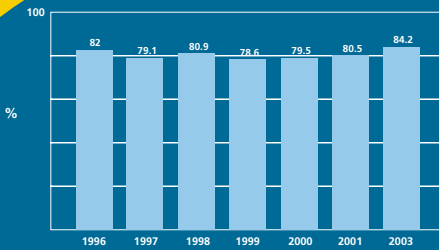




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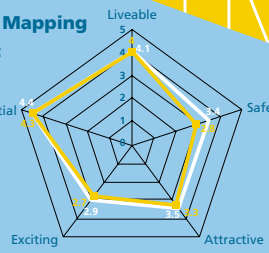


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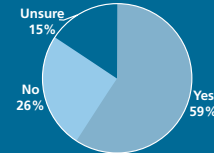
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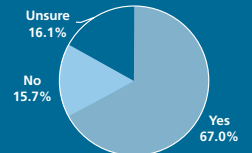
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2001 - Sense of Belonging



2003 - Sense of Belonging



“Comparing the survey results of 2001, residents in 2003 feel more of a sense of belonging to Frankston. The percentage of residents indicating they felt they belonged rose by 8% to 67%. The percentage of residents indicating they felt the opposite fell by 10.3% to 15.7%”



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Mayor's Message

Frankston City Council is pleased to announce the results of the 2003 Community Consultation Survey. In February 2003, every household in Frankston City was invited to participate in the survey. A total of 44,133 questionnaires were mailed. More than 8000 households completed the survey, achieving a response rate of over 18%. We thank residents for their participation.

This response rate is an increase of 5% over the last survey undertaken in 2001, indicating interest in Council programs and community initiatives.

Frankston City Council's overall performance rating in terms of service delivery increased to 84.2% - 80.5% in 2001.

The three services rated most important and best performing were recyclables collections, school crossing supervision and garbage collection. These services, together with green waste collection, Frankston Library, George Pentland Botanic Gardens and the presentation of Frankston Memorial Park all closely met or exceeded community expectations and were viewed as Council's strengths.

Residents were asked to rate on a scale between 1 and 5 on how "liveable", "safe", "attractive", "exciting" the Frankston municipality is and whether it has "great potential". Residents were unanimous that Frankston City was all of the above!

Frankston City Council first began tracking these five attributes in 1998. Ratings have steadily increased from year to year. For example, residents indicated that they feel safer living in Frankston now than they did two years ago. The rating of this attribute rose by a remarkable 21.4%.

This positive perception is due in part to a series of community safety initiatives such as increased patrols by Victoria Police, increased public lighting, a car theft prevention program and the opening of Victoria's first Community Safer City Centre in December 2002. These initiatives were delivered by the Council's Community Safety Unit.

Perceptions of the remaining four attributes also increased - between 2.3% and 7.4%. These improvements can be attributed to other programs launched by Council, such as major tree planting projects, increased frequency of street cleaning in the Central Activities District (CAD), the Urban Renewal Program, and CAD and foreshore development.

Frankston Arts Centre, and the Council's Events and Tourism team were responsible for making Frankston a more "exciting" and "liveable" place by bringing to Frankston nationally acclaimed events such as Circus Oz, the Melbourne Symphony Orchestra, the Frankston International Guitar Festival and community favourite the Christmas Festival of Lights.

Cr Cathy Wilson
MAYOR

Green Light For 'Green' Marina

State Planning Minister Mary Delahunty has given Frankston City Council the go ahead to develop what will be recognised one of the "greenest" marinas in Australia, says Mayor of Frankston City, Councillor Cathy Wilson.



Aerial view of Central Harbour @ Frankston

Cr Wilson said that she was extremely happy with the Bracks Government's decision to back the Council's proposal. "The project is a significant one for Victoria. The safe boat harbour proposal has undergone five years of the most stringent of environmental impact assessments and public consultation and sets a benchmark for environmental performance of future developments on Port Phillip."

Cr Wilson said that Frankston City Council's proposal was analysed extensively. Two public consultation processes have already been carried out, she said, the first of which included an Environment Effects Statement in late 1998 that later was expanded to incorporate traffic, noise and visual amenity considerations.

There presently is a chronic shortage of safe boating facilities on Port Phillip. Frankston is strategically positioned for the development of a safe boat harbour at the midpoint of Port Phillip between the Docklands and Portsea. "Safe boating should be available to all water craft users, not just the privileged club members," Cr Wilson said. "The project has received strong community support. More than 80% of the City's residents want to see this project go ahead and boating enthusiasts have been moving into the municipality on the strength of it going ahead."

"The proposed safe harbour complements State Government priorities including Melbourne 2030 and the Victorian Coastal Strategy. It is also supported by other major developments now under way and will position Frankston as a boating centre for Melbourne and a key access point on the Bay. Tourism and recreation and retail industries in particular will benefit directly as a result of this development and establish the City as a sustainable activity area for future generations of Victorians," she added.

The amendment (C15) to the Frankston planning scheme requires - as a minimum - the inclusion of up to five ramps, associated parking area for cars and trailers, wash-down facilities, 300 wet berths and 30 public overnight berths.

Amendment C15 facilitates the development of a number of uses in the zone, including at least the following elements:

- development of a protected safe harbour through the construction of breakwaters
- five boat ramps, dual landing platforms
- Loading wharf edge and safe mooring point
- Boat washdown area
- Up to 300 permanent wet berths
- 30 day/overnight public moorings
- 180 parking spaces for cars and trailers / car parking for up to 250 cars

Other facilities could include:

- Outdoor recreation facilities such as pedestrian promenades and pathways and play areas
- Restaurant/café, ferry terminal, speciality retail stores such as bait and tackle shops
- Marine workshop and boat repair facilities
- Accommodation for local clubs and emergency services

New Carrum Downs Library On Membership Drive

Frankston City Mayor Cr Cathy Wilson is excited about how the new library and community centre are taking shape in Carrum Downs. "This major refurbishment and extension of the Lyrebird Community Centre is well underway. With a completion date set for December, Frankston City Council is steadfastly committed to building bigger and better neighbourhood facilities," Cr Wilson said.

The new library opened for business on Thursday, 30 October. There will also be "lucky spot" giveaways for the 50th, 100th, and 1,000th person to visit and enjoy one of metropolitan Melbourne's newest libraries. "I encourage residents to sign the visitors' book so Council can gauge public approval for the new library and its services," Cr Wilson said.

"Currently there are 6,592 library members registered at Carrum Downs but soon we will have room for many more. Anyone becoming a new member, or bringing along a friend to become a new member in November and December will be in the running to win prizes," Cr Wilson added.

