MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING OF THE FRANKSTON CITY COUNCIL HELD IN THE CIVIC CENTRE, DAVEY STREET, FRANKSTON ON 14 SEPTEMBER 2026 at 7:01 PM

PRESENT	Cr. Sue Baker (Mayor) Cr. Cherie Wanat (Deputy Mayor) Cr. David Asker Cr. Kris Bolam (via Zoom) Cr. Nathan Butler Cr. Steffie Conroy Cr. Emily Green Cr. Brad Hill Cr. Michael O'Reilly
APOLOGIES:	Nil.
ABSENT:	Nil.
OFFICERS:	Tennille Bradley, Chief Executive Officer Cam Arullanantham, Director City Services Tammy Beauchamp, Director Community Connections Steven Coldham, Director City Advancement Caroline Reidy, Acting Chief Operating Officer Nathan Upson, Chief People and Integrity Officer Tenille Craig, Acting Manager Governance, Procurement and Risk Jessica Baguley, Acting Coordinator Governance Josh Lacey, Supervising Technician Connor Rose, Systems Support Officer
EXTERNAL REPRESENTATIVES:	Nil.

COUNCILLOR STATEMENT

Councillor Cherie Wanat made the following 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 or vote on the issue."

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRADITIONAL OWNERS

Councillor Cherie Wanat acknowledged the Bunurong People of the Kulin Nation – the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we stand, and paid respect to Elders past, present and future. Respect was also extended to Elders of other communities who may have been present.

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1. APOLOGIES

Nil.

2. COUNCILLOR APPRECIATION AWARDS

2.1 Presentation to Andrea Dunkley

Andrea Dunkley was presented a Councillor Appreciation Award by Cr Emily Green in recognition of their dedication to environmental sustainability, community education and volunteer service within the Frankston community.

As a community leader, Andrea has inspired and empowered others to adopt more sustainable lifestyles through Roving Refills Frankston, local environmental initiatives and educational programs.

Through passion, advocacy and a long-standing commitment to community action, Andrea has reduced waste, promoted environmental awareness and created lasting positive changes for residents across Frankston.

Andrea exemplifies leadership, integrity and community spirit within the Frankston City community.

2.2 Presentation to Frankston Red Cross Trauma Teddy Team

The Frankston Red Cross Trauma Teddy Team were presented a Councillor Appreciation Award by the Mayor, Cr Sue Baker, in recognition of the outstanding contribution to the Frankston City community through more than two decades of dedicated volunteer service.

The Frankston Red Cross Trauma Teddy Team has provided comfort, care and support to thousands of people for over 25 years, bringing kindness and reassurance to patients, families and vulnerable members of the community through the handcrafting and distribution of approximately 6,000 Trauma Teddies and the provision of emotional support.

The Frankston Red Cross Trauma Teddy Team demonstrates exceptional dedication to the community, outstanding leadership in community service and a longstanding commitment to fostering a caring, connected and inclusive community.

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Council Meeting No. CM10 held on 24 August 2026.

Council Decision

Moved: Councillor Asker **Seconded: Councillor Hill**

That the minutes of the Council Meeting No. CM10 held on 24 August 2026 be confirmed.

Carried Unanimously

4. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST AND DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Nil.

5. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Tia Milne submitted two (2) questions with notice to Council. At the request of the Mayor, the Chief Executive Officer read the questions and answers to the gallery.

The questions and responses have been provided in the minutes of this meeting.

6. HEARING OF PUBLIC SUBMISSIONS

Nil.

7. ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD

Nil.

8. PRESENTATIONS / AWARDS

The Director City Advancement advised that the Frankston Arts Centre has been awarded the 2026 Performing Arts Centre of the Year by PAC Australia. The award recognises excellence in arts leadership, innovation and community impact. Council acknowledges this significant achievement and acknowledged the Frankston Arts Centre staff and contribution to delivering inclusive and high-quality arts experiences for the community.

The Director City Services advised that Frankston City Council has been named a national finalist in two categories at the 2026 Waste Innovation and Recycling Awards, recognising Council's leadership in operational excellence and community engagement in waste and resource recovery.

The Director Community Connections advised that Frankston City Council has been named a finalist in three (3) categories of the 2026 Keep Australia Beautiful Victoria Tidy Towns & Cities Sustainability Awards. The recognition highlights Council's commitment to sustainability, accessibility and community wellbeing through initiatives including Creative Circularity, Australia's Most Accessible Beach and the Seaford Banksia Arboretum Project.

9. PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND JOINT LETTERS

Nil.

10. DELEGATES' REPORTS

Nil.

11. CONSIDERATION OF CITY PLANNING REPORTS

Nil.

12. CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS OF OFFICERS

12.1 Governance Matters Report - 14 September 2026

(NU Chief People & Integrity Office)

Council Decision

Moved: Councillor Wanat **Seconded: Councillor Butler**

That Council:

Briefing Records

1. Notes the Councillor briefings and meeting records since the Council Meeting held on 24 August 2026;

Delayed Reports to Council

2025/NOM08 Anti-Graffiti Bounty Pilot Program

2. Notes the Notice of Motion 2026/NOM08 Anti-Graffiti Bounty Pilot Program has been delayed in its presentation to Council and will be presented at the 16 November 2026 Council Meeting;

Inclusion Action Plan

3. Notes that additional time is required to complete community consultation on the draft Inclusion Action Plan 2026-2030 and facilitate review by key stakeholder groups to ensure the Plan reflects the diverse needs, experiences and aspirations of the Frankston community;

4. Notes that a further report will be presented to Council in December 2026 seeking endorsement and adoption of the final Inclusion Action Plan 2026-2030 following completion of the consultation and review process;

Rugby Feasibility Study

5. Notes that the Rugby Facilities Feasibility Study, undertaken in response to Council's resolution of 2 June 2025, has been completed;

6. Endorses the release of the Rugby Facilities Feasibility Study to relevant rugby clubs and stakeholders for the purpose of supporting advocacy opportunities, noting that the release of the study does not constitute Council endorsement of any preferred option or commitment of funding;

7. Notes that Council has committed funding to develop a Sports Development Plan to establish strategic priorities for future sporting infrastructure investment across the municipality;

8. Defers consideration of the findings and recommendations of the Rugby Facilities Feasibility Study until completion of the Sports Development Plan, with a further report to be presented to Council in 2027 so that any future rugby facility investment can be considered alongside other municipal sporting infrastructure priorities and in time to inform the preparation of the 2028/29 Council Budget;

Appointment of Ex-Officio Member to Peninsula Leisure Board

9. Resolves to appoint Council's Chief Operating Officer as an ex-officio member to the Peninsula Leisure Board;

Terms of Reference – Sport and Recreation Advisory Committee

10. Notes a large number of expressions of interest were received for participation on Council's Sport and Recreation Advisory Committee;

11. Notes the current Terms of Reference for the Sport and Recreation Advisory Committee only allows for seven (7) external members; and

12. Resolves to amend the Terms of Reference for the Sport and Recreation Advisory Committee to increase membership from seven (7) to eight (8) members, on the following grounds;

    a. ensure broader representation of sporting clubs and stakeholders across the municipality;

    b. facilitate the appointment of the most suitably qualified applicants received through the expression of interest process; and

    c. support the effective operation of the Committee by ensuring an appropriate balance of skills, experience and sector representation.

Carried Unanimously

12.2 Update on Frankston City First Advocacy Campaign Ahead of November State Election

(SC City Advancement)

Council Decision

Moved: Councillor Hill **Seconded: Councillor Butler**

That Council:

1. Notes the Frankston City First Advocacy Campaign for the 2026 November State Election was first endorsed at the 23 February 2026 Council Meeting;
3. Notes the progress of the Frankston City First 2026 Victorian State Election Advocacy Campaign and the advocacy activities undertaken to date;
5. Notes the following election commitments to date:
    a. Paul Edbrooke MP, Member for Frankston - $3 million election commitment if re-elected towards the Bruce Park Pavilion redevelopment;
    b. The Victorian Government announced it was funding an extra $352 million for pothole repairs this year, doubling the number of potholes fixed from 250,000 to 500,000;
6. Notes the continued engagement with Members of Parliament, candidates, community stakeholders and partner organisations to seek election funding commitments for Council's priority projects; and
7. Notes any further advocacy campaign updates will be provided throughout the 2026 State Election period as required.

Extension of Time

Moved: Councillor Butler **Seconded: Councillor Green**

That Cr Asker be granted an extension of time.

Carried Unanimously

Councillor Bolam left the chamber at 7:41 pm.

Councillor Bolam returned to the chamber at 7:43 pm.

