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Welcome to the Mayor's Family Picnic



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Mayor's Message

It is a great honour for me to be elected to serve the community as the Mayor of a new Council. Your Councillors are committed to working closely with you, the community, to represent your interests.

The new Council will strive for excellence in service delivery and will continue to provide a range of quality services that meet your needs - from aged care and recycling collection, to arts and cultural activities; events; child care; capital works and economic development.

We also look forward to working together with the community throughout the implementation of a range of exciting major projects including the Frankston foreshore development, the safe boat harbour, and the CAD redevelopment.

We want to make sure that Frankston City lives up to its vision as an exciting, vibrant and safe place to live, work and visit.

Cr Cathy Wilson
MAYOR

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Council Backs Residents on \$30 Million Boat Harbour

Over 80 per cent of Frankston City residents which have supported the development of a \$30 million safe boat harbour at Olivers Hill Frankston have had their voices heard.

Frankston City Council, at its meeting on Tuesday 11 March 2003, unanimously backed the development following the endorsement of the Independent Panel appointed by the Minister for Planning, by voting for the recommended planning amendment.

The Panel has agreed that Olivers Hill is an appropriate location for such a harbour, from a strategic and environmental sense. It has been agreed that the scale of land and water covered by Option 3 of the Olivers Hill Safe Boat Harbour EES is appropriate. The Panel's endorsement provides for 300 wet berths, restaurant facilities, a safe harbour, five public launching ramps, car parking and ferry terminus. The Panel did not support the dry boat storage building in the form proposed.

This is the outcome of a comprehensive research and exhaustive consultation process that began five years ago.

The proposal has been drawn on input from the community, expert research, EPA and referral agency advice.

The proposed safe boat harbour is an important facility for the Bay. A chronic shortage of safe boating harbours exists within Port Phillip and the Frankston Safe Boating facility would offer a public facility for all watercraft users to access. It would be ideally and strategically located at the mid-point of the eastern seaboard of Port Phillip, offering a comfortable half-day trip and vital tourist destination point from Docklands, Sorrento and Geelong.

The Frankston Safe Boat Harbour will provide a significant boost to the local economy, generating employment and expenditure, and will stimulate growth for the broader boating industry in Victoria.

The Panel acknowledged the "desire of Frankston City Council to achieve the development of Olivers Hill Marina as a significant landmark project. It notes that this is part of a broader strategy to assist the regeneration of Frankston by the provision of attractive facilities and development opportunities, underpinning improvements to local economic confidence."

Bridge Complete

The spectacular landmark bridge overlooking the Bay is now open and is a major feature of the Frankston foreshore development, linking the Pier to the Frankston Yacht Club.



The four-metre wide, arched suspension bridge features cutting-edge lighting for night viewing. Portholes with glass inserts form a transparent view through the bridge floor - extending across Kananook Creek, onto the foreshore promenade. The bridge links Frankston's foreshore boardwalk to the proposed Bay Trail and provides an exceptional location for viewing the Bay.

The new bridge is quickly becoming an icon for the foreshore, attracting tourists and also helping to create an identity along the shoreline for residents of the City to admire.

The bridge measures almost 20 metres in length is part of a total space of the walkway extending 40 metres. The bridge was built by Simpson Construction P/L which has also been involved in other associated foreshore and promenade works.

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

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Completed Capital Works Projects

Rebuilding of Willis Street

The rebuilding of Willis Street between Beach Street and Cranbourne Road is now completed, enhancing safety and amenity in the area. The works includes reconstruction of kerb and channel, asphalt overlays and installation of speed humps. It has been reported that the new speed humps have substantially reduced the through-traffic volume and noise levels.

Lloyd Park, Langwarrin – Improvements Continue

In accordance with the masterplan a new car park and access road, including a roundabout, has been constructed enabling easy access around the well used Lloyd Park facility in Langwarrin. Works on two new tennis courts, to cater for the substantial demand of the courts, will commence shortly.

Recycled Water Irrigation

The city's push to increase the level of recycled water for irrigation, continues. Stage 1 of the recycled water irrigation project for Baxter Park is being completed, which enables immediate use of recycled water for some of the sports fields. This is one of the Council's priority projects under the current capital works program to achieve long-term environmental benefit plus cost-savings.

Council has also sought additional Smart Water Funding to extend the use of recycled water at Carrum Downs Reserve, Ballam Park, Lloyd Park, Frankston Golf Club and Robinson Road softball fields.