The total cost of works for the centre is \$2.2 million. In the library there will be a significant increase in the floor space and seating, such as an extra 668 square metres of floor space for collections, programs such as Story Time and for student study, as well as additional discussion spaces. The number of personal computers



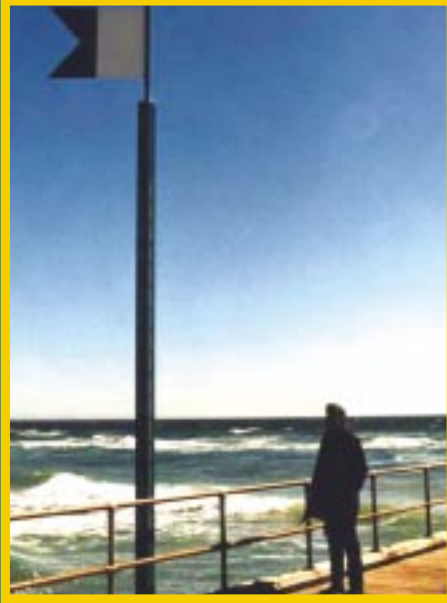
for public use will increase from five to 10 offering greater access to the library's latest online resources, Internet and word processing.

Council's expansion program includes increasing the number of shelves to accommodate a 40% increase in new titles which is currently in excess of 31,000 items. There are plans to extend library hours for Sundays and Mondays.

The Lyrebird Community Centre will occupy space currently taken by the existing library. This refurbishment will provide much needed floor space for meeting rooms and associated facilities for the community groups, including a toy library area almost double its existing size.

For more information: 9784 1888
WEB SITE: www.frankston.vic.gov.au

Frankston Foreshore Comes Alive



Council's vision for Frankston waterfront is gradually becoming a reality as major areas along the foreshore begin to emerge from the temporary fences and barriers of building sites into a very special recreational and leisure precinct.

Among the cut and thrust of bulldozers and banksias, a number of unique and exciting public arts projects are beginning to take shape. These art works were designed specifically to be part of broader infrastructure developments and existing landscape features, as well as to enhance the experiences of residents and visitors using the area.

SIGHT LINE by Louise Lavarack, consists of a series of 22 vertical poles spaced out in a straight line beginning on land at the traffic island adjacent to the locations of the new Sophia on the Pier restaurant, and continuing out to the end of the pier. Each pole will contain panels of LED lights connected to motion detectors that will reflect the surface movement of the water in a display of subtly dancing lighting patterns from one to the next.

The poles will also have a metal, flag-like wind vane attached to them which will be painted with a marine signal design corresponding to a letter of the alphabet. The letters will form several words projecting appropriate nautical messages.

Over the past few months a single prototype of the poles was installed to test the lighting and electronic detector systems, the kinetic weather vane and the general sturdiness of the structure.

With these tests accomplished, the artist will incorporate the desired modifications and oversee the manufacture of the component poles that make up the finished artwork. These will then be installed on site during November and December.

The **TIMESCAPE** concept evolved from the artist's creative response to the waterfront site and the amazing marine coastal environment of the Frankston region of Port Phillip Bay.

Artist Kerry Oldfield has proposed a large mosaic "stream" embedded into a part of the meandering north-south pathway that spills off the side of the Kananook Creek footbridge and enters into and across the paved forecourt area used to access the Frankston Pier.

The artist was inspired by the thought of a slice taken vertically from the earth or the effect of wind and water on a cliff face which would reveal the strata of differing colours, materials and textures formed over millennia.

Many and varied objects, fossils, imprints and fragments can be found embedded within these layers reflecting the geological, natural and social history particular to the area – a veritable time capsule.

The shapes and patterns formed by stratification and sedimentation are the source and influence for the broad mosaic design. Flowing bands of concrete and stone, referencing the colours and paving treatments used throughout the foreshore will form the fabric of the mosaic.

Random patterns, deposited and discarded objects – from fossilised flora and fauna to a perished thong half buried in the sand – will evoke a sense of wonderment of the subterranean secrets of the foreshore.

The project is due to be completed in February 2004.

Premier opens Frankston Life Saving Club

On Tuesday, 12 August 2003, The Premier of Victoria, The Honourable Steve Bracks, MP, and the Mayor of Frankston City, Councillor Cathy Wilson officially opened the redeveloped Frankston Life Saving Club.

The event was held on Level 3 of the club to showcase Frankston's shoreline and magnificent views. Mr Bracks told guests that the multi-purpose building was sympathetic to its environment and an important step in the broader redevelopment of the Frankston foreshore.

Life Saving plays an important role in delivering emergency services to Victoria, and this new facility provides local lifesavers with a suitable venue to serve the community and foster water safety," he said. "It's also a beautiful setting and will be used by many beach goers as a contact point for information and bay and safe swimming."

Redevelopment of Frankston Life Saving Club involved extensive consultation with the Frankston City community and key stakeholders, including the Department of Sustainability and Environment. The State Government contributed more than \$220,000 to the project through the Department of Sport and Recreation while Frankston City Council contributed over \$910,000.

Cr Wilson said she believed the club building was the best of its kind in Victoria. The Council embarked on building "the best Life Saving Club on Port Phillip" for Frankston in March 2001. The redevelopment will increase the year round use of this important community asset while minimising the impact upon the surrounding dune environment.

Cr Wilson said that the club is one of Melbourne's oldest: "Formed in 1924, Frankston Life Saving Club has maintained a safe, clean beach and foreshore for Frankston residents and visitors. Its members are dedicated volunteers who train throughout most of the year and work extremely hard over the summer months to ensure visitors to our beaches have a high standard of care and service available to them."



The renovations included:

- 120-seat restaurant/café and balcony with views across the bay and Frankston Pier (due to open Summer 2003/04)
- Beach-level kiosk
- Improved beach-level access and storage for Frankston Life Saving Club
- Public toilets
- Expanded third level to accommodate existing Life Saving Club surveillance operations, training and meeting facilities

For further information on the Frankston Life Saving Club visit www.frankstonlsc.org.

Foreshore Advisory

Committee

Frankston City Council liaises with the Foreshore Advisory Committee, consisting of nine community representatives who have an interest in the future planning and management of the foreshore which extends from Keast Park in Seaford to Olivers Hill, Frankston.

The committee which includes a Councillor, Council staff and a representative from the Department of Sustainability and Environment provides valuable input and advice on a variety of foreshore related matters. The group meets monthly and examines a diverse range of issues such as improvements to visitor facilities, appropriate access to the foreshore, development of park master plans and environmental works.

Chairman of the Foreshore Advisory Committee, Andrew Whittaker says, "I am pleased to be part of a Committee that addresses such an important range of issues for one of Melbourne's greatest natural assets – our 10-kilometre shoreline."

The members of the Committee were selected on the basis of their knowledge and skills, whether it be environmental management, or an understanding of user needs.

