



THE Frankston City

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Mayor's Message

With the new year approaching it is time to reflect on the past year of achievement and to look forward to the positive changes and developments taking shape across the City.

A remarkable transformation is taking place at the Frankston foreshore with the spectacular feature bridge nearing completion, two restaurants to be completed next year, and a family precinct being created, with landscaping, picnic/barbecue facilities, plus recreation and entertainment areas.

Council was recently awarded a \$1.2 million grant through the Community Support Fund, for the 'Frankston Foreshore Comes Alive' Project, which will contribute to the redevelopment of the Frankston Foreshore area including the following specific projects:

- Development of a plaza area around the pier entrance.
- Construction of a major landscaped entry feature.
- Introduction of mosaic inlays under the bridge.
- Continuation of the boardwalk along Kananook Creek.
- Establishment of an events space for community celebration.
- Introduction of elements from the Coastal Arts Trail.

By the time you read this, the Council may have approved a new \$100 million redevelopment scheme for the Frankston Central Activities District that will see about 900 jobs, a state of the art 10-screen cinema complex and a safe city centre created.

In the past 12 months a Council Working Party – in conjunction with external planning, traffic, urban design, architectural and environmental planners – has negotiated the latest plan and agreement with the Gandel and Grocon groups. The new proposal is a complete integrated city concept linking Central Park through to the new shopping centre at the current North of Beach Street car park site.

If approved, the redevelopment – planned to commence mid-2003 – includes:

- 10 cinemas which will bring an extra 800,000 people per year to the city centre.
- An emphasis on shopping choice with single level retail shopping complex spanning 17,900 square metres.
- A mix of a discount department store, supermarket, specialty shops and a pedestrian bridge into the shopping complex.
- 600 additional new car parking spaces.

Plans are also progressing for the development of a safe boat harbour, residential living in the heart of the City and a major transport hub.

Frankston City is opening a Safer City Centre in partnership with Police and Wilson Group Services. The Centre is a significant achievement in the area of community safety and is an Australian first.

The management, staff and Councillors are committed to working closely with the community to make our City even more exciting, vibrant and safe.

As we launch into the festive season, I would like to wish you and your family a very merry Christmas and safe driving.

Cr Cathy Wilson
MAYOR

Safer City Centre

First in Australia

Frankston City Council, Victoria Police and Wilson Group Services will officially open the new Safer City Centre – the first of its kind in Australia, opposite the train station in Young Street, Frankston, on Tuesday 10 December at 4pm.



Celebrations will include balloons, face painting and entertainment for all ages, between 3pm and 5pm.

The Centre will be open five days a week to provide a visible Police presence as well as a general information and enquiry service to residents and visitors to Frankston City.

The Centre will be a base for police in the City as well as an office for Wilson Group Services staff, who will provide a range of Council services out of the same centre.

Council Election & Postal Voting

Frankston City Council will conduct elections for the seven wards of Council entirely by post in March 2003, for the first time.

The vast majority of all Council elections in Victoria are now conducted by post, which has proven to be a voter-friendly and cost-effective method of voting.

Enrolment for the Council elections will close on 16 December 2002. If you are on the State roll at your current address you will automatically be enrolled. If you are unsure of your enrolment, you can check by calling 9784 1856 during office hours.

If you are enrolled for the Frankston City Council elections, a ballot pack will be posted to you from Tuesday 25 February 2003. Voting closes at 6.00pm on Friday 14 March 2003.

How to Nominate for Council

To nominate for Council, you must lodge a nomination form (together with a \$100 nomination fee), between Thursday 6 February and 4.00pm on Tuesday 11 February 2003. Nomination forms can be picked up and lodged at the returning officer's office, 431 Nepean Highway, Frankston.

Information Session for Prospective Candidates

When: 7.00pm, Tuesday 4 February 2003.
Where: Acacia Room, Frankston Civic Centre, Young Street, Frankston.

Nomination forms and other information will be available at the information session.

If You Will Be Away

If you will be unable to take receipt of your ballot pack you may have it redirected by writing to: Returning Officer, Frankston City Council elections, locked bag 1111, Frankston PO 3199.

Please include the address for redirection. Each voter requesting redirection must sign the request. Your request must be received by 4.00pm on Tuesday 11 February 2003.