Reconstruction of Cliff Road

Reconstruction of Cliff Road between Liddesdale Avenue and Warringa Road is now complete. The works included replacement of existing kerb and channel, and pavement, drainage upgrades and installation of a speed management device.



Playgrounds Update

The following playgrounds are completed or underway and reflect Council's commitment to the Playground Strategy.

Locations	Status
Bayport Drive Reserve LANGWARRIN	Complete now
Manor Drive Reserve FRANKSTON SOUTH	Complete now
Southgateway Reserve LANGWARRIN	Complete now
Darnley Drive Reserve SKYE	Complete 2 May 2003
John Monash Drive Reserve SKYE	Complete 10 May 2003
Kareela Road Reserve FRANKSTON	Complete 23 May 2003
Austin Road Reserve SEAFORD	Complete June 2003
Cotoneaster Way Reserve LANGWARRIN	Complete June 2003
Fleetwood Crescent FRANKSTON SOUTH	Concept planning stage
Franciscan Avenue FRANKSTON	Scheduled for June 2003

Road Safety

Fatigue – The Hidden Killer

With the approach of the Easter holiday period it is a good time to think about safety on the road as many of us travel to holiday resorts over the period. Driver fatigue, or tiredness, contributes to many deaths and serious injuries on our roads each year. It is a contributor in up to 30 per cent of fatal crashes and up to 15 per cent of serious injuries.

Fatigue is not just a contributor in rural (long-trip) crashes, it also is a cause in many trips of short duration in the suburbs. Unlike alcohol-related crashes, there is no simple test to determine if fatigue was the cause of a crash. Investigators suspect fatigue when:

- The crash occurs late at night, early in the morning or late in the afternoon
- A single car has run off the road
- Nothing indicates that the driver tried to avoid the crash

Listed below are the symptoms we can experience if overcome with fatigue whilst driving:

- Yawning
- Slow reactions
- Eyes feeling sore or heavy
- Feeling stiff or cramped
- Vision starting to blur
- Speed creeps up or down
- Daydreaming, not concentrating
- Making poor gear changes
- Becoming impatient
- Wandering over the road

If you experience any of these symptoms you should immediately pull off the road safely and take a 15 minute power nap, get a licensed passenger to do the driving or leave the car and seek alternative transport.

The problem with fatigue is that it slowly develops and we don't realise we are too tired to drive safely.

Teach yourself to recognise the warning signs and take a break before it's too late.

For more information on this subject, get a copy of the brochure "Fatigue – The Hidden Killer" or a 15 minute power nap sticker from the Council service centres.

A Decade of

Environmental Achievements

Frankston City Council has made an exceptional number of environmental achievements over the last decade. It is generally acknowledged as a leader in Australian local government within the environment field.

1991

- **Appointment of one of the first conservation officers in Victoria local government**

1996

- **Formation of the Frankston Environmental Friends Network** – Providing a formal linkage between a newly formed peak body of environmental friends groups and the Council. Used as a model throughout the State for integrating local government with local environmental communities.

1997

- **Development of the Municipal Waste Minimisation Strategy**
- **Development of the Kananook Creek Development Environmental Effects Statement** – Published in April 1997.

1998

- **Development of one of the first municipal environmental strategies launched by the Minister for Conservation and Environment**
- **Development of the Olivers Hill Safe Boating Facilities Environmental Effects Statement** – Published in September 1998.

1999

- **Appointment of one of the first Sustainable Resource Officers in local government**
- **10 Bushland Reserve Management Plans completed** – These have provided a crucial guide to the enhancement of our bushland reserves.

2000

- **Subscription of Council's vehicle fleet to GreenFleet** – To offset CO² emissions and resulting in 8000 trees being planted across the municipality over three years.

2001

- **Installation of energy efficient measures at Frankston Arts Centre / Cube 37** – Solar panels and energy-efficient measures installed at both facilities.
- **Kananook Creek Liaison Committee** – Reconstitution of the Kananook Creek Advisory Committee.
- **Development of Litter Trap Strategy** – A targeted structural response to litter transportation, which is seeing progressive improvements to our waterways.

- **Completion of the Draft Frankston City Council Stormwater Management Plan**
- **Roadside Vegetation Incentive Program** – Incentive scheme for landowners abutting significant roadside vegetation, to improve habitat corridors and biodiversity. Roadside vegetation corridors have been saved and improved.
- **Sponsor of the inaugural Environment Category in the Frankston and Mornington Peninsula Local Business Awards** – To encourage the business sector to adopt environment improvements as a means of generating operating efficiencies.

