

Aquatic Centres Research

Research was recently carried out to discover the community's future preferences for the Aquatic Centres, and to gauge customer satisfaction of the facilities and services provided.

The research project targeted the current service users and possible new users of the Aquatic Centres who were accessed through a user-based and random mailout questionnaire or via face-to-face interview. A total of 20 individual services were investigated.

What did you tell us?

Overall satisfaction with both Aquatic Centres was above 80 per cent.

The main purpose of visiting the Aquatic Centres was to have some fun and recreation. Many people also tended to visit on both weekdays and weekends.

Respondents told us that the most important aspects of the service were related to customer service, health and safety and the quality of the facility, such as safety precautions, friendliness of staff and water quality. Many of the better performed services also fell into these areas for both of the Aquatic Centres.

We also looked at some new services we could introduce to the Aquatic Centres. One of the new services for Jubilee Park was children's birthday parties, which many of the respondents with children indicated they would be interested in using.

The survey also gave respondents the opportunity to make comments and suggestions for improvements to the Aquatic Centres, which have been forwarded to those operating the Centres and will be used to assist in future direction and improvements.

Where to from here?

Respondents identified the following areas for improvement, which will be looked into:

- Increased equipment for fun and recreation
- Longer opening hours on hot days at Pines Forest
- Longer opening hours on weeknights at Jubilee Park

Birthday Parties are now available at Jubilee Park Aquatic Centre. The parties are targeted at primary school age children, with a minimum of 10 children at a cost of \$120. A private area is supplied for 40 minutes for eating and other activities, followed by one hour of structured activities including games.

Jubilee Park Aquatic Centre is located on Hillcrest Road (Mel. Ref. 103 J5). The Centre has an indoor 25m heated pool, learners and plunge pool, spa, sauna, barbecue and picnic facilities, and a shaded and grassed area. If you'd like to know more about the Centre, enquiries can be made on 9789 6144.

Pines Forest Aquatic Centre is located on Forest Drive (Mel. Ref. 99 K9). The Centre is open from November to March and features an outdoor 50m heated pool, wading pool, water slide, barbecue and picnic facilities, half basketball court, shaded and grassed area and a kiosk. Enquiries can be made on 9786 9223.

Car Theft Prevention Project

Car theft in Victoria is sky high. We are making a difference in Frankston through a car theft prevention project put together by the Community Safety Management Team.

Research has shown that the type of car most likely to be stolen is over 10 years old. Most of these cars are found but many are damaged or destroyed.

Having your car stolen will cause stress and inconvenience to you and your family. Even if you are insured, having your car stolen will cost you approximately \$1200 (on average).

The best way to prevent these types of cars from being stolen is to have an engine immobiliser fitted by an authorised installer. This is why the National Motor Vehicle Theft Reduction Council has been running a campaign to encourage the owners of older vehicles to install immobilisers. These devices are extremely effective in stopping cars from being stolen, and generally cost less than \$200.

Police and Council are working together to get the message about immobiliser installation out to the public. Brochures have been handed out to commuters at railway stations and a team from the Police Community Consultative Committee (PCCC) is checking to make sure that people securely park their cars. Owners of cars that are not secured will be sent a letter by the police advising them of how to reduce their chances of becoming a victim.

Later in the year, information will be given to Year 11 and 12 students on immobiliser installation, so that they can make sure they don't lose their first car.

Anyone wanting to find out more about how to prevent car theft can contact the CarSafe Hotline on 1300 132 146 or at www.carsafe.com.au.

For further information on the Frankston Car Theft Prevention project please call Philippa O'Halloran on 9784 1993.

Frankston Arts Centre

The Frankston Arts Centre's 2002 Season is now under way, featuring dance, drama, comedy and light entertainment, in its sixth year of operation.



April features indigenous Australian cultural heritage with *The Dreaming*, presented by the award-winning Bangarra Dance Theatre Company who performed at the opening and closing ceremonies of the Sydney Olympics. Their production combines ancient myth with electrifying movement and music from the contemporary urban world. This is a chance to see Australia's finest Aboriginal performers in an internationally-acclaimed production that toured the USA last year.

Dates and Times: Friday 19 and Saturday 20 April at 8pm.

I Don't Wanna Play House is written and played by Tammy Anderson, an exciting young theatre soloist. Portraying three irrepressible women - herself, her mother and grandmother - as well as her father, Anderson projects a harrowing yet at times disarming story of her life.