The Committee includes:

- Andrew Whittaker - Chair
- Councillor Suzette Taylor
- Alison Kuitert
- Virginia Brook
- Jim Kerin
- Chris Wain
- Alex Kosub
- David Kramer
- Alex Korte
(Representative of Victorian Boonerrwung Council Aboriginal Corporation)
- Sally Burgess (Department of Sustainability and Environment)
- Ron Lyon

Frankston City representatives include:

- Paul Sandells
(Recreation and Environment Manager)
- Jenny Hall (Coastal & Vegetation Officer)

Gulliver Online Databases

<http://library.frankston.vic.gov.au>

Accessible via Frankston Library's Web site is a number of resources to assist with research.

Gulliver is a collection of online databases containing full-text newspaper and journal articles on a range of subjects. It is accessible at both Frankston and Carrum Downs libraries and available at home for library members simply by entering a Frankston library card number.

Full-text articles from Australian and international sources can be obtained via the ANZ Reference Centre and Infotrac Onfile. The Health and Wellness Resource Centre features a medical encyclopedia and dictionaries, full-text articles, drug and herb fact sheets and alternative health information.

A new resource is the Biography Resource Centre, with both brief and lengthy biographies, magazine articles and links to other Web sites. Some entries also have images of the subject. This site is particularly strong in general biographies, musicians, writers and world leaders, although coverage on Australian subjects is not as broad as those on Americans. There are three searching options: name search, biographical facts search, and advanced search. The biographical facts search allows search by category, such as nationality, gender, occupation and birth/death. This is especially useful for people with common names, or when facts other than the name are known.

LexisNexis is another new addition to Gulliver. This service is available only within the library. No passwords are required. It is particularly useful as a full-text Australian newspaper and magazine article database. Many newspapers are featured, including The Age, Herald Sun, The Australian, Sydney Morning Herald and metropolitans like Frankston Standard Leader, as well as magazines such as the Bulletin and Business Review Weekly.

For further information, please contact Frankston Library Service, telephone 9784 1020, facsimile 9783 2616, or via e-mail at library.enquiries@frankston.vic.gov.au.

Justice with a Green Thumb

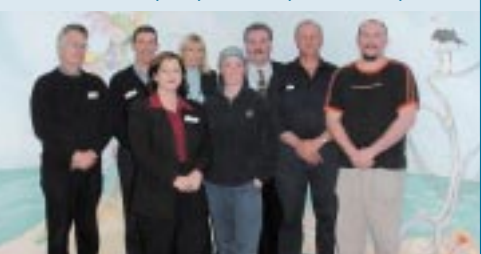
Offenders have been given a unique form of rehabilitation through a horticulture program conducted by Kangan Batman TAFE, Corrections Victoria and Frankston City Council.

Since the seed for this program was planted in 2001, offenders – who have been screened for suitability – have been allowed to help rejuvenate Carrum Downs' Sandfield Reserve and Langwarrin's South Gateway Reserve through tasks including planting, preparation and mulching.

The course is delivered twice weekly over six weeks by experienced horticulturalist Frank Pum. Training is mainly on site, and offenders receive accreditation for all horticultural units satisfactorily completed.

Thanks to this course, offenders the chance to give back to their community through horticulture. They in turn gain valuable skills enhancement and training that could improve their future employment opportunities. In time, this may help offenders find meaning in their lives rather than crime.

Rear, from left: David Gray and Craig Miller (Frankston City Council); Karen Dwyer and David Brett (Corrections Victoria); Frank Pum (KanganTAFE); John Miller (Corrections Victoria). Front, from left: Mayor Cathy Wilson and Tracey Linton (Frankston City Council).



Projects Revitalise Waterfront

Frankston City is working closely with representatives of a number of foreshore interest groups to develop concept and design plans for the Frankston waterfront. These groups include Council's Foreshore Advisory Committee, Frankston Beach Association, Kananook Creek Association, the Victorian Volunteer Coast Guard, Frankston Yacht Club, and the Department of Sustainability and Environment.

It is proposed that more than 1,000 indigenous coastal plants be planted in collaboration with the Frankston Beach Association, as part of a revegetation program for the area from Frankston pier south along the coastline to the end of the boardwalk. Says Frankston Beach Association Secretary Kathleen Hassell: "This initiative will lead to an increase in the biodiversity of foreshore flora and fauna habitats in this area."

The plantings, which are expected to begin in autumn 2004, will include over storey trees, shrubs and ground cover. In addition to the plantings, there will be continual protection and management of existing vegetation via ongoing treatment and control of weed species and litter collection and erosion control through matting and fencing.

Frankston's waterfront is recognised as a key icon in Council's recently adopted Tourism Strategy. The strategy highlights the many opportunities that can be developed to enhance visitors' and residents' experiences of the waterfront area.

When completed, the cost of projects associated with the waterfront will total over \$10 million. Works currently underway at the Pier Precinct are estimated to cost \$2 million, partly funded by grants of \$1.2 million from the State Government Community Support Fund and \$115,000 from Arts Victoria. The proposed Sofia on the Beach restaurant is estimated to cost \$1.5 million, to be paid by the developer.

Works to be completed by the end of 2003 include:

- Increased open space at the Regional Playground
- Landscaping, including trees and grass
- New Frankston Pier forecourt
- Performance Stage
- Washdown Area
- Increased car parking
- Traffic signals on Nepean Highway.

Sofia on the Pier Family Restaurant

Scheduled to open late 2004, this development will include the following:

- 250-seat restaurant / café and observation deck with spectacular views across Port Phillip Bay
- Takeaway food shop / kiosk with deck
- Public toilets with changing facilities
- Ample car parking



Before any development or change can be made to the Frankston foreshore adjacent to Kananook Creek, a Development Plan and an Environment Management Plan must be prepared under the requirements of the Frankston Planning Scheme.

Council received a detailed report and plans for this development from renowned Australian architect, Omiros Emmanouilides. His Design Statement demonstrates that "Sofia on the Pier" family restaurant will sit gently on the foreshore in a flowing and dynamic manner.

The building's form echoes the nautical setting of its environs and use of natural materials complements its setting. Notably, the building design draws heavily on environmentally sustainable principles. The design also embraces the foreshore Master Plan, treating the form as an integral part of the whole site. The restaurant and adjoining deck area will offer picturesque views of the coastline.

The Environment Management Plan addresses the requirements of the Kananook Creek Comprehensive Development Plan, May 1999. A range of issues was covered in this plan, including energy and water efficiency, soil conservation, existing flora, traffic management and avoidance of water pollution.

SIGHTLINE Project

An innovative arts installation designed by artist Louise Laverack funded by Arts Victoria (Victoria Commissions Program) and Frankston City Council. The project consists of 22 modular components (poles) along Frankston Pier. Weather vanes decorated with nautical signal designs respond to prevailing winds while the movement of the waves is reflected in lighting panels embedded in the poles. The project is due for completion in December 2003.