2002

- **Installation of energy-efficient photovoltaic cells and a water harvesting unit at Langwarrin Community Centre** – Solar cells feeding electricity into the grid and energy efficient measures were installed.
- **Launch of 'Tjuringa' - Frankston City environmental newsletter** – To create community awareness of community, school and municipal environmental activities.
- **Revision of the 1997 Municipal Waste Minimisation Strategy**
- **Achievement of Milestone Five for Cities for Climate Protection** – One of only seven councils in Victoria to achieve Milestone Five. As at 26 November 2002, reduction was 1420 tonnes of CO² across the municipality. (*International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives – Annual Measures and Evaluation Report – 2002*)
- **Green Wedge Advisory Committee, September 2002** – To provide advice to Council on planning and strategic issues to preserve the environmental values of the Green Wedge. Inaugural meeting 2 October 2002.
- **National launch of Envirofund** – By the Federal Minister for Environment and Heritage at Keast Park, Seaford on 8 November 2002.
- **Co-signatory to UNESCO for the Mornington Peninsula and Westernport Biosphere** – Biosphere status awarded by UNESCO on 8 November 2002.
- **Purchase of 'state of the art' beach cleaning apparatus**
- **Council recognised by Eco-Recycle Victoria for having the most Waste-Wise schools in Victoria**
- **Melbourne Water Launches Corridors of Green Program, Kananook Creek** – Funding program for revegetation of urban waterways launched 26 November 2002. Council and the Kananook Creek Association received \$25,000.
- **Development of Community Seminar Program** – Commenced with Noel Kesby – Department of Land and Water Resources (NSW), and Dr Roger Jones of CSIRO on coastal dune rehabilitation and climate change.
- **Evaluation of Treated Effluent for Municipal application** – Joint project commenced with Mornington Peninsula Shire Council on utilising C Class treated effluent for municipal reserves and gardens.
- **Development of generic and modular bushland management plans for small bushland reserves**
- **Council joined International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives 'Water Campaign'** – To assist Council in improving performance in water resource management.
- **Completion of the City's first Open Space Strategy**
- **Introduction of a new waste service across the City, which has seen the level of recyclables collected, rise from 2.9kg to 5kg per household**

2003

- **Victorian Stormwater Action Program** – Provided \$171,000 grant for gross pollutant traps, building site management and stormwater water harvesting. Major litter traps will be installed alongside Kananook Creek.
- **Connection of Effluent Water** – To irrigate at several reserves, at Baxter Park and Carrum Downs.
- **Use of Effluent Water** for our street trees and garden beds.

Frankston City is committed to delivering a sustainable City for Frankston, both now and in the future.

Council Joins the Water Campaign™

Frankston City Council has taken a strategic approach to improving water management, through formally becoming involved in the Water Campaign™ – a program of the International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives (ICLEI).

The program is based on the highly successful Cities for Climate Protection™ program and the achievement of five milestones:

1. An assessment of the current state of water quality and quantity consumed;
2. Setting of goals to improve the water quality and quantity;
3. Adoption of a Local Action Plan to achieve the goals set;
4. Implementation of the Local Action Plan; and
5. Monitoring, evaluation and reporting of the actions being implemented.

Council is driving continually towards sustainable resource management and taking a leading role in responsible water use. The program will complement Council's existing water resource management measures of conducting water audits on major Council buildings and pavilions, rain water harvesting and reuse from community buildings, implementation of the stormwater management plan, exploration of wastewater reuse opportunities from the South Eastern Outfall, and the implementation of the Municipal Drought Response Plan.

Driving Towards a Greener Future



Council has purchased its first hybrid electric vehicle on a two-year trial basis, to evaluate its financial and environmental savings.

The Toyota Prius is the world's first production hybrid car to combine internal combustion and electric power. Hybrid technology is an effective solution for improved vehicle efficiency and lower emissions, ultimately resulting in cleaner air. The whole car is aimed at being environmentally-friendly!

Features of this vehicle that make it unique include:

- Regenerative braking system recovers and stores kinetic energy which recharges the battery pack (self-sustaining battery system);
- Recycled materials used in the floor insulation, instrument panel and bumper;
- Contributes to up to 80 per cent less vehicle emissions (rated as an 'Ultra Low Emissions Vehicle' by the California Air Research Board) – means cleaner air and less pollution;
- Uses up to 50 per cent less fuel, which means about 50 per cent less carbon dioxide (the major greenhouse gas contributor), when compared to an equivalent sized conventional car.