Dates and Times: Thursday 23, Friday 24 and Saturday 25 May at 8pm.

The Melbourne Comedy Festival Roadshow 2002 is a hilarious night of stand-up laughter, featuring top Australian and International comedians. Having warmed up in Melbourne, they're really firing on all cylinders in Frankston.

Dates and Times: Monday 6 and Tuesday 7 May at 8pm.



There are three Season 2002 presentations in May, two of which showcase the 190 seat Main Studio in Cube 37. Based on Tom Hungerford's autobiography, *Stories from a Suburban Road* vividly portrays the pleasure and pain of growing up in rural South Perth between the two world wars. The book was adapted for the stage and directed by Alan Becher.

Dates and Times: Wednesday 1 May at 8pm and Thursday 2 May at 2pm and 8pm.

Don't forget that nine, seven and five-show packages are still available until 2 May, 1 June and 18 July respectively. Book now.

The Morning Music 2002 Series, sponsored by Seniors Card, continues in April with Normie Rowe in Concert on Friday 12 April at 10.30am and the delightful Denise Drysdale' celebration of Mother's Day, with David Cameron, on Friday 10 May at 10.30am and 1.30pm.

For bookings and/or subscription details please phone: Frankston Arts Centre Box Office on (03) 9784 1060.

Neighbourhood Houses - Hidden Treasures

Have you discovered the many activities and opportunities available at your local neighbourhood houses or community centres, visited by hundreds of local people each week?

Six centres are conveniently located throughout the City in Seaford, Langwarrin, Carrum Downs, Frankston East and Frankston North, and are proudly supported by Council.

Neighbourhood Houses are friendly, informal and accessible places offering an amazing variety of low cost activities to the whole community, from new borns to senior citizens.

At your local centre, you can choose from painting, problem solving and parenting; computers, craft and cooking; first aid, feng shui and folk art, self-esteem, scrabble and self defence - plus almost everything in between!

Qualified childcare for pre-schoolers, playgroups and other services for children are also available.

If you're looking for a new interest, would like to learn or teach a new skill, why not join the many delighted people who are part of these vibrant community organizations.

Ring for the latest program of activities to be mailed to you or call in soon.

Your local Houses/Centres are:
Belvedere Community Centre, 9776 8922
Karingal Neighbourhood House, 9776 7221
Langwarrin Community Centre, 9789 7653
Lyrebird Community Centre, 9782 0133
Mahogany Neighbourhood Centre, 9786 1445
Onwil Street Community House, 9783 5073

What's on for Young People

The following programs are offered at Council's Youth Resource Centre.

BOZ - Boys Only Zone is a personal development program for young men. It is a program that is fun, challenging and encourages the development of new skills and the making of new friends. It is based around interactive workshops on youth-related topics.

When: Mondays throughout the school term.

Who: Young men aged between 12-16

Time: 4.30 - 6pm.

Cost: \$1

RAP - Recreational Activity Program is a program where you can come and learn new skills, have fun and make new friends.

When: Wednesdays throughout the school term

Where: Mahogany Centre, 26 Mahogany Avenue, Frankston North

Who: Young people aged between 12 - 16

Time: 3.30 - 5.30pm

Cost: \$1

Take Off - A group for young people to enjoy activities and projects that will assist in finding direction - whichever way that may be.

Activities include guest speakers, voluntary work within the community, artwork and recreational opportunities.

When: Thursdays

Who: Young people aged between 16 - 21

Time: 10.00 - 11.30am

Cost: Nil

Young and Proud - A support group for gay, lesbian, transgender young people, and those with questions about their sexuality, from Frankston and surrounding areas.

Call the Centre for more information.

Sharing Parenting - Come along and meet other parents, share your ideas and bring up any other issues you might be struggling with. Topics discussed include: family relationships, childcare, and personal issues.

Where: Onwil St Community House

Time: Tuesdays 1.30pm - 3.00pm during school terms

Cost: No cost to take part in the group

Contact: Sally Kempler on 0438 323 542 or

Heidi Barber on 9784 1868

Childcare is available on site for \$3. Please phone 9783 5073 to book for childcare.

Family Support Service

Family Support is a free, confidential support service for families, children and parents under stress.

Families use our service when they would like to make changes but are not sure how. We can provide information and support in the following areas:

- Parenting
- Managing your home
- Budgeting
- Finding out what other support services and activities are in the community
- Helping you build confidence and skills

A Family Support Worker can visit you at home, usually once a week to work with you on any of the above areas.