The Motion was Carried

For the Motion:	Crs Asker, Baker, Butler, Conroy, Green, Hill, O'Reilly and Wanat (8)
Against the Motion:	Cr Bolam (1)

12.3 Annual Volunteering Frankston Awards 2026

(TB Community Connection)

Council Decision

Moved: Councillor Wanat **Seconded: Councillor Conroy**

That Council:

1. Receives and endorses the independent Community Panel's recommendations for the 2026 Annual Volunteering Frankston Awards winners and commendations within the nominee categories outlined below;
    a. Service, Leadership;
    b. Rising Star;
    c. Youth Community;
    d. Senior Community;
    e. Teamwork and Community Organisation (as noted in the confidential Attachment A);
2. Notes the $1,000 monetary prize awarded to the winning recipient of the Community Organisation award;
3. Resolves Attachment A remain confidential until the recipients of the award have been publicly announced at the Awards Ceremony on 17 November 2026, on the grounds that it includes personal information, being information which if released would result in the unreasonable disclosure of information about any person or their personal affairs (Local Government Act 2020, s.3(1)(f)). These grounds apply to protect the integrity of the awards process and avoid the premature disclosure of recipient information; and
4. Resolves Attachment B (Nomination Assessment) is be retained as confidential indefinitely on the grounds that it includes personal information, being information which if released would result in the unreasonable disclosure of information about any person or their personal affairs (*Local Government Act 2020*, s.3(1)(f). These grounds apply because the information concerns information about the nominees and the persons who nominated them, who have not consented to their information being disclosed. Release of this information might undermine public confidence and make people reluctant to submit nominations in the future, which would compromise Council's ability to run similar awards programs in the future.

Carried Unanimously

13. RESPONSE TO NOTICES OF MOTION

13.1 Response to 2026/NOM06 - Trader and Community Training and Support Pilot Program

(SC City Advancement)

Council Decision

Moved: Councillor Butler **Seconded: Councillor Hill**

That Council:

1. Notes at the Council Meeting held on 1 June 2026, Council endorsed Notice of Motion 2026/NOM06 – Trader and Community Training and Support Pilot Program (NOM/06);
2. Notes 2026/NOM06 requested a report to Council by October 2026 on the feasibility of establishing a pilot training and support program for traders, businesses and community-facing organisations across the municipality, particularly within the CBD, who regularly encounter complex social issues, including rough sleeping, mental health challenges and anti-social behaviour;
3. Acknowledges work has commenced to explore the feasibility of establishing the pilot training and support program;
4. Notes officers are continuing to research potential training providers, delivery models, estimated costs, funding sources and timelines for the delivery of the pilot program;
5. Notes targeted stakeholder engagement has commenced to determine demand and likely uptake, priority training needs and preferred delivery methods; and
6. Notes the Trader and Community Training and Support Pilot Program feasibility report due to be presented to Council by October 2026 will be delayed until the 7 December 2026 Council Meeting to allow adequate time to review and assess training options and costs and complete further targeted engagement.

Carried Unanimously

Councillor Green left the chamber at 7:52 pm.

Councillor Green returned to the chamber at 7:56 pm.

14. NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil**.**

15. LATE REPORTS

Nil**.**

16. URGENT BUSINESS

Nil**.**

17. CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

Nil**.**

QUESTION TIME

There were two (2) questions received with notice that were read out and responded to during the Council Meeting.

The preamble, questions and responses have been provided below.

Question from Tia Milne

Preamble

The Victorian Government has proposed using prisoners who are considered low-risk offenders to help address workforce shortages by undertaking community-based work such as road maintenance, graffiti removal and general clean-up activities.

Question

1. Does Frankston City Council support this policy?
    a. If so, what steps will Council take to ensure Frankston receives a fair share of this workforce?
2. How would Council propose that the program be implemented locally to ensure it delivers maximum efficiency, value and results for the Frankston community?
    a. If Council does not support the policy, what are the reasons for its position?

Response

The Chief People & Integrity Officer As this is a State Government policy matter, Council does not have a position on the proposal and it is not Council's role to comment on or advocate for State Government initiatives.

Should the Victorian Government proceed with the program and seek Council involvement, any participation would be considered at that time in accordance with Council's operational requirements, community safety considerations and legislative obligations.

The meeting was closed to the public at 7.59 pm

CONFIRMED THIS DAY OF 2026

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CHAIRPERSON

AUTHORITY TO STAMP INITIALS ON MINUTES

I, Cr. Sue Baker, Chairperson – Council Meeting hereby authorise the use of an electronic stamp of my initials to initial each page of these Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Monday, 14 September 2026, confirmed on Monday, 5 October 2026.

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(Cr. Sue Baker, Chairperson – Council Meeting)

Dated this day of 2026