improve accessibility to the coastal area. It will also improve gender equity for exercise in nature with many local females feeling unsafe walking or jogging on the existing bush trail through the Crown Land Foreshore Reserve.'</p> | No |
| Submission 4 (Individual) | <p>Permanent Stage on Frankston Foreshore</p> <p>'Build a stage, similar to the one on Yeppoon foreshore, that can be easily used to host regular performances, not just for major events but for buskers too. This would save many thousands of dollars in hiring out a portable stage every time there's an event. This could either be by the pier or perhaps further along towards the surf club where there's also the possibility of creating an amphitheatre with tiered levels in the grass.'</p> | No |

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| Submission 5 (Seaford Little Athletics Club) | Upgrade Riviera Reserve club rooms 'The Riviera Reserve club rooms and grounds are heavily used by multiple sporting clubs that represent the Seaford and Frankston Communities. As the Vice President of the Seaford Little Athletics Club, I am proposing that the club rooms are upgraded to meet the growing demand on the outdated facilities. The little aths club has it's highest membership of over 210 registered athletes, that we believe we can continue to grow with better facilities. Ideally a brand new extended building would be ideal, but we do have a number of cost effective solutions to upgrade the existing buildings if the budget isn't available for a full upgrade.' | Yes |
| Submission 6 (Organisation) | Remove benches along Station Street Mall and Clyde Mall 'We own a Building at 7 - 7E Station Street Frankston. That building is occupied by 7 businesses. Our tenants are concerned with the increase in criminal activity within the cbd and particularly in Station Street and Clyde Street malls. Addicted individuals and local youths like to congregate on the benches provided in the above locations. This constantly creates problems for the shops occupying our building. Customers are scared off from attending this area thereby affecting local businesses. Station Street Frankston and Clyde Mall should have the provided benches removed and these streets need much more regular police patrols than is currently provided.' | Yes |
| Submission 7 (Individual) | 'Why are the street signs being needlessly replaced with black writing?' | No |

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| Submission 8 (Individual) | Beautifying Cranbourne Road from Ballam Park through Langwarrin to Potts Road 'Beautify Cranbourne Road starting from Ballam Park through Langwarrin up to Potts Road. Presently, the roadside and concreted middle strips look like a third world country. Put our Langwarrin and Frankston rates to use and replace damaged fencing along Karingal Hub length of Cranbourne Road, cut the grass, get rid of the weeds, cut the edges and remove the mess, shovel the piles of dirt and debris from medium strips at lights through Langwarrin. We don't want to see the cheap old wire fencing outside the Karingal Hub. It is so embarrassing to drive along Cranbourne Road after years of neglect. Look at the beautiful country towns for example.' | No |
| Submission 9 (Individual) | Cut council wages and spending 'Start treating the income as it was your own money and not an endless supply of tax payers dollars.' | No |
| Submission 10 (Individual) | Help Ease Cost of Living + Mental Health 'Cost of Living is at a record high and nobody is providing any relief. We are hoping council would realise this and put some form of rate relief in place. Instead, rates went up. Our suggestion is to drop the rates for a period until people can get up on their feet. In addition, Frankston has a lot of people resorting to drugs and alcohol to cope with their mental health. If we tackle this problem earlier and provide support for mental health, we can hope they don't resort to this.' | No |
| Submission 11 (Seaford United Soccer Club) | 'On behalf of Seaford United Soccer Club, we kindly request the provision of additional junior portable goals at Seaford North Reserve to support the anticipated growth in junior participation, particularly among female players.' | Yes |
| Submission 12 (Individual) | 'Nothing just make this work please for our community.' | No |