For more information contact the Youth Resource Centre on 9784 1868



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Mayor's Message

The Mayor's Family Picnic held on Sunday 10 March was a huge success, drawing approximately 12,000 people throughout the day to the George Pentland Botanic Gardens.

Around 90 community groups and organisations showcased their activities at the event, ranging from croquet, Army training and dog obedience - to dancing, crafts, music and sports.

The Picnic was the grand finale celebration for Frankston City's Clean Up Week - which included a range of 'clean up' activities, with the aim to foster community pride, enhance the appearance, cleanliness and safety of the City, and to improve the City's image.

During the week, a total of 10,885 people took up the opportunity to bring their recyclables, greenwaste and hardware to the Recycling and Waste Transfer Centre for NO CHARGE.

The highlight of the day was the Witches, Wizards, Warlocks and Fairies Pageant, where children, and the young at heart, dressed in costume - making the Botanic Gardens the perfect setting for a fairytale day of fantasy.

Thank you to the many community groups and residents who brought their families along to participate in this special community day - making it such a success!

A special thanks also to the Frankston and District Journal, for sponsoring this event.

Cr Cathy Wilson
MAYOR

Stage Three Foreshore Works Underway!

The third stage of the Frankston foreshore redevelopment has commenced, which will feature a spectacular landmark bridge overlooking the Bay, and a beachside promenade linking the bridge and pier. In addition, negotiations for restaurants/kiosks at the pier and Frankston Life Saving Club are well underway.

The new four-metre wide, arched suspension bridge will feature cutting-edge LED lighting for night viewing, and portholes with glass inserts will form a transparent view through the bridge floor - extending across Kanook Creek, onto the foreshore promenade. A boardwalk created underneath the bridge on the promenade side, will lead to the beach and mosaic artwork will decorate the underside of the bridge.

The bridge will link the boardwalk to the Bay Trail and provide a raised platform for spectacular views of the Bay. It is scheduled for completion by Spring 2002.

A new beach-side promenade linking the bridge and pier will include extensive seating facing the Bay and will provide disabled access for beach users. On the northern side of Kanook Creek, 95 metres of creek walling will be replaced and a timber boardwalk will be constructed on top, to match the southern side of the creek.

Frankston City is currently negotiating with tenderers for the development of the new Pier Kiosk/Restaurant overlooking the Bay. If successful it is anticipated that the new development may be open for Christmas 2002.

Following the completion of Stage Three, further works on the Frankston foreshore will include an exciting, large, multi-purpose interactive water feature, a multi-use performance space for events and entertainment on the Bay, the new pier forecourt and key art works. The new works will complement the recently completed new car park, wave-design picnic shelter and barbecue facilities, parklands and landscaping of the foreshore.

A total of \$2.4 million is allocated to Frankston Foreshore works in the 2001/02 Capital Works Program. Frankston City Council awarded the tender for Stage Three of the Frankston Pier Foreshore Development to Simpson Construction Co. Pty Ltd. The tender is for \$1.8 million. Parks Victoria is contributing \$300,000 through the Agency Grants Program, the Department of Infrastructure is contributing \$100,000 through the Pride of Place Program and The Victorian Central Coastal Board is contributing \$100,000.



The Thinker Visits Frankston City

Frankston City Council is proud to announce that the Rodin exhibition - including 'The Thinker' - is now on display until 19 May 2002, at McClelland Gallery in Langwarrin.

The McClelland Gallery - home of Australia's leading sculpture collection - was chosen as the exclusive location in Victoria to house the Rodin exhibition.

Rodin: A Magnificent Obsession presents over 70 bronzes. Works range from intimate studies to grand monumental finished works and include early controversial works such as *The Age of Bronze* and the naked, robust and heroic *Saint John the Baptist Preaching*; full size figures from *The Burghers of Calais*, *The Gates of Hell* and *The Monument to Balzac*.

Supporting material, which demonstrates the complexities of Rodin's casting process, provides an opportunity to appreciate the working methods and innovations of one of the world's greatest sculptors.

Tickets are available at the Gallery or through TicketMaster7. For further information please call McClelland Gallery on 9789 1671.

Frankston Life Saving Club Development



Tenders for the Frankston Life Saving Club Development - including a new restaurant with balcony overlooking the Bay, a beach kiosk and improved facilities - are currently being assessed. Following the successful appointment of a tenderer, it is expected that works will be completed by Spring 2002.