Foreshore Precinct Taking Shape

One of Frankston City's greatest assets, the foreshore, is seeing substantial improvements take shape. The Frankston Pier Foreshore Restaurant is among one of the major projects leaping forward. Frankston City has negotiated with a preferred tenderer who will fund the majority of the development, in return for a 21-year lease on the site.

The Frankston Planning Scheme requires that before any development or use to the Frankston Foreshore commences adjacent to Kananook Creek, a Development Plan and an Environment Management Plan must be prepared. A detailed report and plans have been received from the Australian-renowned Architect, Omiros Emmanouilides.

The Design Statement outlines that the "Sofia" Restaurant building will draw heavily on environmentally-sustainable design principles, the form echoes the nautical setting of its' environment and the use of the natural materials complement its setting.

Picturesque views of the coastline will be provided from the restaurant and adjoining decked area.

The design embraces the Foreshore Master Plan and the Environment Management Plan addresses the requirements of the Kananook Creek Comprehensive Development Plan (May 1999). A range of issues have been addressed in the plan including energy and water efficiency, soil conservation, existing flora, traffic management, and avoidance of water pollution.

Extensive community consultation has been undertaken and the plans were on display for public comment during September 2002. Finalised plans for the development are now being prepared.

For further information, please contact Jo-Anne Elvish, Strategic Planner on 9784 1762.

Frankston City Improvements

Frankston City Leads the Way with Hi-Tech Beach Clean Machine



Frankston City Council has purchased a new cutting-edge mechanical beach cleaner – the first of its kind in Australia – to enhance its beach cleaning operations.

Parkland Services Manager Garry Woolard said: "The new machine will set the standard for beach cleaning across Australia and will complement the manual litter collection undertaken in the dunes, making Frankston's beaches the cleanest on the Bay."

Council is committed to providing safe, clean beaches for the community and the new 'Beach Tech 2000' is used extensively and effectively throughout Europe and America, with this one being the first in Australia.

The manufacturer - Kassbohrer - specialises in building equipment used in harsh environments such as beaches and the snow. The machines 'tyres' rake through the sand at a depth of 150mm to 200mm forcing debris onto a mesh belt which is then deposited into a 1.8 cubic metre bin at the back of the machine.

Council has also purchased a tractor to pull the Beach Tech 2000 – a Fendt 409 – which arrives in Australia in mid-December. The Fendt is used widely in Australia, in the agricultural field and has the reputation as being one of the best tractors throughout the world. It also is the first one to be used in local government.

The arrival of the Beach Tech 2000 coincides with Council's summer beach cleaning program which commenced on 1 November 2002.

Warrandyte Road Widening

The widening of Warrandyte Road is a staged process which will be undertaken over a number of years as funds become available in the Capital Works Program. The section recently undertaken was programmed for construction through the Capital Works Program.

The works involve the rehabilitation and widening of a 500m section between Harvey's Salvage to just Newton Avenue. This includes pavement widening, reconstruction and rehabilitation.



McClelland Drive Rehabilitation

The rehabilitation of McClelland Drive, Langwarrin between Duiker Court and Darnley Drive is now completed.

A total of 15,000 vehicles per day currently use McClelland Drive between Quarry Road and Skye Road. In the last five years a total of 19 casualty accidents have occurred along McClelland Drive between Skye Road and Darnley Drive. The majority – 60 per cent of casualty accidents have occurred from vehicles leaving the road pavement. With road widening and improved line marking it is envisaged that these casualty accidents will be reduced. Total funding for the project is \$614,600 including black spot funding of \$314,600 and Council has allocated \$300,000 under the current capital works program.

Overport Park Tennis Courts New Synthetic Surface

Earlier this year, Council awarded a contract to A S Lodge Pty Ltd to construct three new synthetic surface courts at Overport Park Tennis Club, Frankston South.

The surface chosen for the courts, Rebound Pro®, is the world's most advanced and accepted new surface system and this is the first time such a surface has been specified for a Council tennis facility. Using a combination of acrylic and polyurethane technology incorporating a rubber cushion layer, the durable, slip-resistant, non-glare, seamless construction has built in impact absorption that reduces the risk of injury to ligaments, joints and lower back. All materials are water-based or solvent free and large quantities of recycled rubber are used for the cushion layers.