It was recently reported that Australia would save hundreds of billions of litres of petrol and greenhouse emissions could drop by more than 500,000 tonnes if its cars were all hybrid electric vehicles. (Source: NRMA Survey, 2002)

It is estimated that the reduction in greenhouse emissions over the trial period will equate to an additional reduction of 9.6 tonnes of carbon dioxide when compared to a standard Ford petrol engine.

Alan McGregor, the Council's Cultural Development Coordinator and nominated driver, said:

"The transition from the standard Council sedan to the Toyota Prius has been a very smooth process for me. I gain a strong sense of satisfaction from the knowledge that I am making a small, but valuable contribution to the environment by using a vehicle that more than halves the fuel consumption rate. I am currently averaging 5.6L per 100km. A standard Ford petrol engine averages around 12L per 100km."

At the end of the trial, Council will evaluate the performance of the vehicle and report on the success of the initiative. Other actions implemented by Council to improve fleet performance include switching to dual fuel vehicles, converting to dedicated LPG and downsizing from six to four cylinder vehicles.

Greenhouse reduction measures implemented in the vehicle fleet since Council began the Cities for Climate Protection™ program have contributed to a reduction in greenhouse emissions by 55 tonnes per annum as at the last financial year.

Family Day Care

My name is Eric Simpson and I am three years old. My day in Family Day Care is so busy. Puzzles, painting and dinosaurs, then I need to get some rest!

Are you looking for childcare? Or would you like to care for children in your own home?

Contact Family Day Care Staff, 9784 1964.



SPYDUS New Library Management System

A new user-friendly web- and windows-based computer system called SPYDUS has been introduced at the Frankston Library Service. Processes will be streamlined and services will be improved, increased and made more accessible to customers.

Personal details can be viewed from home or work PCs and patrons will be able to renew their loans, as well as reserve items online. Current reservations can be checked including their status. This would include your place in the list, when the items are due back and details about the items. The use of hyperlinks will lead you to any details you may require.

Enhanced searching techniques of the catalogue, will allow you to sort or limit to a particular collection. This will allow you for example to find all videos and DVDs related to a particular subject; recorded music by musicians, orchestras or composers of choice; or talking books by a certain author.

One of the most exciting improvements available to borrowers will be the setting up of personal profiles of special interests. These are tailor-made to list all items in the library related to the subject, items by a particular author or in a certain collection, as well as their availability, whether on shelf or out on loan. Reservations may then be made online for these items. A patron can also be notified by email on a monthly or quarterly basis about new acquisitions in the library, which may then be reserved online or in the library. This applies to all items in most collections. These profiles can be updated or changed by the patron at any time, and may be accessed via the Internet from any desktop at any time. An expiry date can be set against the active profile, if it is no longer needed.

New enhancements will be introduced in the future with many advantages for both borrowers and staff.

For further information, please contact:

Frankston Library Service
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Tel: 9784 1020 Fax: 9783 2616
E-mail: libraryenquiries@frankston.vic.gov.au

Frankston 1200 Swim

The 6th annual Bayside Shopping Centre Frankston 1200 Swim was held in near perfect conditions on Saturday 8 February. This year's event provided a wonderful opportunity to highlight the newly renovated Frankston Life Saving Club and attracted 257 entrants between the ages of 12 and 74 with 16 year old Nick Cordner from Clifton Hill, the youngest Men's Open winner ever at Frankston, completing the course in 14 minutes 28 seconds. Regular competitor Nick Hinsley finished one second later with local favourite, and last years winner, Marcus Robertson, third in 14 minutes 36. Naantali Marshall (15.44) and Penny Reid (15.56) repeated their winning sequence at Lorne by finishing first and second in the Women's Open with Ebony Currell from Dandenong in third position.



All proceeds from the event assist the Frankston Community Support and Information Centre and the annual Community Christmas Appeal. A total of 118 volunteers from many local organisations donated their time and expertise on the day to ensure public safety and smooth running of the event.

Youth Services

Langwarrin Partnership Project

Frankston City Council's Youth and Family Services in conjunction with Crime Prevention Victoria, BP and other key stakeholders are undertaking to develop a youth and community building project in Langwarrin.

A Langwarrin Partnership Project Coordinator has just been appointed part-time to implement community consultation and research within the Langwarrin Community. Information will be collected on needs and issues for the community.

If you would like to contribute in any way to this project please forward suggestions or make contact with Christine Rawson 9784 1868 or christine.rawson@frankston.vic.gov.au

YAS Camp

The Youth Activity Service will be holding its annual camp in Anglesea on the Great Ocean Road. Activities include rock-climbing, high ropes, canoeing, swimming and more. Young people aged 12-16 years who live in, or go to school in the Frankston municipality, can attend. The cost is \$90 which includes transport, accommodation, all meals and activities.

Bookings can be made by calling the Youth Resource Centre on 9784 1868.

Cube 37

Shine

An exciting new group of 11 digital media artists from Frankston will be attending a series of workshops and forums funded by the Australia Council over the coming months. The group facilitated by Matthew Perkins, a well known digital artist, will hold an exhibition of their work from 24 June 2003 in Federation Gallery and the Glass Studio.



Performance

C03

In an extraordinary merging of live dance, animation, live cinema, and electro acoustic music, this landmark work is installed in the theatre of Cube 37, converting the space to a dynamic mix of real and computer-generated stages.

Wearing a motion-capture suit, a lone dancer's performance is captured in realtime. Startling 3D environments are projected around her, inhabited by constantly mutating virtual (reality) characters. Driven by the performer's movements, these Avatars embark on a journey through abstract terrains, in a remarkable exploration of body and identity.



Collaborators: Miriam English and Helen Sky
Concept: John McCormick
Performance: Helen Sky
Original electroacoustic score: Garth Paine
Field sound and original score: David Franzke
VR World animation: John McCormick, Marshall White, Miriam English, Keith Roberson.
April 12, 8pm all tickets \$10

Exhibitions: Federation Gallery

Identity, Genealogy and Genetics

By Shane Hulbert

Tuesday 25 March – 20 April

A digital collage and audio visual installation that investigates the identity of family and the relevance of genealogical bloodlines to personality traits. This will be an interactive exhibition where viewers can use technology to navigate the work and explore the elaborate detail within the prints.

Southern Indigenous Artists

Tuesday 22 April – Sunday 11 May (three weeks)

Cube 37 presents a celebration of the art of local and desert indigenous artists. Including the work of local artists Bea Edwards (Nambooka), Rob Watts, Kunda Beamo and Pat Tolputt (Millie T.) The exhibition will also feature desert artists Wenten Rubuntji and Audrey Napanangka Martin from Yuendumu, 400km NW Alice Springs. This exhibition will offer the opportunity to experience and purchase some outstanding art. Artist talks will be given each Sunday between 2-4pm.

Art After Dark: 7.30pm – late

Speed of Light

By Ian de Gruchy

This popular projection will commence screening again on 22 April and run until 24 May.

The project interweaves photography, light and sound in a series of slowly dissolving projected images.

Children's Workshops

Cube 37 runs continuous drama, art and circus workshops for children. Please contact 9784 1896 for the full list of the current series:

'Leaping Off' Circus Club

A circus club will run throughout the year on the last Sunday of each month. 10am – 4pm for 8 years and up.

Next meet is 27 April

\$70 per session (6 hours)

Performing Arts For the Young

This workshop will continue on Saturday mornings for ages 5-9 years starting on 24 May for five weeks. Tickets \$67.50 for all five sessions.

Mayor's Family Picnic



Success

Around 70 community groups and organisations showcased their activities at the event, ranging from Army training to dancing, crafts, music and sports.

The highlight of the Mayor's Family Picnic was the 'Outer Space' costume pageant, where children, and the young at heart, dressed up in the spirit of the day.

On the day, the winner of the 'Win Your Rates Back' competition was also drawn. Congratulations Debbie Glindal of Frankston.

Cr Cathy Wilson said: "Thank you to the many community groups and residents who participated in this special community day – making it such a success! It just shows that the weather isn't even strong enough to stop the community from having a great day out – true Frankston spirit!"

The Mayor's Family Picnic, held on Sunday 2 March, was a huge success, drawing thousands of people throughout the day to the George Pentland Botanic Gardens, despite the rain!



Fire Safety Expo

Frankston City and CFA are hosting a free community event on fire safety around the home. Come and see fire engines, learn to crawl safely through a smoke-filled house, see fire extinguishing demonstrations, learn about home insurance and enter a competition to win a fire safety kit for your home.

**Frankston Arts Centre, Davey Street, Frankston
Sunday 18 May, 10am – 4pm**

Kids! Learn to make your own smoke alarm tester, meet Captain Koala and receive a fire safety show bag, compete against real fire fighters and test out how fast you can dress up in a fire fighting uniform, receive balloons and meet the people who put out fires.

For further information please telephone Frankston City on **9784 1888**.

WIN!

To have the chance to win one of 10 fire safety kits for your home, write your name, address and telephone number on the back of an envelope and send to: Fire Safety Expo Competition, Frankston City Council, PO Box 490, Frankston 3199 by Friday 16 May 2003.