TIMESCAPE Project

A beautiful mosaic installation embedded into a pathway "stream" between Sofia on the Pier family restaurant and the feature bridge on Kananook Creek. Artist Kerry Oldfield designed the piece to reflect the unique terrain and sea life of our region on Port Phillip Bay. The project is due for completion in early 2004.

For further information on these projects contact Council's Strategic Planning Department on 9784 1888.

Fairway Facelift

SUITS CENTENARY PARK TO A TEE

Centenary Park Golf Club is set for summer. Its course is in excellent condition leading up to the busiest period of the year as Frankston City Council uses recycled effluent water for fairways and greens to offer a high standard of play.

Six of the fairways have been sown with Santa Ana couch grass which can be maintained using far less water than traditional golf course grasses. The playing surface should remain verdant throughout any water restrictions.

Professionals Steve Montgomerie and Warren Young offer private and group lessons and on-course lessons, as well as a club fitting and repair service. Social groups are also catered for at the fully licensed bar and bistro. "If you have not played a round here for a while, you would be surprised at the extent of the improvements undertaken recently. They have increased the popularity of the course and this is reflected in increased patronage coming to enjoy a game and relax in the attractive surroundings," Mr Montgomerie added.

To usher in the daylight savings program, from Monday, 27 October 2003, on any weekday (except public holidays), golfers can play unlimited rounds after 3.00pm for \$11 (inclusive GST).

For bookings or further information, phone Centenary Golf Shop on 9789 1480.



What's On at Our Pools

Pines Forest Aquatic Centre

Opens its doors Saturday, 1 November

Opening Day Activities (weather permitting)

1:00pm-2:00pm and 3:30pm-4:30pm unlimited slides
2:00pm-3:30pm Flipper the Giant Inflatable

New Services

Aqua Aerobics - Friday 2:00pm. Adding to our 7.30pm Monday, Tuesday and Thursday sessions

Massage \$25 for 30 minutes. A range of styles are available, including Bowen/NST, kinesiology, sports and relaxation.

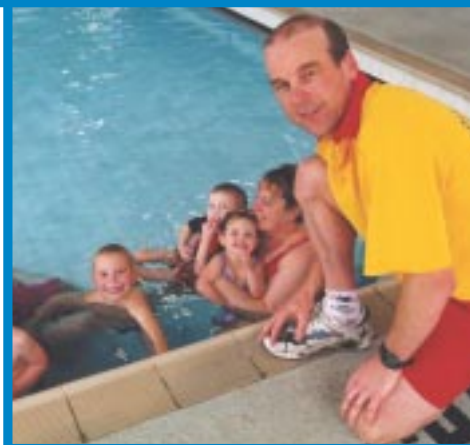
Jubilee Park

Aquatic Centre: Carnivals

18 October - Frankston Peninsula (Junior) Carnival

26 October - Moomba (Junior) Carnival

8 November - Westernport Special Olympics



Water Audits of the two Aquatic Centres conducted in 2002 identified significant water savings through the implementation of a number of initiatives. Water saving measures to be implemented include the collection of rainwater for the flushing of toilets, installation of pool blankets for the minimisation of water evaporation, push button taps on showers and taps, flow regulators on showers and taps, retrofit of existing single flush toilets to dual flush systems and timer and rain sensor control on irrigation sprinklers. We are also exploring the feasibility of collecting and treating the backwash water for use in the facilities and watering of the garden and surrounding area.

The Aquatic Centres currently consume 19.8 million litres of potable water per annum at an annual cost of \$25,600. This is approximately 5% of the total water used by Council throughout Frankston City. Estimated annual water savings for both Centres through the implementation of the initiatives are 16 million litres, or an 81% reduction per annum. This will give a cost saving of \$18,200 per annum, further contributing to Council's commitment to the International Water Campaign™, where local governments around the world are working towards sustainable freshwater management.

Frankston City would like to encourage individuals, community groups and local business to apply to the Smart Fund for the funding of their innovative water use ideas for next year. The Smart Water Fund provides real incentives to businesses, local government, sporting and industry organisations and even individuals to implement water saving initiatives.

For more information visit the Smart Water Fund Web site at www.savewater.com.au or phone the Smart Water Fund on Freecall 1800 882 432.

Creating a Healthy Future For Your Club

2003 Sports Club Management Seminar Series

Financial Management Seminar

- Wednesday, 26 November 2003, 7:00 pm

Media Advantage Seminar

- Wednesday, 11 February 2004, 7:00 pm

Frankston City Council has launched a four-part seminar series for sporting clubs. Strong "Financial Management", which underpins all viable and sustainable clubs, is the third seminar in the four-part series. The seminars are free of charge to all sporting clubs and associations within Frankston City.

Those attending the "Financial Management" seminar have the opportunity to learn from David Talalla, Senior Project Officer, VicSport, about basic financial procedures, concepts and reporting to keep a club on top. The seminar will be held on Wednesday, 26 November 2003 at the Dr Kevin Collopy Pavilion, Jubilee Park, at 7:00pm.

The fourth and final seminar in the series, "Media Advantage", will take place on 11 February 2004.

For further information contact Recreation Development Officer Elizabeth Charalambakis on 9784 1945; via e-mail at Elizabeth.Charalambakis@frankston.vic.gov.au, or contact Council's Project Officer Ella Angarane on 9784 1826, or via e-mail at ella.angarane@frankston.vic.gov.au.



Frankston City Smart with Water



Reduce Save Recycle

Frankston City Council has received a \$50,000 grant from the Smart Water Fund to implement a range of water saving initiatives at its two aquatic facilities. With dry conditions in most of Victoria, and low storage levels in Melbourne, it is timely that Council investigates opportunities to save water.

Melbourne's water authorities, City West Water, South East Water, Yarra Valley Water and Melbourne Water, with the support of the Victorian Government established the Smart Water Fund in 2002 to encourage and support innovative development of water, bio-solids recycling and water saving projects within the community.

In 2002/03, \$4 million was available and an additional \$4 million will be made available in the 2003/04 financial year. The Smart Water Fund received more than 200 applications with a total request for funding of \$49 million. Applications addressed a broad range of water saving ideas, including grey water use, recycled water use on sports grounds and golf courses, and improved water efficiency in industrial, commercial and residential properties and research and development.

Frankston City Council was one of 27 smart water use schemes that were successful in their application, amounting to more than \$3.5 million in combined funding. We will receive a \$50,000 grant from the Smart Water Fund to implement a range of sustainable water practices in its two aquatic facilities, Jubilee Park Aquatic Centre and Pines Forest Aquatic Centre.

Frankston City Council and Vision Australia Foundation Present

Frankston's Christmas Festival Of Lights 2003



FRIDAY, 28 NOVEMBER 2003
6:00PM-11:00PM

Bayside Shopping Centre Stage
Davey Street, Frankston
6:00pm-10:00pm

MC Channel 10 weatherman Mike Larkan will conduct live crosses on the night.