The project commenced in June and is now complete. Council and the Overport Tennis Club equally contributed to the total project cost of approximately \$175,000.

Carrum Downs Library & Community Centre

Works on the new Carrum Downs Library and Community Centre redevelopment have commenced and will take place over the next nine months. The redevelopment will provide an outstanding new library building and community centre facility for local residents.

The project is valued at \$2 million and Council acknowledges the support of the State Government through a grant of \$500,000, under its Living Libraries Program.



The Open Space Strategy

The Open Space Strategy provides a strategic direction for Council in the management and allocation of open space in the municipality. It builds upon the substantial upgrade of open space that has occurred over the past five years in our City.

Open space in Frankston caters for a diverse range of uses and provides a range of important social, recreation and environmental benefits.

Frankston's open space includes the George Pentland Botanical Gardens, the foreshore and natural assets such as Sweetwater Creek. Frankston is fortunate to have a large number of active Friends Groups that volunteer their time.

The challenges Council faces in providing open space include an improved pathway network, increasing the shade and shelter at parks, and providing consistent maintenance standards. Council has received valuable feedback from local groups and individuals as part of the community consultation process, and will consider this information to finalise the strategy.

Council Takes Lead on Water Restrictions

Frankston City Council is demonstrating its commitment to reducing water usage throughout the municipality, setting an example with the onset of water restrictions.

Frankston City has prepared its Drought Response Plan (DRP), which outlines a range of management responses and initiatives to reduce the consumption of our most precious resource, water, as part of Council's ongoing commitment to the sustainable use of resources.

Frankston City enjoys a variety of high standard sports and recreation grounds, parks and gardens, which now have contingency plans in place to reduce water consumption during periods of water restrictions. These measures meet, and in many instances exceed the existing requirements and include:

- Modifications to irrigation systems to ensure watering to critical areas only.
- Increasing mowing heights at all municipal reserves and parks.
- Signage will be implemented to all major reserves highlighting the use of recycled or treated effluent water where these are being used.

- Introduction of water sensors at multiple key grounds across the City.
- Submission of grants to the Smart Water fund totalling over \$2 million to facilitate the fast tracking of investment in sustainable water use.
- Use of treated effluent at the municipal golf course and for watering street trees.
- Turning off all water features such as fountains. For example, at Ballam Park. Or using reticulated water.
- Recently planted garden beds and trees will be watered using recycled water.
- Continual mulching of garden beds and topping-up mulch to street trees.
- Water audits of all major council buildings will continue as will the prioritised introduction of water conservation initiatives on Council buildings.
- Harvesting of rainwater at the Council community nursery to water the poly and glass houses
- Continue harvesting rainwater at the Langwarrin Community Centre.
- All sporting clubs, pre-schools and community centres are currently being notified regarding their responsibilities, and modifications to watering regimes are now in effect.
- A water conservation competition in conjunction with South East Water was recently held to promote the need to conserve our water.

Frankston Library Summer Reading Program Service

Attention all Children!

Exciting prizes to be won for reading over the summer school holidays.

Frankston Library Service will be running their Summer Reading Program - Riding the Reading Wave - from Monday 2 December 2002 to Thursday 23 January 2003. It is hoped that as many children as possible will participate.



What do you have to do to join?

Come into either the Frankston Library or Carrum Downs Library and register your name, address, age and school. You will receive a special Riding the Reading Wave kit, containing a reading record, a lucky spot competition and other fun activity sheets.

On your reading record, you list the books you read during the school holidays, and you can collect stickers, bookmarks and badges along the way. When you have read 10 books, you are eligible to enter the prize draw and the lucky spot competition. There are great prizes to be won, including books and vouchers. Every child who takes part will also receive a certificate.

During January the School Holiday Program will have a marine theme - Periscope Down - to fit in with the Summer Reading Program. It will run from Wednesday 15 January to Thursday 23 January at Frankston Library and from Thursday 16 January to Friday 24 January at Carrum Downs Library. There will be pre-school storytimes, which do not need to be booked, and sessions for primary school children, which are free but essential to book. Museum Victoria will be bringing magnificent shells to show and discuss on one day, and there will be a Rockpool Discovery Day, when interesting and unique organisms such as starfish, sea urchins, crabs and seahorses will be introduced and explained in a way specially tailored towards young children.