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| Submission 13 (Individual) | <p>Make a park pathway from nursery av to jubilee park as there is no access currently</p> <p>'There is currently no access for prams, wheelchairs etc. making a path would connect residents from the nursery av side of the park. So much has been done on the other side, but this side is completely lacking access.'</p> | No |
| Submission 14 (Individual) | <p>Keep rates low</p> <p>'How about dropping rates and removing all the waste and look at productivity. In the council? It's a cost of living crisis and you are looking at more ways to spend money, Additionally when average rates are quoted why don't you include ALL the charges you add to other areas of the budget? Rush admin etc? Stop hiding things.'</p> | No |
| Submission 15 (Individual) | <p>Upgrade the Sky Road Shared Bike/Pedestrian Path</p> <p>'The Shared bike path along Sky road has the potential to be a important part of the Frankston bicycle and walking track network, joining the new Sky Rail Trail and terminating across the road from the Frankston Fwy overpass, however it is in desperate need for an upgrade including widening; repaving; installing proper drainage; proper levelling where possible and improved landscaping.</p> <p>For safety reasons, the path is also in desperate need of improved lighting as it's used by many walkers and joggers during the week, both in the early morning and at night during winter.'</p> | No |
| Submission 16 (Individual) | <p>Welcome to Frankston</p> <p>'Making the entrance to Frankston at the end of the Frankston Freeway a welcoming and tidy and to reflect the image of our city. At the moment it's an embarrassment and eyesore.'</p> | No |
| Submission 17 (Individual) | <p>Granite Reserve Upgrade</p> <p>'I think that Granite Reserve should be upgraded as there is heaps of area that is around the play equipment that could be turned into a fabulous playground. This could also include a water play which I know many kids love on a summers day.'</p> | No |

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| Submission 18 (individual) | Soft plastics recycling 'Introduce a scheme whereby soft plastics can be deposited by residents of Frankston, for recycling; along the lines of the Cities of Monash and Kingston.' | No |
| Submission 19 (individual) | Communication management system 'I currently receive disjointed communication from council by postal mail and letter box drops. Paper communication I receive includes pet registration, bin changes, development notices, requests for feedback and the newspaper. This paper communication is wasteful, impacting the environment and creating unnecessary expense. I would like a system where constituents like me can choose to replace paper communication with electronic communication. This would bring many advantages including lower costs, reduced environmental impact, choice of areas that interest us and easy responses / payments by clicking links.' | Yes |
| Submission 20 (Frankston Archery Club) | Revitalize the Frankston archery club 'We are desperate for a new club house, ours is old and not at all functional for our member base. A facility that had an indoor area for shooting, 18 mt indoor, club rooms, disability toilet as ours are too narrow. A new way to enter the club rooms without having to go through the line if traffic to the football, a new parking area, and our outdoor shed to be upgraded with lockable facilities and lights. Club rooms that are bright and will encourage our younger members to be more a part of the club. The current rooms are dark, and uninviting.' | Yes |

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| Submission 21 (individual) | Planting Grants for Local Businesses 'Council has done a great job at greening and beautifying the municipality through planting trees and other vegetation throughout. However there are many places that are lacking in trees or vegetation that are outside Council land, including local businesses. These can be small with a small bare street front or large with expansive and treeless car parks. It would be of the municipalities benefit if these places too would be aligned with the wider council vision to green Frankston. And I am sure these businesses would want to participate in this effort understandably however this concern is rarely part of the bottom line, especially these days. So an idea would be for Frankston City Council to partner with businesses interested in adding plantings to their premises in line with Frankston's wider tree planting strategy. This could be done in the form of grants similar to the existing facade improvement grant.' | No |
| Submission 22 (individual) | Assisting our more vulnerable 'As a volunteer community support worker in the Frankston area, I witness firsthand the impact of the cost of living crisis on our community. Many individuals who once supported themselves are now seeking emergency assistance from local organisations. This support often includes access to food, advocacy, and referrals. It is essential for the council to ensure that well-funded organisations in Frankston can continue to provide vital assistance to the increasing number of vulnerable residents in our community.' | No |
| Submission 23 (Frankston Business Collective) | Frankston Business Collective Funding for FY 2026 'Strategic Plan and budget submitted. Some additional information will be provided via Fiona McQueen prior to the hearing' | Yes |
| Submission 24 (individual) | Clean up city, roads! 'Engage more vulnerable kids, teens, all people to clean up any graffiti anywhere. If they are caught. I believe they should clean up their graffiti as well as someone else's. Tit for tat! They would not be popular with their mates if they have to clean up their other graffiti as well.' | Yes |

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| Submission 25 (individual) | Hillcrest Heatherhill traffic Signs 'Utmost need to Redo the T intersection road markings connecting Hillcrest Road & Heatherhill Rd Frankston. It is truly dangerous for traffic & for pedestrians using the marked crossing or just trying to cross the road in either & both directions.' | Yes |
| Submission 26 (Frankston and peninsula lapidary club) | Frankston and peninsula lapidary club 'Extensions to the Frankston and Peninsula lapidary club' | No |
| Submission 27 (Carrum Downs Cricket Club) | Carrum Downs Recreation Reserve - Net Redevelopment 'Carrum Downs CC cricket training facility redevelopment – Carrum Downs – proposed redevelopment works of existing cricket training facility and additional new two-lane cricket training facility' | Yes |
| Submission 28 (Overport Tennis Club) | Overport Park Tennis Club Funding for Facility Improvement 'Funding for capital works improvements for our tennis club which is a major community facility within the city. In order to continually improve our facility we need assistance for funding of items such as court lighting (both upgrades to some of our existing lights and lighting of additional courts), re-establishment of the court sprinkler system (which has not been used since 2008) as well as assistance with maintaining the court bases on some of our en tout cas courts.' | Yes |

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| Submission 29 (individual) | <p>Planting less trees, but more established ones.</p> <p>'I have been a keen observer of the survival rate of newly planted trees, as I deeply appreciate and enjoy this process. What I don't enjoy is the percentage that die, get vandalised or removed.</p> <p>On my street alone I've seen easily 80% of new trees die or get broken on nature trips. The majority of these have simply died.</p> <p>More established trees on our street, none have died. I have also noted this in the surrounding areas.</p> <p>It is my belief that if we planted half as many trees, but made them more established trees, the survival rate would significantly increase and money would be saved in the long run.</p> <p>This also has the effect of fast tracking the gentrification/ greening process as the trees are already partially established.</p> <p>I imagine the losses in young trees would be at a substantial cost. From what I've seen it's quite striking how few survive. Let's not waste money on very young trees.</p> <p>Looking forward to a greener Frankston'</p> | Yes |
| Submission 30 (individual) | <p>Access Way and Progress Drive</p> <p>'There needs to be no parking signs put in this location.</p> <p>On a daily basis, trucks are parked on this corner, giving workers and locals no vision of the oncoming traffic, this is health and safety issue, that needs to be resolved as a matter of urgency.'</p> | No |
| Submission 31 (individual) | <p>Street lighting between the wedge road and the new estate</p> <p>'We are building our new home in the new wedge road estate Skye. There is no street lights from the McCormick's road and wedge road roundabout up to the new estate on the wedge road. The road is very dark and not safe to drive during the night time.</p> <p>I have requested few times and spoken to the council and I was told that this will be considered during the next budget and it's in progress.'</p> | No |

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| Submission Details | Feedback Summary | Request to be heard? (5 minutes) |
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| Submission 32 (Lyrebird Community Centre) | Lyrebird Community Centre Outdoor Playspace Upgrade 'Lyrebird's outdoor playspace is in desperate need of a significant renovation to make it safer, nature based, more age appropriate, bring it up to date with current trends and for us to remain competitive with other local childcare providers.' | No |
| Submission 33 (individual) | Kananook creek 'I strongly believe the council should do more about monitoring, managing and preventing problems with water quality and quantity. It is an embarrassing drain st the moment.' | No |
| Submission 34 (Frankston Susono Friendship Association) | Funding for Friends of Susono Friendship Association 'Historically, Frankston City Council has generously supported FSFA during similar delegation visits, and we are grateful for that assistance. For this upcoming visit, we kindly request the Council's continued financial support to help cover the following costs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transport: Bus hire to transfer the Susono delegation to and from the airport, as well as for sightseeing. • Welcome Reception: A formal event attended by the Mayor, Councillors, FSFA members (past and present), SOFA members, the Susono delegation, and host families (approximately 70 attendees). • Japanese Festival: Scheduled for August 3, 2025, where the Susono visitors can actively participate and engage with the Frankston community. To successfully host these events, we anticipate an additional \$12,000 will be required to cover the costs of transportation, the welcome event, and festival arrangements.' | No |

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| Submission 35 (3199 Beach Patrol) | <p>Increased financial support & consultation with Volunteer community groups</p> <p>‘Over 16,000 Volunteers in not for profit groups provide support to residents in many ways.</p> <p>This includes essential meals, reserve improvement, shelter, litter collection & much more.</p> <p>Without free services that are provided by Volunteer organisations, Frankston City Council would face a large increase in costs to provide services. Council would not be able to provide these services.</p> <p>Some organisations struggle to continue for the sake of a few 100 or a few 1000 dollars, when they raise & spend so much themselves.</p> <p>Frankston City Council should recognise what is happening & provide increased financial support & consultation with Volunteer community groups.’</p> | No |
| Submission 36 (Frankston Beach Walkers) | <p>Board walk Extension</p> <p>‘An extension of the Beach Board Walk from Waves Restaurant to Long Island Tennis courts in front of Could Street residents homes where the sand and bush land meet.’</p> | No |
| Submission 37 (individual) | <p>Multi culture art museum</p> <p>‘I suggest to build a multi culture art museum in Frankston to display the world class art works to attract all the visitors around the world.</p> <p>Attached the letter from the minister Brooks and the Senior newspaper of Victoria.</p> <p>My father and family have thousands of world class Chinese calligraphy and paintings can be displaying in the museum forever if you can build a museum in Frankston.’</p> | No |

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| Submission 38 (Frankston Neighbourhood Watch) | Frankston Neighbourhood Watch 'Following on from a community meeting held with Neighbourhood Watch on February 18, 2025 we are in the process of setting up a Frankston Community Neighbourhood Watch Group. The meeting was attend by over 20 people (mainly from the Lakewood Estate as this is where we targeted our information with only a couple of social media posts) and feed back has shown an overwhelming support from other areas of the community from just one post last night. As the council is progressive in the strategic planning of Frankston and the enhancement of our assets we feel improving safety and reducing is another area that is vital. By forming a Neighbourhood Watch we are helping the Municipality become a safer place to live, work and play.' | Yes |
| Submission 39 (Peninsula Community Legal Centre Inc) | Improving Access to Justice for Vulnerable Frankston Residents 'Peninsula Community Legal Centre Inc. is seeking to expand its legal services in the City of Frankston with the provision of legal clinics to renters impacted by the cost of living and affordable housing crisis and at risk of homelessness to sustain their housing as well as initiating a school lawyer program in the municipality to support students overcome the barriers in accessing legal services, improve understanding of legal rights and responsibilities and improve students health, wellbeing and engagement at school.' | No |
| Submission 40 (Individual) | Baxter Park Refurbishment 'Council sitting on plans for Baxter Park Refurbishing.' | No |
| Submission 41 (Individual) | Improved maintenance of coastal reserves and riparian waterway. 'Employment of at least 2 EFT rangers to assist in the improved maintenance of coastal reserves especially the remnant vegetation at the Seaford end of the foreshore. Allocation of significant funds to improve the water quality of Kananook Creek to improve habitat of rare marine life and vegetation.' | No |

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| Submission 42 (Long Island Tennis Club) | <p>Lighting up the next 100 Years Long Island Tennis Club</p> <p>'Long Island Tennis Club are very grateful for Council support in 2024 financing the replacement of fencing at our tennis club which has greatly enhanced the presence of our Club and stimulated much community interest and new memberships. We are keen to continue the momentum in refurbishing our aging facilities and would greatly appreciate a contribution from Council to encourage support from our local community and Tennis Victoria. We are seeking to install a sensitive lighting system to extend playing time of our courts and the renewal of the ageing en-tout-cas with artificial grass surfaces and one flexi pave surface to allow us an extended offering of Pickleball and Pop Tennis as well as a first class coaching facility. We are seeking to raise \$300,000 to achieve this redevelopment of our club which will enable us to greatly enhance the usage and flexibility of our facilities enabling a greater range of tennis options, for a wider age range of participation increased playing time and rental opportunities currently not possible with our ageing court surfaces.'</p> | Yes |
| Submission 43 (Frankston Susono Friendship Association) | <p>Ongoing support for the Frankston Susono Sister city relationship via an annual grant from FCC to Frankston Susono Friendship Association (FSFA)</p> <p>Enable FSFA to fulfill its cultural and community development obligations in local schools and the Frankston Community at large. Recent innovations include the establishment of a Taiko Drum Group. These obligations have been fulfilled for over 40 years by a group of hardworking and passionate volunteers. The Association expects the FCC to continue to support the work of the Association into the future.</p> <p>FSFA would like to supplement this submission with a presentation to Council (particularly the new Councillors) on the success of the Frankston Susono Sister City Relationship.</p> | No |

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| Submission 44 (Frankston Football Club) | <p>THE DOLPHINS CENTRE - an all-gender, high-performance training and community facility *CW</p> <p>'The Frankston Football Club (FFC) requests an additional funding contribution of \$1 million from Frankston City Council to develop an all-gender, high-performance training and community facility ("The Dolphins Centre") at Kinetic Stadium (Frankston Park).</p> <p>With commitments from the AFL and the Victorian Government, this would take the total investment in this project to \$1.8 million, which is necessary to achieve the club and community objectives.</p> <p>The scope of the works would include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Women's changerooms x 2 • Men's changerooms x 2 • Toilets (including disabled) linked to appropriate change rooms • Education space and meeting rooms • High performance area – gymnasium, consulting rooms, fitness • Medical treatment/consulting rooms x 2 (catering for men's and women's concurrently) • Equipment room • Offices for coaches and administration • Theatrette's x 2 (catering for men's and women's concurrently) | No |
| Submission 45 (Langwarrin Men's Shed) | <p>Expansion of the Langwarrin Men's Shed</p> <p>'Currently the Langwarrin Men's Shed is at capacity and on most occasions beyond capacity. This is leading to safety issues, disharmony due to overcrowding, reduced offerings of programmes and the potential of a closed membership application status. Simply put an interim fix until an enlarged facility , or annexation of the adjacent hall, is to close in and roof the concrete apron area to allow additional operating space.'</p> | Yes |

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Economic implications regarding this report are detailed under Section 'Financial Implications' above. The Budget 2025-26 allocates significant resources to the implementation of the Council and Wellbeing Plan key strategic objectives.

The development of the Council and Wellbeing Plan recognises the leadership role Council has within the community to actively promote sound environmental outcomes and to facilitate other levels of government and the community to act in a similar vein.

The proposed Council and Wellbeing Plan will contain financial resourcing for a wide range of programs that deliver important services to the Frankston community and will be based on the principle of maintaining services that are presently available to the community with some minor service growth to meet service demands.

Legal / Policy / Council Plan ImpactCharter of Human Rights and Responsibilities

The Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities has been considered in the preparation of this report but is not relevant to the content of the report.

Legal

The proposed Council and Wellbeing Plan and Budget 2025-26 will be prepared in accordance with the *Local Government Act 2020* and relevant Australian Accounting Standards.

Policy Impact

Nil

Officer's Declaration of Interests

Council officers involved in the preparation of this report have no Conflict of Interest in this matter.

Gender Impact Assessments

No gender impact assessment was required.

Risk Mitigation

There are no direct risk implications arising from this report.

Conclusion

With engagement on the budgetary process beginning earlier than in previous years, the Council now have the opportunity to better understand, consider and respond to each submission and its effect on the overall Budget 2025-26. Each submission will be provided with an emailed response after the final budget adoption in June 2025. Note the Council and Wellbeing Plan will be put out for public exhibition for 30 days from 24th April 2025.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