6:00-7:00 Musical entertainment – Australia Navy Band
Meet and greet Elmo, Cookie Monster and Shrek

7:00-8:00 Bill and Ben on stage
Tweenies Christmas Show

8:00 Santa arrives

8:30-9:45 Carols by Candlelight performed by Frankston City Band and The Gateway Gospel Choir

9:50 Speeches

9:55 Countdown and lighting of Xmas tree

10:00 Christmas tree lighting is switched on

Children can also enjoy a mini ferris wheel, jumping castle, smiling clowns, an animal petting farm and rides on a trackless train while their parents enjoy hot cappuccinos, hotdogs and granitas courtesy of the Rotary Club of Frankston North, or cool drinks and a sausage sizzle sponsored by Mt Eliza Lions Club.

Little ones can also make a gorgeous Christmas tree ornament at workshops, thanks to Bunnings.

Make your way to the Frankston Foreshore and find a good vantage point to view the spectacular fireworks display courtesy of Nepean Waste and Showtime Attractions.

10:00 Countdown to the fireworks display

At the Frankston Foreshore from 6:00pm:

A variety of entertainment has been scheduled thanks to Fresh Entertainment and the Youth Resource Centre:

6:00-11:00 Jasper Concreting presents the Christmas Carnival at the Foreshore - food and novelty stalls, teen rides and bands

Other Dates to Remember

6 December 2003 Frankston Multicultural Music Festival
Beauty Park Lake

17 & 18 January 2004 Frankston's Sea Festival on the Bay,
presented by Australian Arrow

SUNDAY, 30 NOVEMBER 2003
6:30PM-10:00PM

Beauty Park Lake

'Reflections on the Lake'

An opportunity to meet other people and share memories, where candles are lit and floated onto Beauty Park Lake via a floating star and eternal ring of love.

6:30pm Rotary Club of Frankston Sunrise will conduct a barbecue as the sun sets over Beauty Lake
Local ministers in attendance
Jazz band to entertain families

8:30pm Memorial service begins – non-denominational service thanks to the Frankston Minister's Network

9:30pm Supper

10:00pm Close

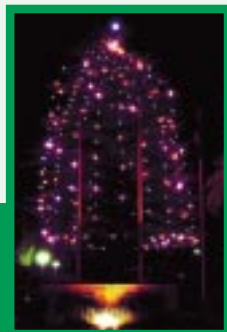
Frankston City Council and Vision Australia Foundation greatly appreciate the support of festival sponsors Bayside Shopping Centre, Jasper Concreting, Showtime Attractions, Nepean Waste, and Frankston Standard Leader.

- BHP Steel
- TXU
- Bunnings
- Beraldo Coffee
- Mt Eliza Lions
- Frankston North Rotary Club

In addition, the following organisations are acknowledged for their ongoing community support:

- BHP Steel
- Coulson's Party Hire
- Frankston Minister's Network
- Frankston Police
- Frankston SES
- Independent News Group
- Parks Victoria
- Peninsula Visitor & Good Life Magazine
- Rotary Seaford/ Carrum Downs
- Rotary Sunrise Frankston
- Serco
- The Gateway Church
- TXU

For further information on forthcoming events, visit www.frankston.vic.gov.au - Events & Leisure, or contact 9784 888



PASSING LESS BUCKS

Gambling on our Future: Pokies

The State Government of Victoria recently released its annual information on gaming expenditure. The latest figures show that net expenditure on electronic gaming machines across the state in 2002/03 was \$2.33 billion, down from \$2.56 billion in 2001/02.

It also revealed that in the 2002/03 financial year player losses on electronic gaming machines in Frankston City hit \$64 million on 589 machines - nearly a six-fold increase since their introduction in 1992, when players lost \$11.6 million on 460 machines.

During the same 12-month period, gaming losses in neighbouring Kingston totalled \$82.7 million and Mornington Peninsula \$75 million. Nevertheless, this figure for Frankston City equates to an average loss of nearly \$800 per annum for every adult in the municipality. It also means that \$3.6 billion has been gambled away by residents over the past decade.

To counter the situation, Frankston City Council has adopted a responsible gambling policy that addresses the negative impact of gambling activity. Council's policy is based on the principle of "harm minimisation", i.e. acknowledging the rights of people to gamble, while minimising harm for players, their families, friends and community.

The State Government has committed \$12 million over two years towards tackling problem gambling.

The Responsible Gambling Policy leads the way in ensuring government sanctioning of gambling meets community expectations. It advocates community benefits from legalised gambling activity and explains ways of combating problem gambling.

Copies of the policy can be obtained from the Frankston City Council's Web site at www.frankston.vic.gov.au, or by contacting Andrew Manning on 9784 1957.

Review for Frankston

Since their introduction in 1992, Frankston City has gained an insatiable appetite for electronic gaming machines (EGMs), or the "pokies" which has exceeded the state average.

Considering that the \$60 million to \$70 million Frankston residents lost in 2002 - at an average of nearly \$800 per adult - is enough to run Frankston City for a financial year, the State Government's current review of gambling operations in Victoria is welcomed.

Council's plan is to build further upon current policy, which stipulates that there must be community social and economic benefit attached to new gambling machine applications. This means that a percentage of revenue be directed to initiatives designed to tackle the incidence of problem gambling, as well as promote alternative pursuits to gambling.

Another key element of the plan is working closely with the Local Government Working Group on Gambling (LGGWG) to ensure EGM venues comply with, and are committed to, the responsible gambling charter.

Tree and Vegetation Local Law

Frankston City Council is formulating a local law that will offer a measure of protection to the municipality's trees and vegetation.

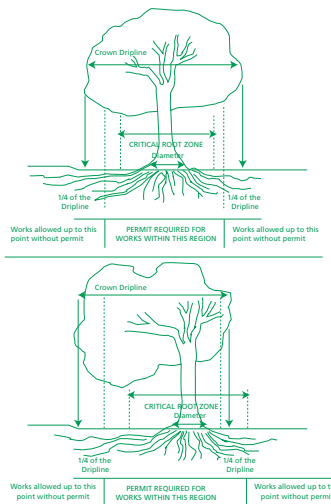
This decision is in response to community concerns about the increasing disappearance of greenery in our residential areas, often as a result of land development. It is proposed that the local law apply to significant trees situated on any road, Council land or private land with a trunk circumference greater than 110 centimetres at their base, and any multi-stemmed trees where the exterior circumference of their stems is greater than 110 centimetres at the base.

The Significant Trees and Vegetation Register is incorporated into the law. Anyone without a permit must not remove, damage, kill or destroy a tree or vegetation to which this clause applies, nor must they carry out or allow to be carried out any works near vegetation protected by this clause.

The draft law also aims to regulate the growth of specified environmental weeds, of which there are currently 80 on the schedule.