Come and join in all the fun!

For further information, please contact Frankston Library Service on 9784 1020.

Frankston's Home Library Service

Frankston's Home Library Service enables housebound residents to borrow from the library's extensive collections of books, videos, talking books, music CDs and magazines on a regular basis.

Use of the Home Library Service could be long-term for reasons of illness, disability or frailty. It may also meet a temporary need, due to injury or during rehabilitation as a result of an accident or other medical condition. It may be that the friend or relative who usually delivers the books, is away on holiday for a while. Materials for children can be included in home library deliveries where there is a need. Some residents have been using this service for as long as 15 years.

Home Library Service volunteers are from a variety of backgrounds and experience. They may be retirees or students, mothers with some time on their hands or husband and wife teams. Older school children can be volunteers, and Chisholm Frankston TAFE students do this very worthwhile work as part of their Work Education Program. All that is required are two or three hours per fortnight to select and deliver library resources to the client, as well as to pick up and return items to the Library again. Our enthusiastic team always needs new members.

Resources are delivered to private homes, retirement villages, nursing homes, special accommodation hostels and clubs in Frankston, Carrum Downs, Langwarrin, Seaford and surrounding areas. There is no charge for this service.



Poplar Grove Drainage

Drainage works in Poplar Grove, Langwarrin were recently carried out to address local area flooding problems. The solution involved the installation of an underground drain to bypass the problem areas and alleviate the flooding.

The works are valued at around \$355,000 and involved the construction of approximately 730m of concrete drainage pipes from Beech Street, down Poplar Grove and connecting to the drainage line through Studio Park.

Other Capital Works Underway

- Harnett Drive Duplication - two new roundabouts and conversion of service road to north-bound carriageway
- Stage 3 Foreshore works nearing completion
- Bayport Reserve and Manor Drive Reserve playgrounds commencing late November
- Langwarrin Community Centre extension underway
- Reconstruction of Cliff Road, between Liddesdale to Warringa Road, commencing soon
- Intersection improvements at Davey-Hastings Road/Young Street and Robinsons Road/Heatherhill Road
- Construction of access road and car park at Lloyd Park

Youth Services

Junktion

Junktion is an editorial project run by young people in consultation with the Frankston Standard and the Frankston Youth Resource Centre.



Junktion is dedicated to providing an accessible forum for local youth to express themselves in the following ways:

- Visual arts
- Local news, issues, events and reviews
- Fact and fiction writing
- Submissions of public opinion

Publications will be run quarterly throughout the year and young people in the community will have the opportunity to submit their stories, visual arts, photography, cartoons and public opinions.

Young people can submit pieces of work by e-mailing the team at: junktion_12002@hotmail.com.au

For more information on how to be involved contact Lisa Pope at the Frankston Youth Resource Centre on 9784 1868.

Surf Clinics

The weather is starting to warm up, so its nearly time to start our monthly surf clinics. Clinics are held on the first Sunday of the month, between December and May.

For details call the Frankston Youth Resource Centre 9784 1868 or email yas@frankston.vic.gov.au.

Sharing Parenting

This group will provide opportunities for sharing about a range of issues including family relationships, childcare, personal life issues, single parent issues, conflict resolution, assertiveness, managing difficult behaviours etc. The group is open to mums, dads, grandparents or anyone caring for children. Come along and drop in at 1pm on a Tuesday to share your ideas and bring up any issues.

Childcare is available on site for \$3.00. Please phone 9783 5073 to book for childcare.

Times: Tuesdays 1.00pm - 2.30pm during school terms
Venue: Orwill Street Community House, 16 Orwill Street, Frankston
Contact: Sally Kempler on 0438 323 542 or Heidi Barber on 9784 1868

Preparation!

Your Best Protection Against Fire

Residents are urged to clean up around their homes and properties as Melbourne's summer weather gets warmer.

"Bushfires are most common during the warmer months of summer, and they bring with them extreme heat, strong winds and thick smoke," said Frankston City Fire Prevention Officer Mr David Stewart.

"Preparation is your best protection against bushfire. This includes having a plan of action for you and your family of what to do in the event of a bushfire.

"An effective management plan is essential for those residents living in a semi-rural or rural area. It is important for residents to maintain their properties by cleaning up regularly around the garden and clearing away fire fuels such as leaves, twigs and undergrowth, as well as relocating other fuels such as paint tins and petrol cans away from homes," added Mr Stewart.