Mayor, Cr Cathy Wilson said: "The Frankston Life Saving Club Development is a key component of the redevelopment of Frankston's Foreshore and will complement works adjacent to the Pier as well as the new Frankston Foreshore Regional Playground and boardwalk.

"The development will increase the year-round use of the Frankston foreshore, and highlight the importance of this magnificent community asset, while minimising impact upon the surrounding dune environment," she said.

The Frankston Life Saving Club Development has involved extensive consultation with the Frankston City community and key stakeholders including the Department of Natural Resources and Environment.

The renovations will enhance the existing Life Saving Club building and provide the following facilities:

- A new restaurant/cafe and balcony with views across the beach to the Bay and the Frankston Pier.
- A renovated beach-level kiosk.
- Improved beach-level access and storage for the Frankston Life Saving Club to facilitate more efficient life saving activities.
- A new public toilet facility that will replace the existing old bluestone toilet adjacent.
- A new third level to accommodate the existing Life Saving Club surveillance operations, and to provide improved training and meeting facilities.

The redevelopment of the Frankston Life Saving Club facilities is being jointly funded by Frankston City Council and the Department of State and Regional Development through the 'Life Saving into the 21st Century' funding program.

Frankston City Council is currently further developing concept plans for the improvement of the Long Island parklands, which will be exhibited for community input.

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Improvements



Ballam Park Playground

Council has completed the second stage of renovations to the Ballam Park Playground.

The Junior Playground was renovated last year as part of the first stage of works. Stage Two - the Senior Playground - has involved significant improvements and extensions to the existing playground. Council provided \$249,000 in funds for the first and second stages of the renovation.

Council is ensuring that important community assets such as the Ballam Park Playground are retained and improved to meet the changing needs of the community.

The playground now provides many active play opportunities for families to enjoy – including new slides, swings, climbing toys, spinners, and interactive play experiences through musical toys, shop counters, telescopes, mirrors and gathering spaces.

Other works being carried out in Ballam Park include the new Athletics Track Bus Park - now under construction, and new paths - which will commence construction this financial year.

Further works planned for Ballam Park in the coming years will include new picnic facilities, tree planting and playing field improvements.

Projects In Brief

- Baxter Park Tennis Courts - construction of two courts.
- Fairway Street Shopping Centre - landscape upgrade.
- Regional Hockey Complex at Monash University - construction of synthetic pitch in partnership with Monash University and Mornington Peninsula Shire.
- New Walking Paths - at Ballam Park and Beauty Park.

Getting to Know Your Councillors

In the last edition of Frankston City News, Councillors Cathy Wilson, Bill Parkin and David Asker were profiled in 'part one' of a special feature. In this edition, we profile Councillors Vicki McClelland, Mark Conroy, Diane Fuller and Barry Priestley, to complete the feature.

Cr Vicki McClelland



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Cr McClelland is Deputy Mayor at Council and is on the South Eastern Waste Management Group Committee.

When she was growing up, Cr McClelland wanted to become an air hostess. Her first job was as a receptionist for a computer company.

Cr McClelland enjoys Indian and Mexican food and her favourite music is Rod Stewart, Cat Stevens and Abba. If she could be anywhere right now, she would be at the Bahamas.

When asked what her greatest adventure in life so far is, Cr McClelland said: "Life is an adventure".

Cr McClelland's most embarrassing moment was when she was on Council duties, visiting Monterey Secondary College and viewing the alpacas in their mini-farm, and she received a shock from an electric fence.

Cr McClelland collects 'giraffes' and enjoys watching sport and reading a good book. She follows St Kilda Football Club and Australia in the cricket.

While she has a goldfish named 'Goldie', Cr McClelland's greatest fear is swimming in shark infested waters.

Cr Barry Priestley



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Cr Priestley lives by the words: "If it is to be, it's up to me". When he joined Council, he wanted to achieve greater community involvement in Council's decision making process, plus greater protection of trees and neighbourhood character.

Cr Barry Priestley is involved in the Frankston Beach Association and the Long Island Residents Association.

What he enjoys most in his daily routine: "Sun, fresh air and the beauty that Frankston still offers every day".

When he was growing up, Cr Priestley dreamed of becoming a fighter pilot and his greatest adventure in life was his experience in the Air Force until 1964.