The draft Local Law No 6 is largely based on similar laws operating in the City of Kingston and City of Bayside. Copies of the Local Law are available from the Civic Centre and neighbourhood shops or from Council's Web site at www.frankston.vic.gov.au.

Residents can make written submissions and be heard by Council in relation to the proposed law. A community consultation evening will be held shortly. Those interested in attending can contact Michael Craighead on 9784 1888.



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Improving Your City

\$20 Million Capital Works Program

Frankston City Council continues to implement its Capital Works program for 2003/04. The overall budget allocation for this financial year is \$20 million.

Listed below are the different areas covered by Capital Works:

Transportation

- Road Resealing
- Road Resurfacing Program
- Special Charge Schemes
- Roads and Footpaths
- Bicycle Paths
- Footpaths
- Traffic Management
- Car Parking Areas
- Street Lighting Schemes



Environment

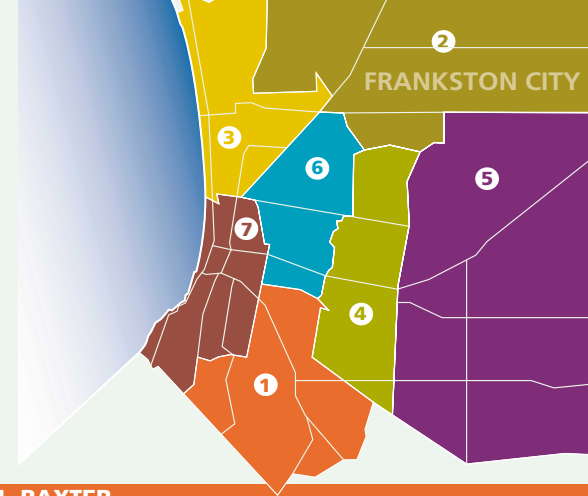
- Waste Management and Recycling
- Foreshore Projects
- Drainage
- Streetscape and General Amenity
- Buildings

Recreation and Culture

- Frankston Arts Centre
- Frankston Library/Carrum Downs Library
- Culture/Heritage
- Playgrounds
- Active Reserves
- Natural/Passive Reserves
- Golf Course – Centenary Park
- Aquatic and Sporting Facilities

Recently a number of major residential road works were completed that were constructed through a special charges scheme. These included Kingston Road and Grassmere Road, Langwarrin, each with project budgets of \$280,000. The scope of works included asphalt paving, drainage and landscaping. Residents and visitors using these roads now enjoy improved local amenity and safety.

Frankston City Council also reinvests a significant component of rate revenue back into key projects, such as the Carrum Downs Library and the Frankston Foreshore, which incorporates "The Porch" project and public artworks SIGHTLINE and TIMESCAPE.



1. BAXTER

Road Works	
• Foot Street	\$180,000
• Mountain Avenue	\$50,000
Playgrounds and Reserves	
• Baxter Park Playground	\$24,000
• Rosedale Playground	\$35,000
• Baxter Park	\$115,000
• Overport Park	\$110,000
Natural Reserves	\$20,000
Land Acquisition	\$35,000
Frankston Bicycle Strategy	\$10,000

2. BOONERWRUNG

Community Facilities	
• Carrum Downs (Lyrebird) Multi-Purpose Centre	\$2.4M
Roadworks	
• William Road	\$256,000
• Brunings Road	\$1M
Footpaths	
• Ballarto Road/Boggy Creek Crossing	\$40,000
Playgrounds	
• Clifton Playground	\$35,000

3. KLAUER

Road Works	
• Boonong Ave	\$175,000
• Overton Road	\$11,850
• Wilson Grove	\$86,000
• Mitchell Street/Austin Road	\$50,000
Reserves	
• Seaford Foreshore	\$97,000
• Keast Park	\$20,000
• Seaford East Reserve Oval	\$30,000
Streetscapes	
• Seaford Village shops	\$130,000
Community Facilities	
• Seaford Senior Citizens Centre	\$97,000

4. LIARDET

Road Works	
• Lindrum Road Traffic Improvements	\$133,000
Waste Management	
• Waste Transfer Centre	\$150,000
Reserves	
• Ballam Park Multi-Use Pavilion	\$50,000
• Ballam Park Athletics Track	\$150,000
• Raphael Crescent Playground	\$35,000
• Golf Course	\$108,000
Community Facilities	
• Ballam Park Homestead	\$50,000
• Karingal Neighbourhood Centre	\$15,000

5. McCLELLAND

Road Works	
• Grassmere Road	\$135,000
• Kingston Road	\$135,000
• Langewan Road/Aqueduct Road	\$240,000
• Union Road	\$446,000
• Aldershot Road	\$250,000
Footpaths	
• Quarry Road, Langwarrin	\$70,000
Street Lighting	
• Cranbourne – Frankston Road	\$50,000
• McClelland Drive/Quarry Road intersection	\$15,000
Streetscapes	
• Long Street shops (design)	\$5,000
Community Facilities	
• Lawton Park Reserve Pavilion	\$170,000
• Langwarrin Hall	\$14,000
• Langwarrin Basketball Stadium	\$150,000
Playgrounds	\$94,000
Reserves	\$193,000

6. McCOMB

Road Works	
• Ashleigh Avenue	\$33,600
• Lee Street	\$42,000
• Tamarisk Drive Traffic Improvements	\$80,000
Drainage	\$50,000
Playgrounds	
• Wingham Playground	\$50,000
Reserves and Recreation	
• Monterey High School Site	\$150,000
• Aquatic Centres	\$144,000
• Jubilee Park netball facility	\$77,000

7. OLIVER

Road Works	
• Cliff Road	\$580,000
• Somme Avenue	\$150,000
Waste Management	
• Litter traps (Kananook Creek)	\$250,000
Streetscapes	
• Baden Powell Shopping Centre	\$30,000
• Nepean Highway	\$60,000

A Hand Towards Independence

Frankston City Council welcomes Kevin Shipperlee and John Burge to its Aged and Disability Services team.

Mr Shipperlee and Mr Burge have been appointed to the positions of home maintenance officers working with the small but very effective Home Maintenance team which is part of the range of Home and Community Care (HACC) services provided by Council's Aged and Disability Services.

The broad aim of Council's HACC program is to enable older people and people with disabilities to remain living as independently as possible in their own homes. The Home Maintenance service assists in providing a safe, secure environment by undertaking minor repair and maintenance tasks to a resident's home, furniture or equipment and by offering advice and referral services when necessary.

Messrs Shipperlee and Burge, and the Home Maintenance Officer in Charge, Barry Clarkson, have considerable expertise in this area, as well as having excellent skills in providing a customer focused service.

Any member of the community may make a referral for the Home Maintenance service, either for themselves, or on behalf of another person. New referrals and initial enquiries are directed through the Intake Officer Helen Cumming, who follows Council's Home and Community Care and government departmental guidelines to



determine eligibility and priority. Helen then refers eligible clients to the appropriate Team Leader who will make arrangements for a home visit to conduct a holistic assessment of that particular client's needs.