A checklist of precautions in preparation of bushfires includes:

Safety Preparation:

- Develop a plan or checklist for your family of what to do in the event of a bushfire.
- Put together a 'safety kit' and include drinking water, a first aid kit, torch and batteries, radio, wool blankets, towels, and appropriate clothing.
- Stay alert during Total Fire Ban days. Listen to local radio reports and call authorities if smoke is sighted or smelt.
- Know community fire evacuation procedures and community refuge centres. Good alternatives are shopping centres and residential areas well away from the fire.
- Keep a list of emergency phone numbers handy.

Preparing your house and property means reducing the amount of fire 'fuel' around your home:

- Keep lawns mowed
- Clean up twigs, leaves and undergrowth
- Relocate woodpiles away from your home
- Cut back/prune branches or trees that over hang the roof
- Keep shrubs and bushes trimmed so they don't touch walls of the house

- Keep garden and lawns well watered
- Clean out leaves from gutters, spouting and downpipes
- Relocate and store gas bottles, fuel cans, petrol, diesel and paints away from the house.

In the event of a bushfire decide to 'stay or go':

- Implement your safety plan and decide whether to evacuate early or stay to defend your home.
- The greatest threat to your safety is radiant heat and smoke inhalation. Wear light clothes that cover your whole body such as: sturdy gloves and solid shoes, long sleeved shirt and trousers or overalls, and protective eye wear such as goggles or glasses.
- Keep house windows and doors shut to keep smoke and embers from entering the home.
- Identify water sources to help fight fires such as dams and swimming pools. Have handy large containers full of water.
- Remember to keep up your fluids, drink plenty of water.
- Care for pets. Keep pets away from heat and smoke or relocate to a safe area.

Frankston City Fire Prevention Officer and the CFA are available to provide residents with advice on how to prepare homes and properties against the threat of bushfire.

Useful telephone numbers:

- For further information and assistance in preparing your home telephone Frankston City Fire Prevention Officer on 9784 1888 or CFA Community Education Co-ordinator on 9793 4088.

Emergency telephone number:

Police
Ambulance
Fire **DIAL 000**

Can I Can't I?

Fire Danger Period and Total Fire Bans

A Fire Danger Period is declared by the CFA when the threat or potential for wild fire is increased due to various warm weather conditions such as extreme heat and strong winds. Once declared, restrictions for open air fires stay in place until 30 April, or unless stated otherwise.



Are Barbecues Permitted?

Barbecues are permitted as long as:

- An area of three metres around and above the barbecue is completely cleared of all flammable material, and not within 7.5 metres of any log or stump
- The barbecue is supervised by an adult
- The wind speed is less than 10kph
- A water supply has been identified and accessible

Can You Burn Off?

A written permit from Frankston City's Fire Prevention Officer is available for residents wishing to burn off grass, scrub, or rubbish. Residents are urged to comply with all conditions and precautions set out in the permit and can seek the assistance of the Fire Prevention Officer if required.

Total Fire Ban – What Does it Mean for Residents?

Total Fire Bans are declared on days when the danger of fires occurring is extremely high and when fire would be expected to develop rapidly and become difficult to control.

Open Air Fires Are NOT Permitted During a Total Fire Ban

All burning off and open air fires are prohibited including solid fuel barbecues and ovens that use wood, charcoal or briquettes. Burning off permits issued by Council are immediately revoked.

Can I Use My Electric Barbecue During Total Fire Ban Days?

Electric or gas barbecues are permitted for use at home as long as:

- The barbecue is located within 20 metres of a permanent dwelling
- An area of three metres around and above the barbecue is completely cleared of all flammable material
- The barbecue is supervised by an adult
- A water supply has been identified and is accessible such as a tap with a hose connected, and at least 10 litres of water on hand in case of an emergency

Summer Events

Sea Festival at Frankston 18 – 19 January 2003

Saturday 18 January

Seaside Fiesta

Where: Frankston Pier, Foreshore
Time: 2.00pm – 10.15pm

The Frankston Sea Festival, a celebration of our City on the Bay, will commence with an Emergency Services parade through Frankston. The parade, featuring the people who help keep our summers safe, will head down to the Frankston Pier, Foreshore where there will be free activities for the whole family to enjoy, including:

- Emergency Service Displays and Demonstrations - See a dramatic Sea Rescue, SES Jaws of Life demonstration and stunning Flare Display at dusk.
- Seaside Stage of Music and Dance - Experience vibrant music and dance from around the world, as well as Latin American dance workshops. Learn how to Rumba or Salsa and then dance up a storm on the outdoor dance floor. The evening will finish with the beats of Latin big band, Combo La Revelacion.
- Sand Sculpting Workshops for children - Learn how to sand sculpt with world-renowned sculptors from the Rye Sand Sculpting Championships. Bookings essential - phone 9784 1988 (bh).
- "SandBOXcar" Project - Check out "SandBOXcar" - a community arts project using a shipping container as the base building material to be transformed into a magical sand-locked, seagoing vessel.
- Beach Activities and Games - Enjoy free kayak rides, beach games with Frankston Lifesaving Club, "Come and Try Sailing" at the Frankston Yacht Club, touch tanks filled with creepy crawlies, face painting, and song and dance activities with Madame Whalesong and her companion Penguin.
- Twilight Yacht Race, Food and Market Stalls and Beach Walks



Sunday 19 January

Kids Come and Try Fishing Day

Where: Frankston Pier, Foreshore
Time: 10.00am – 4.00pm

Kids can come along and have some fun whilst learning tips from the experts. Activities include:

- Lucky Number Fishing Competition - every entrant has a chance to win great fishing prizes, thanks to BIG W Karingal.
- Expert Fishing Tuition - learn how to fish, bait a hook, identify fish and cast a rod with expert tuition from Frankston Anglers and Boat Owners Club and Fishcare.
- Buried Treasure Hunt - Kids can dig in the giant sandpit to search for lucky discs which can then be exchanged for great fishing prizes.
- Flathead Fred's Kids Love To Go Fishing Shows - Flathead Fred will amuse, educate and entertain the kids with his fantastic show.
- Musical Entertainment - including "Can Ya Dantz" - a song and dance show for kids and "Howling Wind" featuring beautiful flute music.
- Special Appearance by Melbourne Aquarium's Sharky



Panels, St. Luke's Anglican Church, Frankston Yacht Club, CFA, Mounted Police and the Peninsula Road Safety Committee.

The Sea Festival at Frankston is proudly sponsored by Frankston City Council, Gateway Shopping Village Langwarrin and Festivals Australia, and is supported by Big W Karingal.

Frankston City Council would also like to acknowledge the support of the following organisations for their participation in the Sea Festival: Frankston Police, Frankston Anglers and Boatowners Club, Fishcare Victoria, Frankston Coastguard, Frankston SES, Frankston 5th Sea Scouts, Frankston Lifesaving Club, Metropolitan Ambulance, St. Johns Ambulance, Southern Peninsula Helicopter, Vision Australia, A W

Sunday 26 January

Australia Day Recognising Our Communities

Where: Frankston Arts Centre and Davey Street
(closed to traffic)
Time: 12.00 noon to 9.30pm

A free day of entertainment for all ages including multicultural performances in the theatre, displays, free rides for children including a giant ferris wheel and market stalls. Savour the great flavours of Frankston provided by Via Mare, Megumi Japanese, Siddhartha Indian, Taggarts International and Kon Thai at the alfresco dining area.

Learn calligraphy or how to play a gumleaf at the various workshops throughout the day and children can be painted in their favourite character at the Frankston Library.

The announcement of Frankston's Australia Day Citizen of the Year, the Flag raising ceremony and light show will be the grand finale.



Thank You For Christmas Festival Of Lights

Frankston City Council would like to acknowledge Bayside Shopping Centre and the Frankston Standard Leader for their ongoing support of the Christmas Festival of Lights 2002.

Additional thanks are extended to Rotary Sunrise Club Frankston, Frankston Minister's Network, Frankston Police, Frankston SES, Frankston City's Local Laws Unit, the Gateway Church, St. Luke's Anglican Church Frankston, Coulson's Party Hire and Rotary Club Seaford/Carrom Downs for their assistance and participation in the Christmas Festival of Lights.