Cr Priestley has many interests - boating, photography, camping, horseriding, and more. His favourite music is classical and sixties pop, and he collects family and historic memorabilia. If he could be anywhere right now, he would be in a yacht, sailing the coast of Australia.

Cr Diane Fuller



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Cr Fuller lives by the words: "God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change...courage to change the things I can and wisdom to know the difference."

Cr Fuller wanted to be a teacher when she was growing up and her first job was as a primary school teacher.

She enjoys reading, gardening, environmental and community welfare issues, performing and visual arts. Her favourite movie is Shawshank Redemption starring Tim Robbins and Morgan Freeman.

Cr Fuller's greatest adventure was a helicopter ride in Africa over Victoria Falls. She has a Boston Terrier named Roxie and collects ornamental birds.

When Cr Fuller joined Council, she wanted to achieve effective community representation in Council decisions. She has roles in a range of committees including: Council delegate - Municipal Association of Victoria, Council representative on the Frankston Arts Centre Board, Member of Frankston Beach Association, Kananook Creek Association, Victorian Women's Trust and Australian Conservation Foundation...among others!

Cr Mark Conroy



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When Cr Mark Conroy was growing up, he dreamed of becoming a politician and he collects political memorabilia.

When he joined Council, the one thing he wanted to achieve was the Community Safety Plan, which was fulfilled. When asked if there was anything he would like to do as a Councillor now, he said he would like to get a 50m indoor pool up and running in Frankston.

Cr Conroy's interests include swimming, football and woodwork, and he follows Essendon Football Club. His favourite food is pizza and he enjoys listening to music including blues, popular music and traditional Irish. His all time favourite movie was - 'The Sting'.

Cr Conroy's greatest adventure in life so far has been travelling and living overseas for two years, in Europe, and if he could be anywhere right now, he would like to be exploring outer space.

His most embarrassing moment to date was finishing last in 'Lorne Pier to Pub' in 1996, although he said: "But, I did finish!"

Cr Conroy owns two pets - his cat 'Duss' and goldfish 'Harry'.

Frankston Neighbourhood Character Study

The Frankston Neighbourhood Character Study passed an important milestone in February when final comments were made by the community committee on the draft character precinct brochures.

The study team, Planisphere, has produced 48 precinct brochures covering all the residential areas in the City. Each brochure contains information describing the distinct characteristics and the future preferred character using words and pictures. The brochure then goes on to translate these variations in character into planning guidelines and policies. The guidelines will be used to formulate and assess development proposals.

The Neighbourhood Character Study is now entering its final phase as statutory implementation recommendations are prepared. Among the issues to be addressed is determining the most appropriate tools available to ensure that the future preferred neighbourhood character is achieved. This includes the use of the Frankston Planning Scheme.

Council will shortly be releasing a complete draft of the Neighbourhood Character Study for public comment. After that, it is proposed to place a Planning Scheme Amendment on public exhibition.

The Frankston Housing Strategy is also nearing completion. This strategy has been developed to provide a sound policy basis for decisions relating to housing within the municipality.

The strategy examines the changing population and general housing trends affecting Frankston and details Commonwealth, State and local policy influences. A detailed analysis at the suburb level is provided on elements such as the projected population and household composition, the types of dwellings, any restrictive covenants that might impact on housing, any infrastructure or land capability issues facing the area etc.

The main findings of the Strategy are that each of Frankston's suburbs are serving different needs within the Frankston housing market; Frankston's population is changing significantly while the housing stock is largely static; and that while some suburbs are serving a relatively homogenous population, others are in a state of change that requires management.

The Housing Strategy will guide the Council's decision making on housing matters, and provide an essential reference document, with its facts and figures. It also incorporates the consideration of neighbourhood character into decisions about housing on an area-by-area basis, for the first time.

National Youth Week

The Frankston Youth Resource Centre, in conjunction with many local businesses and community agencies, will provide a range of activities and events as part of National Youth Week, from 7 to 14 April 2002.

National Youth Week is about celebrating and recognising the value of all young Australians to their communities. It is a week for the community to join together and be part of the single largest celebration event for young Australians.

Activities planned for the week include:

- Surf clinic
- Basketball play-off
- Dance party - event
- Unplugged acoustic music night
- RUSH Entertainment event
- Skate competition and more!

For more information about these and other activities please call the Youth Resource Centre on 9784 1868.

Environment News – Naming Competition

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Your Title Idea: _____

Name the Environment Newsletter Competition

Frankston City Mayor, Cr Cathy Wilson, launched a new publication - *Environment News*, on Tuesday 12 March 2002, which aims to provide information on environmental activities and events throughout the municipality.

Environment News is produced by Council's Environment and Waste Team. Frankston City is seeking your help to come up with an innovative, original and catchy title for the newsletter. The title will be judged by Council's Environment and Waste Education Team. The winner will be notified by mail and will receive a 210 litre Deluxe Worm Farm to the value of \$75.

Please send your entry form by 1 May 2002 to: Jenny Hall, Coastal and Vegetation Officer Frankston City Council
PO Box 490 Frankston, Victoria 3199

Terms and Conditions: All entries must be received by 1 May 2002. Winner will be notified in the mail prior to the June edition. Frankston City Council employees, Councillors and their families are ineligible to enter. Prize consists of one 210 litre Deluxe Worm Farm to the value of \$75. Prize won is NOT redeemable for cash. Prize must be claimed from Frankston Civic Centre, Davey Street, Frankston by 14 June 2002. Judges decision is final.

Jubilee Park Pavilion

Vicme Constructions has almost completed the demolition stage of the Jubilee Park Pavilion and building works are now commencing - with completion scheduled for July 2002.

The two-storey construction will enable the Frankston YCW Football Club and the Frankston Peninsula Cricket Club to enjoy brand new facilities including a gymnasium area, ample changerooms with amenities, upper level office, kitchen and function room with balconies overlooking the grounds.

Carrum Downs Library Development

The Hon Bob Cameron MP, Minister for Local Government and Workcover announced \$446,000 for the Carrum Downs Library through the State Government's 'Living Libraries' funds on Wednesday 13 March.

The major extension of the Carrum Downs Library will almost double the size of the current library space - to a total of 687 square metres.

The new facility will provide extra areas for library programs such as story time and for student study, plus additional discussion spaces will be created. The number of PCs will be increased from five to 10 and library users will have access to the latest online resources in the new facility.

The new library is also part of the redevelopment of Lyrebird Community Centre, which will occupy the space currently used by the Library. The new community centre will provide much needed floorspace, meeting rooms and associated facilities for community groups.

The total cost of the Carrum Downs Library construction, plus redevelopment of the Lyrebird Community Centre is \$2 million. The Library is estimated at \$1.6 million and the community centre redevelopment will cost \$400,000. Council will be providing \$1,554,000 towards the total project through its Capital Works Budget.

The new library facility construction is scheduled to commence next financial year.

Aerosol Art Refocusing the Spotlight

Frankston City has been undertaking a range of creative initiatives to combat the worldwide issue of graffiti in our local community - from addressing the issue of physical removal, to taking a new approach that embraces community involvement, education, creation of community pride in local neighbourhoods, and the use of art.

Local Forum and Planning

Frankston City Council held a forum in February at the Frankston Arts Centre, bringing together traders, Council officers, a range of representatives from the Police, community safety and health agencies, the Community Safety Management Team, the Youth Substance Abuse Service and other relevant groups, to discuss issues surrounding graffiti and volatile substance abuse.

Recommendations were developed on the issues raised during the forum, and were further discussed and at the recent Community Safety Management Team meeting.

The outcomes of the forum will be presented to Council in the coming weeks.

A priority of the Community Safety Management Team is the development of a Graffiti Management Plan for the City. It is anticipated that this will be completed within the next two months. A range of strategies will be implemented to address graffiti in commercial and residential areas.

Working Alongside the State-wide Approach

Frankston City officers also attended the recent Crime Prevention Victoria seminar on 'Grappling with Graffiti' in February which looked at the most effective approach to managing graffiti - as part of a State-wide initiative.

Community Corrections Help to Remove Graffiti

Frankston City has formed an alliance with Community Correctional Services to undertake graffiti removal and repainting of playgrounds throughout the municipality.

The program involves participants using their community hours to remove or paint over graffiti, as part of a program that will improve the overall appearance of Council's playgrounds and other infrastructure.

Community Involvement and Pride Through Art

A range of art projects have been undertaken involving local communities in developing murals to replace unsightly, graffiti-prone walls in neighbourhoods.

'Our Place - Our Time' was an innovative community arts project sponsored by Frankston City Council and co-ordinated by

Kerry Oldfield, a Melbourne-based painter, sculptor and mosaic artist, working with schools and community groups in North Frankston.

The end walls of a shopping strip that suffered vandalism and graffiti were targeted for special treatment, including the involvement of secondary college students in the production of a painted mural.

The objective was to re-establish a sense of civic ownership and pride in public spaces by consulting with residents and users about the development of these spaces.

Fairway Street is the latest area receiving a make-over in a joint public arts project by SkillsPlus and Frankston City Council. Under the direction of artist Anne Riggs, the project encompasses a ceramic wall mural and hand made pavers, inlaid with colourful tiles, to enhance the 'streetscape' of the shopping strip.

Frankston City Council worked closely with the Frankston Chamber of Commerce to conduct a Clean Up in the CAD late last year, and with the assistance of Community Correction services, graffiti in the laneway at the rear of Young street, between Wells and Station Streets was painted out and replaced by artwork murals prepared by young people in the community.

Off the Streets and Into the Gallery

'Out of the Hole' is an innovative and exciting project which recently showcased the masterpieces of some of Melbourne's most dynamic aerosol artists, using aerosol paint on giant canvases, at Cube 37.

Frankston City Council's Cultural Development Co-ordinator, Mr Alan McGregor, said the audience was amazed at the skill and innovation displayed by the artists:

"Aerosol art is a powerful international, contemporary movement that is not reliant on the traditional structures and restrictions of the established art world. 'Out of the Hole' takes aerosol art off the streets and into the gallery environment - giving recognition to the artists and presenting it in a way that everyone can appreciate.

"The works are stunning in design, imagery and colour. They are created on very large-scale canvases - an opportunity not often available to the participating artists," he said.

The exhibition coincided with the Frankston International Guitar Festival, Australia's premier music, arts and industry event.

Australian First 3RCentre Launched



Left to right: Bruce Mildenhall, Parliamentary Secretary to the Premier; Mayor, Cr Cathy Wilson and Colin Harvey, a 3RCentre Director at the launch of the 3RCentre.

Australia's first recycling business centre in Carrum Downs was officially opened by Bruce Mildenhall, Parliamentary Secretary to the Premier on Thursday 21 February 2002. Frankston City Mayor, Cr Cathy Wilson was guest speaker at the event.

Cr Wilson said: "The multi-million dollar 3RCentre is the first of its kind in the Asia-Pacific region, showcasing more than 2500 recycled products for the home, office and outdoors, from 50 recycling companies Australia-wide."

The Centre has brought together a range of groups from major corporations such as Smorgon Steel, Nyllex and Alex Fraser Group to producers of recycled paper, pens, stationery, toilet tissue, building products, floor coverings and surfaces, solar power and water saving devices.

Cr Wilson said: "The Centre provides a one-stop-shop for major recycling products and services, offering information, marketing, education and support programs. It is also a unique training and educational resource which will play a significant role in raising awareness among businesses, government, schools and the general public through audiovisual and interactive workshops, seminars and training programs."

A 3RCentre Director, Mr James Kenny said: "The 3RCentre has been established to promote the products and services of those organisations that have recognised landfill is neither a commercially nor environmentally-sustainable solution to this nation's long-term waste management needs."

He said: "The Centre will become a focal point for information on the recycling industry and will encourage, drive and support the research and future development of exciting and new recycling products and services."

Waste and Recyclables Service New and Improved for 2002

Tenders have now been called for Frankston City Waste Services contracts, which will mean the implementation of a new and improved "best practice" waste service, planned to commence in October 2002.

An extensive community consultation and participation process commenced last year with a survey on green waste and recyclables services. Survey results indicated that residents would like a mobile bin for recyclables and the option to pay for a green waste service.

Community consultation and participation will continue, to enable you to select the size of waste bin that meets your needs and to order a 240 litre mobile bin for the optional green waste service.

Major improvements will result with the introduction of mobile recyclables bins, which will replace the black crates or blue mobile bins. New green waste bins will mean you will be assisting to reduce large volumes of waste annually going into landfill, as the collected material will be processed into mulch.

A letter will be sent out in May to all property owners, to explain the new service and details of costs along with an order form. If you are a tenant, please make sure you contact the property owner or real estate agent about your waste collection needs.

Council will need to have this information returned by the end of May in order to have the service up and running in October this year.

Frankston City Council working closely with the community, is leading the way towards a more sustainable future, with the best practice approach for the new waste service.