Every Home Maintenance service request is actioned in a timely way according to the nature of the request. Priority for services is given to those residents assessed as eligible whose immediate health, safety and security is at risk.

Installation of ramps, rails and equipment, (for example handheld shower grab rails and chair or bed raisers) must be assessed by an occupational therapist. If this has not occurred, the Team Leader will make arrangements for this.

For further information on Council's home maintenance program, contact Intake Officer Helen Cumming on 9784 1933.

THE 'WIL' TO WORK

Monash University's Peninsula Work Integrated Learning Program (WIL)

For the past two years, Monash University's Peninsula Work Integrated Learning Program (WIL) has provided undergraduate business students who have completed their second year of study with opportunities to turn their knowledge of business theory into practice.

Currently, Monash University is looking for more employers willing to offer students 12-month paid work placement in a range of areas including, but not restricted to, accounting, general management, international management, and human resource management.

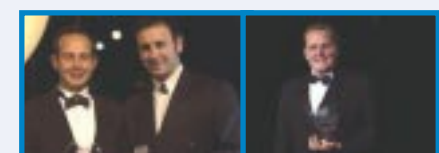
There are considerable advantages for businesses willing to participate in the WIL program. For further information on these advantages, as well as expressions of interest, please contact Dr Susan Mayson of Monash University on 9904 4362.

Local Entrepreneurs Win National Awards

Two local businesses, Roma Foods and Distribution Alliance International, won the regional finals of the Ernst and Young Entrepreneur of the Year Awards.

Brothers Frank and Max Buontempo, who founded Carrum Downs firm Roma Foods in 1985, won the Retail, Consumer and Industrial Products Category for Victoria and Tasmania. Roma Foods produces Orgran, Australia's leading alternative grain product.

Robert Turner, founder of Distribution Alliance International in 2000, took out the award for Young Entrepreneur of the Year for Victoria and Tasmania. Distribution Alliance International, also located in Carrum Downs, manages distribution for the publishing industry.



Frank and Max Buontempo Robert Turner

High Tech Inspections of Septic Tanks

The Environment Protection Authority (EPA) has released a new Septic Tank Code of Practice for better management of wastewater and minimisation of health and environmental risks. To comply with this new requirement, Frankston City Council has implemented an innovative inspection and maintenance program that uses the latest technology.

Council's Environmental Health staff are using pen computers to map the locations of septic tanks on an electronic map of the municipality. Officers mark the location of tanks, pipes, absorption lines and distribution pits using a GPS (Global Positioning System) receiver fitted to their backpacks. A record is captured by the pen computer of the condition of the tank, the age of the system and whether the tank needs to be pumped.

Back in the office, the information from the pen computer is automatically transferred to a GIS (Geographic Information System), enabling Council to maintain accurate records. This program will provide property owners with timely information on the state of their systems and could prevent the need for costly maintenance works. The program will also allow Council to identify new land owners and to provide them with information regarding the location of their septic tanks and how best to maintain them.

For further information on Frankston City Council's Septic Tank Program, or advice on septic tank maintenance, contact Graham Sumner on 9784 1931.

Frankston City Council

Outdoor Arts & Entertainment Program

Life in the city

Frankston's new Outdoor Arts and Entertainment program "Life in the City" will give residents and visitors to our region with a tantalising glimpse of the richness and diversity of local artists and performers. The program capitalises on the growth of Frankston as an increasingly cosmopolitan city with many interesting and enjoyable outdoor locations. The "Life in the City" program will begin later this year and continue over the summer holiday season into autumn. The program will provide a varied menu of low cost entertainment over a range of art forms, mostly free, to the community.

The program could feature newly developed locations such as along the Frankston Foreshore and within the Central Activities District, as well as more established parks and gardens throughout the municipality. Heritage properties such as Ballam Park and Mulberry Hill, and even some of the natural reserves lend themselves perfectly to the program.

Organisers of the program are keen to hear from local musicians, buskers, street performers, actors, writers, dancers, visual artists and craftspeople who believe that they have talent and a good idea they would like to present to the public.

Potential partners and sponsors are also invited to discuss the program and their ideas and roles with organisers in making the venture more attractive and successful.

Further enquiries and registrations of interest can be made by contacting Lucette Talbot at Frankston City Council's Cultural Development Unit on 9784 1730.

Potential venues:

Frankston Foreshore

- Pier Precinct
- Playground (children's entertainment)
- Restaurant, observation deck
- Long Island
- The Porch / Frankston Life Saving Club



George Pentland Botanic Gardens

- Drama, plays ("Shakespeare in the Park")
- Frankston Symphony Orchestra
- Moonlight cinema
- Children's events

Beauty Park

- Music events (small jazz or classical ensembles, Young Guitarist of the Year)
- Susono /Japanese cultural events
- (Handel's Water Music/Swan Lake)

Ballam Park Homestead

- Heritage Week
- Frankston Symphony Orchestra
- String, jazz ensembles

Ballam Park

- Existing performance space
- Children's events
- School groups

Nominate Your Top Citizen

If there is someone who you believe is dedicated to serving the people of Frankston City and deserves recognition for their work, now is the time to nominate them for Frankston City Citizen of the Year.

Last Australia Day, grandmother Margaret Graham was named Frankston City's Citizen of the Year for her outstanding contribution to many different organisations and committees, which included 31 years as a Guide leader, 16 years with the Frankston State Emergency Service, and 14 years serving on the Peninsula Road Safety Committee.

Young mother Kelly Schroeter was crowned Young Citizen of the Year for both Frankston City and the Mornington Peninsula, in recognition of her crusade to prevent young lives being lost on the road following her sister Stacey's untimely death. By speaking to thousands of young people in local school communities, she has warned them of the importance of road safety.

Nomination forms are available from Frankston City Council, or online at www.frankston.vic.gov.au.

You only have until 6 December, so don't wait!



McClelland Gallery + Sculpture Park

Survey and Award for Contemporary Outdoor Sculpture

Australia's richest and most prestigious award for contemporary outdoor sculpture opened at the McClelland Gallery and Sculpture Park on Sunday, 5 October. Works by 42 of Australia's leading artists will be shown on a sculpture trail throughout the eight hectare grounds of the park.

Frankston City Council is supporting McClelland Gallery with the Frankston City "People's Choice Award" which will be chosen by visitors during the exhibition. You too can vote for the art work of your choice. This award will be announced at the conclusion of the Survey & Award in March 2004.

The McClelland Survey & Award is a major coup for Frankston and will attract national attention – and significant visitor numbers – to the gallery and the region. This is a great opportunity to visit with family and friends and enjoy the parkland and the artwork. You will be very surprised!

John Clark and Ian Burns were the winners of the \$100,000 prize for the inaugural McClelland Survey & Award with Plantation 2003.

Brilliant Refraction Glass Studio

Frankston Arts Centre and the Australian Centre for the Moving Image are the curators of Brilliant Refraction!, an exhibition of six leading Australian multi-media, new media and digital screen artists. The mostly evening presentations will also be shown during the day on monitors in the Arts Centre foyer and in Cube 37. The exhibition will run from the 15 October 2003-3 January 2004.



Weekend Drama Classes

A fun way to make friends, develop social skills and confidence through drama games. Using improvisation, music and character development, children explore their creativity, voice and movement. This class can be taken more than once. Sundays: 26 October-14 December 2003, 12 midday-1:00pm. Phone 9784 1060 for further information.

Grants, Grants, Grants!

Council's Annual Community Grant Program

As testimony to the commitment of non-profit community organisations to Frankston City, this year 78 organisations and individuals benefited greatly from Council's annual Community Grants Program.

These organisations received funding to help them continue their great work in the areas of aged care, multiculturalism, sport and recreation and health and human services

Mayor Cathy Wilson described the efforts of these community groups as nothing short of significant. "Frankston City is fortunate to have such a range of organisations and groups that contribute so much to the fabric of our local community," she said.

Community Grants 2002/03

Social Services: Greek Orthodox Community of Frankston \$2,000; Impact Leisure Services \$500. Amenity Services: Baxter Fire Brigade \$2,300; Carrum Downs Fire Brigade \$1,300; Carrum Fire Brigade \$500; Frankston Urban Fire Brigade \$2,500; Langwarrin Fire Brigade \$2,090; Pearcevale Fire Brigade \$415; Skye Fire Brigade \$1,300. Recreation: 1st Baden Powell Scout Group \$675; 1st Ballam Park Scout Group Frankston Dist \$485; 1st Carrum Downs Scout Group \$845; Australian Volunteer Coast Guard \$1,700; Carrum Downs Little Athletic Club \$300; Carrum Downs Tennis Club \$976; Frankston Anglers & Boat Owners Club \$1,090; Frankston Croquet Club \$550; Frankston District Superrules Football Club \$175; Frankston Life Saving Club \$1,222; Frankston Yacht Club \$540; Long Island Bowling Club \$1,780; Pines Cricket Club \$715; Seaford Life Saving Club \$1,500; Volunteer Marine Rescue Inc \$1,500; Frankston Peninsula Swimming Club \$600; 1st Langwarrin Scout Group \$530; 1st South Frankston Scouts \$280; Frankston Heights Auskick \$440. Environment: Action Sweetwater Creek Inc \$570. Family Services: Bayside Shared Accommodation Register \$1,374; Biala Peninsula Early Intervention Centre \$775; Brotherhood Community Care \$500; Genesis – A New Beginning Inc \$2,000; Mornington Peninsula Prostate Cancer Support Group \$500; Neighbourhood Watch (South Frankston) \$500; Open Door – St Francis Xavier Inc \$1,000; Orwl Street Community House \$2,000; Peninsula Cancer Support Group \$763; Rural and Peninsula Disability Support Inc \$2,500; Frankston Parkinsons Support Group \$300; Frankston Peninsula Multiple Births Assoc Inc \$500; Riviera Playgroup \$300; Seaford Junior Library \$500; The Sharehouse Community Group Inc \$238; Homicide Victims Support Group \$300; Menzies Inc \$1,134; Mornington Peninsula Region Guides Victoria \$1,160. Aged Services: U3A Frankston Inc \$360; Australian Greek Women's Club of Frankston \$370; Carrum Downs Senior Citizens Club Inc \$430; Frankston East Over 55s Club \$470; Frankston North Combined Pensioners and Superannuants of Vic Inc \$1,200; Frankston Older Persons Assoc Inc (Elders Cafe) \$500; Seaford Senior Citizens Club Inc \$600; Frankston Bosnian Elderly Club \$500. Arts and Cultural Grants: Frankston Ladies Choir Inc \$500; Frankston North Senior Citizens \$500; Frankston Music Society Inc \$500; Frankston Peninsula Singers Inc \$500; Peninsula Arts Society Inc \$450; McClelland Guild of Artists Inc \$500; Italian Senior Citizens Inc \$500; Southern Sounds Chorus \$500; Peninsula Folk Club \$500; City of Frankston Band \$500; Frankston Peninsula Lapidary Club \$200; Leisure Link Up \$500; Mornington Peninsula Family History Society Inc \$481; Out The Door Inc \$500; Peninsula Youth Music Society Inc \$200; Frankston Historical Society \$500; Panorama Youth Theatre \$500; individual artists \$1,000.

Community Grants Program / Arts and Cultural Grants Program

Frankston City Council's two grants schemes give the local community the opportunity to apply for financial assistance for services, programs and projects that benefit residents. Community Grants can be worth up to \$2,500 for groups and through the Arts and Cultural Grants program up to \$500 for groups and up to \$250 for individuals. These are available in various forms, including:

Specific One-off Project Grant

- For established groups requiring particular resources to assist in the delivery of a service, program or project.

Equipment Grant

- For specific equipment essential to the continued development of a community organisation. (Does not include funding for equipment maintenance or repairs.)

Establishment/Seeding Grant

- For community groups planning to establish a new service, program or project within the geographical boundaries of Frankston City, and/or to community groups not within the municipality but are servicing a significant number of Frankston residents.

Training and Development Grant

- Provides volunteers with opportunities for training and development, thus ensuring effective and efficient operation of the community's many voluntary groups.

Innovative Program/Development Grant

- For conducting activities or programs innovative in nature not yet provided in the municipality.

In addition to these grants, Frankston City's Arts and Cultural Development Program Grants of up to \$250 for individuals and \$500 for groups are for local artists and arts organisation establishing or attending creative development workshops, master classes, conferences or seminars, and specific one-off purpose grants, available to committees of established groups for resources, materials and/or publications development.

Applications for Community Grants open on Monday, 27 October 2003 and close 12 noon Monday, 15 December 2003. Standard application forms are available from the Recreation & Environment Department at Frankston Civic Centre, or online at www.frankston.vic.gov.au.

An information evening is scheduled for Wednesday, 12 November 2003, commencing at 7:00pm in the Acacia Room, Civic Centre, Davey Street, Frankston. To attend, phone Council's Recreation and Environment Administration Officer, Tracee Davis on 9784 1864.

Applications for Arts and Cultural Development Program Grants are due at 12 noon on Monday, 15 December 2003. Applications should be addressed to Alan McGregor, Cultural Development Co-ordinator, Recreation & Environment Department, Frankston City Council, PO Box 490, Frankston 3199.

Strict eligibility criteria and conditions apply.

Late applications will not be entertained.

For further details on Frankston City Council's Community Grants program, contact Tracee Davis on 9784 1864.