Enquiries 9784 1888

Community Noticeboard

New Frankston Blood Donor Centre

Australian Red Cross Blood Service – Victoria will replace the monthly mobile unit visits with a permanent Blood Donation Centre in Frankston, in late December 2002, located at 20 Davey Street (in the Centrelink building).

The Blood Service needs approximately 50 donors on the new site on a daily basis to help sustain healthy blood stock levels for Victoria's hospitals.

Call 13 14 95 to make an appointment to save lives today!

Frankston Croquet Club

Frankston Croquet Club is situated on the corner of Spring and Nolan Streets, where golf croquet and association croquet are played on Tuesday mornings and Saturday afternoons.

New players are always welcome.
Enquiries: Beryl 9783 7699.

Lions Clubs International

Lions, the most common and recognisable name, is the largest service organisation in the world. Lions have more than 44,000 clubs with over 1.4 million members in 189 countries. This includes a recent major addition, with the first two Lions clubs to be formed in mainland China.

In Australia there are nearly 1400 Lions clubs with almost 28,000 members. There are three autonomous Lions clubs in Frankston that work independently most of the time. However, on really large projects, such as purchasing a specialist vehicle for the SES, or the relocation of what is now known as the Lions Toy Library, the clubs work together on a Zone basis.

We are a volunteer group of like-minded men and women who enjoy having fun, friendship, fellowship and a common desire to help the less fortunate of our community. The Lions motto is WE SERVE. In doing so, our objective is to help the disadvantaged, the young and the not so young members of our community.

Our efforts are directed mainly to our own local area. However when the need arises, we also contribute to Statewide, National and international causes. Individually, there is little one can do to really make a difference; but collectively, as members of a Lions club, you really can help to "move mountains".

We work in the community to raise funds for the less fortunate. Selling our scrumptious Lions Christmas cakes, holding raffles, running barbecues and many other fun activities, raises this money. All money collected is returned to the community. We do not keep any of this money.

A modest bi-annual membership fee raises the funds needed to run our clubs. An excellent public liability insurance policy covers all of the projects carried out by Lions.

Our aim is to help the wider community, both young and old. In addition to those already mentioned, the following is just a sample of the many different projects in which we are involved:

- The Lions Hart Walker - a specially designed walker, helping children with cerebral palsy, to walk 'hands free' for the first time in their young lives.
- Lions Hearing Dogs - carefully selected dogs purpose trained to help deaf people to go about their lives like other people.
- Lions Cord Blood and Childhood Cancer Research - thanks to medical research, 7 out of 10 children with cancer now survive. Our aim is to make it 10 out 10.
- Youth of the Year - A national competition assessing year 10, 11 and 12 students' scholastic/sporting/cultural achievements, community involvement and public speaking.
- Senior Citizens Christmas Lunch - specifically for the lonely elderly of our community. You should see their smiling faces.
- Lions Eye Health Project - helping to prevent avoidable blindness.
- Lions Prostate Cancer Collaboration - promoting public awareness and regular screening.
- National Tree Day and Tidy Up Australia Day - helping to care for our local environment.
- Australian Citizenship Ceremonies - helping to make new Australians a welcome part of our community.



Lion, Phil Cook with Jessie and Mayor, Cr Cathy Wilson

The Lions clubs visibly "Make a Difference" for the less fortunate in the community. Whether you are new to or are a long-standing Frankston resident, a great way to enjoy making new friends and being able to help your community, would be to become a member of one of your local Lions clubs.

To find out more about the Lions clubs of Frankston and how to become a member, phone one of the numbers below. The three Frankston Lions clubs meet twice a month on different evenings.

Lions Club of Frankston Bayside

PO Box: PO Box 482 Frankston 3199
Meetings: Second Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm at St Paul's Church complex and fourth Tuesday of the month at 7.30 pm at Baxter Tavern, Tooradin Road, Baxter Dorothy Mall (H) 9781 2269

Contact:

Lions Club of Frankston

PO Box: PO Box 213 Frankston 3199
Meetings: Every first and third Wednesday of the month at 6.30 for 7.00pm at Villa St Clare, High Street, Frankston

Contact:

Lions Club of Karingal

PO Box: PO Box 7057 Karingal Centre 3199
Meetings: First and third Thursday of the month at 6.30pm for 7.00pm at Seaford Hotel, Seaford Road, Seaford

Contact: