



COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

2024/CM06

Wednesday, 22 May 2024



THE COUNCIL MEETING

Welcome to this Meeting of the Frankston City Council

The Council appreciates residents, ratepayers and other visitors taking their places in the Public Gallery, as attendance demonstrates an interest in your Council and community affairs. Community spirit is encouraged.

This information sheet is designed to help you to understand the procedures of Council and help you to gain maximum value from your attendance.

The law regarding the conduct of Council meetings enables the public to observe the session. However, to ensure the manageability of Council meetings, opportunities for public participation are limited to Question Time and registered submissions in accordance with Council's guidelines, which are available from Council's Councillors Office (call 9768 1632) and on our website, www.frankston.vic.gov.au. It is not possible for any visitor to participate in any Council debate unless specifically requested by the Chairperson to do so.

If you would like to have contact with Councillors or Officers, arrangements can be made for you to do so separately to the meeting. Call the Councillors Office on 9768 1632 and ask for the person you would like to meet with, to arrange a time of mutual convenience.

When are they held?

Generally speaking, the Council meets formally every three (3) weeks on a Monday and meetings start at 7.00 pm, unless advertised otherwise. **This Council Meeting will be held in the Council Chambers, Frankston Civic Centre, 30 Davey Street (entry via Young Street).** Livestream footage can be viewed via our website, www.frankston.vic.gov.au.

Council meeting dates are posted at Young Street entrance to the Civic Centre (upper level) and also on our website, www.frankston.vic.gov.au.

Frankston City Council Governance Rules (adopted 31 August 2020 and amended 5 September 2022)

25. Chair's Duty

Any motion which is determined by the *Chair* to be:

- 25.1 *defamatory of or embarrassing to any Councillor, member of Council staff or other person;*
- 25.2 *abusive or objectionable in language or nature;*
- 25.3 *a direct negative of the question before the Chair;*
- 25.4 *vague or unclear in intention;*
- 25.5 *outside the powers of Council; or*
- 25.6 *irrelevant to the item of business on the agenda and has not been admitted as*

79. Chair May Remove

79.1 *The Chair may order and cause the removal of any person, including a Councillor, who disrupts any meeting or fails to comply with a direction given under sub-Rule 78.2, or cause the removal of any object or material that is deemed by the Chair as being objectionable or disrespectful.*

79.2 *Any person removed from the meeting under sub-Rule 79.1 must not return to the meeting without the approval of the Chair or Council.*

It is intended that this power be exercisable by the Chair, without the need for any Council resolution. The Chair may choose to order the removal of a person whose actions immediately threaten the stability of the meeting or wrongly threatens his or her authority in chairing the meeting.

The Governance Local Law 2020 creates the following offences in relation to behaviour at Council meetings:

- Refusing to leave a meeting when requested to do so by the Chair (following improper or disorderly conduct)
- Failing to comply with a direction of the Chair

Each of these offences carries a penalty of 2 penalty units.

Live Streaming of Council Meetings

Frankston City Council is now Live Streaming its Council Meetings.

Council is encouraging residents to view the meetings via the live streaming.

Live Streaming allows you to watch and listen to the meeting in real time, giving you greater access to Council decision making and debate and improving openness and transparency.

Every care will be taken to maintain privacy and, as far as practically possible, it is not intended that there be either live or recorded footage of the public or Media personnel, however, there might be incidental capture; for example footage of a person exiting the building depending on which camera is being used at the time, or audio recording of a person who interjects the meeting. Council officers who address Council will be heard on the live audio stream, and audio of them speaking will be recorded.

As per Council's Governance Rules 77.2 – the proceedings will be live streamed and recordings of the proceedings will be retained and will be published on Council's website within 24 hours from the end of the meeting.

Council will make every reasonable effort to ensure that a live stream and recording is available. However technical difficulties may arise in relation to live streaming or access to Council's website.

Appropriate signage will be placed at the entrance to the meeting location notifying all attendees that the meeting will be streamed live and recorded. Please note that it is not intended that public speakers will be visible in a live stream of a meeting and care is taken to maintain a person's privacy as an attendee in the gallery, however they may be unintentionally captured in the recording. If public speakers do not wish to be audio recorded they will need to contact the Councillors Office on telephone (03) 9768 1632 or via email councillors.office@frankston.vic.gov.au to discuss alternative options prior to the meeting.

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In the event Council encounters technical issues with the livestreaming, the meeting will be adjourned for up to 30 minutes until the matter is resolved. If the matter cannot be resolved, the meeting will be postponed to another evening.

The Formal Council Meeting Agenda

The Council meeting agenda is available for public inspection immediately after it is prepared, which is normally on the Thursday afternoon two (2) business days before the meeting. It is available from the Reception desk at the Civic Centre (upper level), on our website www.frankston.vic.gov.au or a copy is also available for you in the chamber before the meeting.

The following information is a summary of the agenda and what each section means:-

- **Items Brought Forward**

These are items for discussion that have been requested to be brought forward by a person, or a group of people, who have a particular item on the Agenda and who are present in the Public Gallery.

- **Presentation of Written Questions from the Gallery**

Question Time forms are available from the Civic Centre and our website, www.frankston.vic.gov.au.

“Questions with Notice” are to be submitted before 12 noon on the Friday before the relevant Ordinary Meeting either in person at the Frankston Civic Centre, online using the Question Time web form or via email to questions@frankston.vic.gov.au.

“Questions without Notice” are to be submitted between 12 noon on the Friday before the relevant Ordinary Meeting up until 4pm on the day of the relevant Council Meeting either in person via the designated Question Time box located at the Frankston Civic Centre front reception or the after-hours mail box or via email to questions@frankston.vic.gov.au.

A maximum of 3 questions may be submitted by any one person at one meeting. There is no opportunity to enter into debate from the Gallery.

More detailed information about the procedures for Question Time is available from Council’s Councillors Office (call 9768 1632) and on our website, www.frankston.vic.gov.au.

- **Presentation of Petitions and Joint Letters**

These are formal requests to the Council, signed by a number of people and drawing attention to matters of concern to the petitioners and seeking remedial action from the Council. Petitions received by Councillors and presented to a Council meeting are usually noted at the meeting, then a report is prepared for consideration at the next available meeting.

- **Presentation of Reports**

Matters requiring a Council decision are dealt with through officer reports brought before the Council for consideration. When dealing with each item, as with all formal meeting procedures, one Councillor will propose a motion and another Councillor will second the motion before a vote is taken. If the members of the public wish to clarify any of the items on the Agenda, please contact the relevant manager by phoning 1300 322 322.

- **Presentation of Delegate Reports**

A Councillor or member of Council staff who is a delegate may present to Council on the deliberations of the external body, association, group or working party in respect of which he or she is a delegate or an attendee at a Council approved conference / seminar.

- **Urgent Business**

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These are matters that Councillors believe require attention and action by Council. Before an item can be discussed, there must be a decision, supported by the majority of Councillors present, for the matter to be admitted as "Urgent Business".

- **Closed Meetings**

Because of the sensitive nature of some matters, such as personnel issues, contractual matters or possible legal action, these matters are dealt with confidentially at the end of the meeting.

Opportunity to address Council

Any person who wishes to address Council must pre-register their intention to speak before 4.00pm on the day of the meeting, by telephoning Council's Councillors Office (call 9768 1632) or by submitting the online web form or by using the application form both available on the website, www.frankston.vic.gov.au.

The submissions process is conducted in accordance with guidelines which are available from Council's Councillors Office and on our website. All submissions will be limited to 3 minutes in duration, except for Section 223 submitters, who have a maximum of 5 minutes. No more than ten (10) members of the public are to be permitted to address the Council. Further speakers will be permitted to address the meeting at the discretion of the Chair. All speakers need to advise if they are speaking on behalf of an organisation and it is deemed that they have been appropriately authorised by that said organisation.

Public submissions and any subsequent discussion will be recorded as part of the meeting. The proceedings will be live streamed and recordings of Council meetings will be made available to members of the public within 24 hours of the meeting.

Members of the public who address the Council will be heard on the live stream and audio of them speaking will be recorded. It is not intended that submitters or members of the public in the gallery will be visible in the live streaming or recording of the meeting. If a submitter does not wish to be recorded they must advise the Chair at the commencement of their public submission or prior to the Council Meeting.

Disclosure of Conflict of Interest

If a Councillor considers that they have, or might reasonably be perceived to have, a direct or indirect interest in a matter before the Council or a special committee of Council, they will declare their interest and clearly state its nature before the matter is considered. This will be done on every occasion that the matter is considered by the Council or special committee.

If a Councillor has an interest in a matter they will comply with the requirements of the Local Government Act, which may require that they do not move or second the motion and that they leave the room in which the meeting is being held during any vote on the matter and not vote on the matter.

If a Councillor does not intend to be at the meeting, he or she will disclose the nature of the interest to the Chief Executive Officer, Mayor or Chairperson prior to the meeting commencing.

MAYOR



NOTICE PAPER

ALL COUNCILLORS

NOTICE is hereby given that a Council Meeting of the Council will be held at the Civic Centre, Davey Street, Frankston, on 22 May 2024 at 7.00pm.

COUNCILLOR STATEMENT

All members of this Council pledge to the City of Frankston community to consider every item listed on this evening's agenda:

- *Based on the individual merits of each item;*
- *Without bias or prejudice by maintaining an open mind; and*
- *Disregarding Councillors' personal interests so as to avoid any conflict with our public duty.*

Any Councillor having a conflict of interest in an item will make proper, prior disclosure to the meeting and will not participate in the debate or vote on the issue.

OPENING WITH PRAYER

Almighty God, we ask for your blessing upon this Council. Direct and prosper its deliberations to the advancement of your glory and the true welfare of the people of Frankston City. Amen.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRADITIONAL OWNERS

I acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we meet today, the Bunurong People of the Kulin Nation, and pay my respect to Elders past, present and future. I would like to extend that respect to Elders of other communities who may be here today.

BUSINESS

1. **APOLOGIES**
2. **COUNCILLOR APPRECIATION AWARDS**
3. **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**
Council Meeting No. CM5 held on 13 May 2024.
4. **DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST AND DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST**
5. **PUBLIC QUESTIONS**
6. **HEARING OF SUBMISSIONS**
7. **CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS OF OFFICERS**
 - 7.1 Hearing of Submitters - Council Plan (Year 4 actions) and Budget 2024-252
8. **URGENT BUSINESS**
9. **CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS**
Nil

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Executive Summary**7.1 Hearing of Submitters - Council Plan (Year 4 actions) and Budget 2024-25**

Enquiries: (Caroline Reidy: Corporate and Commercial Services)

Council Plan

Level 1:	6. Progressive and Engaged City
Level 2:	6.1 Ensure sustainable financial management and the strategic allocation of resources to deliver planned infrastructure and services

Purpose

To brief Council with public submissions relating to the proposed Council Plan (Year 4 actions) and Budget 2024-25 for consideration prior to its adoption.

Recommendation (Director Corporate and Commercial Services)

That Council:

1. Hears and considers the public submissions relating to the proposed Council Plan (Year 4 actions) and Budget 2024-25;
2. Notes Stage 1 engagement on the Budget 2024-25 was run as an online survey from 13 February to 14 March 2024 with 24 surveys completed and 3 written submissions relating to foreshore, city beautification and rates;
3. Notes at the 22 April 2024 Council Meeting, Council received 3 verbal submissions relating to Frankston Business Collective and Frankston Navy Memorial Club and Frankston Bowling Club;
4. Notes the proposed Council Plan (Year 4 actions) and Budget 2024-25 was on public exhibition for a period of 28 days resulting in over 400 visits to the Draft Budget 2024-25 consultation page on Engage Frankston;
5. Notes 13 written submissions were received with 11 submissions relating to the Frankston Business Collective. Four people have registered to speak at this meeting in support of their written submission; and
6. Notes a report to formally adopt the Council Plan (Year 4 actions) and Budget 2024-25 will be presented to Council at its meeting on 3 June 2024.

Key Points / Issues

- Upon adoption of the draft Council Plan (Year 4 actions) and Budget 2024-25 at the Council meeting of the 22 April 2024; the draft was placed on public exhibition for a period of 28 days.
- As part of the communications plan the public were invited to comment and provide submissions, stating that Council will consider all written and verbal submissions at its meeting held on 22 May 2024.
- At the time of writing this report Council has received 13 written submissions and four have confirmed that they wish to address Council at the Hearing of Public Submissions on 22 May 2024. A copy of the written submissions are attached as supporting information to the Agenda. Should Council receive any further submissions, these will be distributed under separate cover.
- The proposed/amended Council Plan (Year 4 actions) and Budget 2024-25 will be presented to Council for adoption at its Council Meeting held on 3 June 2024.

7.1 Hearing of Submitters - Council Plan (Year 4 actions) and Budget 2024-25**Executive Summary****Financial Impact**

The draft Budget and Council Plan Initiatives is prepared in accordance with the *Local Government Act 2020* and relevant Australian Accounting Standards. The document closely accords with the financial framework established by Council in its adopted 2021-2031 Financial Plan and continues to address the infrastructure renewal challenge faced by both this Council and the Local Government Industry.

The draft Budget and Council Plan Initiatives includes financial statements being a consolidated income statement, balance sheet, cash flow, capital works and statement of human resources. It also includes a general description of the services and initiatives to be funded in the budget and major initiatives identified by the Council as priorities in the Council Plan, to be undertaken each financial year, the prescribed indicators and measures of service performance, the rates and charges to be levied, the capital works program to be undertaken and other financial information which Council requires in order to make an informed decision about the adoption of the budget.

As an organisation we are facing a tight budget for 2024-2025 and beyond, which is further burdened by the many economic challenges that have impacted on the long-term sustainability of the local government sector including:

- Rate capping
- Cost shifting
- Interest rate increases – 13 over the past 2 years
- Constraints on ability to grow own source revenue
- Global economy impacts
- Increasing costs of materials, services, utilities and Workcover

The economic outlook, along with the ongoing financial sustainability challenges in the sector, mean continued caution is required. This clearer view of the current financial situation requires Council to implement changes / cost savings in key areas and strengthen its strategic service planning which guides our future direction.

Council is now in the process of considering the activities/initiatives we will work on more robustly to ensure they better align with the demands of the prevailing financial environment. By putting these measures in place now, Council will be in a stronger position to ensure we continue to deliver essential services to the community in a sustainable way.

Consultation**1. External Stakeholders**

At its Council Meeting on 22 April 2024, Council resolved to endorse its draft Council Plan (Year 4 actions) and Budget 2024-25 for public exhibition seeking submissions from interested parties. A hearing of submitters meeting has been scheduled for 22 May 2024 to consider submissions and to hear from any person or organisation wishing to be heard in support of their written submission.

Public Consultation

Initial engagement (Stage 1) to assist in formulating the Council Plan and Budget took place between 13 February 2024 and 14 March 2024.

Stage 1 of the Budget 2024-25 engagement was run as an online survey, with the option for community members to provide hard copy responses, or input via phone or email.

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The engagement was promoted via Council’s social media posts, Frankston City E-News, an article in Bayside News, Engage Frankston notifications, and in a number of targeted Council newsletters. Information and hard copy surveys were also available in Frankston’s Customer Service Centre and Frankston Library.

Council received 24 contributions to our online survey, and three written submissions.

Public consultation on the draft Council Plan and Budget took place from 23 April 2024 to 20 May 2024. The consultation process included:

- Promotion of feedback opportunities via Council’s communications channels, including social media, newsletters and websites.

The *Local Government Act 2020* does not require councils to undertake a formal submissions process to provide the opportunity for persons to make submissions on a proposed Budget and Council Plan initiatives. However, in line with Council’s commitment to our community, Council undertook a public submissions process as part of its engagement approach.

During the consultation period, at the time of writing this report, the Engage Frankston web page displaying the Council Plan (Year 4 actions) and Budget 2024-25 received 431 visits with 13 providing feedback through participation tools. A summary of the engagement statistics is shown below.

Engagement during the public exhibition period



The following is a summary of the submissions received:

- 3 submissions were received during the Stage 1 engagement period which was open from 13 February to 14 March;
- 3 verbal submissions were made at the 22 April 2024 Council meeting on the endorsement of the Draft Budget 2024-25 for public consultation; and
- 13 formal submissions were made during the Draft Budget public exhibition period from 22 April 2024 to 20 May 2024.

7.1 Hearing of Submitters - Council Plan (Year 4 actions) and Budget 2024-25

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Submission Theme	Feedback Summary	Request to be heard? (5 minutes)
Stage 1 engagement submissions 13 February to 14 March 2024		
Stage Submission A Foreshore	1 Requests additional funding for staff, signage and fencing for dune protection along the Frankston Foreshore. Increased need for planting along the boardwalks and canopy trees in the between the Yacht and Surf Lifesaving Clubs. The Frankston Beach Association advocates for increased funding in for Council's 'greening projects'.	No
Stage Submission B City Beautification	1 Comments on the deterioration of maintenance including but not limited to 'flowering baskets, planting of Nepean Highway median strip, Christmas decorations, revegetation and maintenance of plants on foreshore, parks and other public areas such as the McComb site'. Would like to see money diverted from 'funding private enterprise, purchasing art works, funding unnecessary constructions (e.g. lookouts on Kananook Creek, White Street Mall), lighting'	No
Stage Submission C Rates	1 Seeking 'to reduce council rates in favour using the reduction to assist cost of living pressures'.	No
Verbal submissions at Council Meeting on 22 April 2024		
Verbal Pre-Submission D Frankston Business Collective	Made a verbal submission at the 22 April 2024 Council Meeting, on behalf of the Frankston Business Collective requesting an additional \$140,000 in the 2024-25 budget, on top of the existing budgeted amount of \$60,000	No
Verbal Pre-Submission E Frankston Navy Memorial Club	Made a verbal submission at the 22 April 2024 Council Meeting, on behalf of the Frankston Navy Memorial Club at 36 Barretts Rd, Langwarrin requesting funding to upgrade its facilities of \$784,606	No

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Submission Theme	Feedback Summary	Request to be heard? (5 minutes)
Verbal Pre-Submission F Frankston Bowling Club	Made a verbal submission at the 22 April 2024 Council Meeting, on behalf of the Frankston Bowling Club, Yuille St, Frankston. Requesting advocacy assistance to the Federal government and funding to close the gap to upgrade and add a roof to a section of its greens.	No
Formal submissions received during public exhibition period 22 April to 20 May 2024		
Submission 1 Frankston Business Collective	'Frankston Business collective should not be receiving funding - they were meant to be self-sufficient by now. Money could be better spent elsewhere.'	No
Submission 2 Frankston Business Collective	'Pleased to see that financial support continues for local businesses including the Frankston Business Collective whose Events I find invaluable, both from a networking and educational perspective.'	No
Submission 3 Frankston Business Collective	'I would like to see more funding and support allocated to the Frankston Business Collective. I think the FBC is an invaluable resource for the Frankston Business Community and supporting the FBC is in the best interest of the wider community. The FBC has offered a tremendous range of events and support to local businesses in Frankston over the past 18 months and I feel that if the Council were to abandon their support for the Collective - which is our new Chamber of Commerce, it would have a devastating effect on not only the current 200 members but also just the image of Frankston and idea of doing business in Frankston.'	Yes - In person
Submission 4 Frankston Business Collective	'I am in support of an increase in the funding for the Frankston Business Collective from \$60k to \$200k. As a business owner and Frankston Business Collective member, this organisation is an important part of advocacy, networking and education in supporting local businesses and industries towards growth and success. This success will drive economic benefits to the region and pave the way for innovation, greater resources, and increased employment opportunities.'	No

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Submission Theme	Feedback Summary	Request to be heard? (5 minutes)
Submission 5 Frankston Business Collective	'If the collective are to advance membership they need more resources. We are at the maximum capacity now with lack of resources so I am in support of additional funding. There are many strategies we could adopt with the collective to grow membership but it's not possible without additional resources. We need our CEO to concentrate on gaining new members but currently gets bogged down in admin operations.'	Yes - In person
Submission 6 Frankston Business Collective	<p>The increase in the budget for the FBC to \$200K is vital to support the development of the entire business community throughout Frankston.</p> <p>The FBC has just started its work and has done so with a single CEO resource and some administrative support. In the near 2 years since inception, there's been a weekly commitment in hours of a minimum of 60 per week and probably closer to 70 hours. It is simply not sustainable.</p> <p>The budget increase will enable a part time member support officer, enable additional admin support and also marketing support. This will enable the CEO to engage with the business community at the levels needed.</p> <p>The work done to date has attracted over 200 members. Much more needs to be done. The additional resources are critical. It is not reasonable to expect any person to do 60+ hours per week, and then say ... oh, you didn't do well enough.</p>	Yes - In person
Submission 7 Frankston Business Collective	'I believe that there should be more funding for the FBC. As a sponsor of the group, I have found great benefit in the networking events and the programs that they have run. I think that it is important that Frankston has an independent organisation driving outcomes for business owners, in concert with the great work that the council does. The first 12 months of the FBC has seen it achieve a lot and there will be strong growth as more businesses learn of the value proposition.'	No

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Submission Theme	Feedback Summary	Request to be heard? (5 minutes)
Submission 8 Frankston Business Collective	'A thriving and growing local business community is essential for Council to achieve many of its Strategic Objectives. Support of Frankston Business Collective is an important and intelligent way for Council to do this. Having said that, \$0.06m is insufficient. I am aware that FBC has sought \$0.2m to enable staffing and resources which will better allow it to fulfil its potential and become self-sufficient.'	No
Submission 9 Waste	'Council has been identified as taking monies through the Waste Charge which is outside of the Local Government Act and the guidelines and should redress the situation immediately. The draft budget does not identify how this issue will be redressed and needs to be modified to achieve redress to those who have been charged excessive amounts for waste services.'	Yes - In person
Submission 10 Frankston Business Collective	'I am a small business owner with head office in Frankston. Having supportive networks established and growing their methods of support has been invaluable for me and my team the past couple of years. Frankston Business Collective has enabled me to connect with quality local business professionals wanting to collaborate and support each other.'	No
Submission 11 Frankston Business Collective	'The Frankston business collective supports local business, and is run by passionate volunteers. Thus, an investment in them sends the message that we as a council support our volunteers and recognise the sacrifice they make for the betterment of all.'	No
Submission 12 Frankston Business Collective	Frankston city council has signed up being a small business friendly council and having seen what other councils are doing, I certainly think that Frankston is doing a great job in setting up and supporting local business networks. I believe the funding for FBC represents an investment from the council to continue the current mandate.	No

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Submission Theme	Feedback Summary	Request to be heard? (5 minutes)
Submission 13 Women's Shelter	The Mornington Peninsula Shire are working with Women's Community Shelters to open up the first women's shelter in Victoria. I believe that Frankston should be home to the second shelter. The response from the council is minimal at this stage, but it would be wonderful if a representative from council could attend the next community meeting for the MP shelter.	No

2. Other Stakeholders

The Executive Management Team has been consulted in the lead up to the preparation of the draft Council Plan (Year 4 actions) and Budget 2024-25. Council's Audit and Risk Committee have also been briefed and provided with a copy of the documents at their 3 May 2024 meeting.

Analysis (Environmental / Economic / Social Implications)

Economic implications regarding this report are detailed under Section 'Financial Implications' above. The proposed Council Plan (Year 4 actions) and Budget 2024-25 allocates significant resources to the implementation of the Council Plan Key Community Outcomes.

The proposed Council Plan (Year 4 actions) and Budget 2024-25 recognises the leadership role Council has within the community to actively promote sound environmental outcomes and to facilitate other levels of government and the community to act in a similar vein.

The proposed Council Plan (Year 4 actions) and Budget 2024-25 contains financial resourcing for a wide range of programs that deliver important services to the Frankston community. The proposed Council Plan (Year 4 actions) and Budget 2024-25 is based on the principle of maintaining services that are presently available to the community with some minor service growth to meet service demands.

Legal / Policy / Council Plan ImpactCharter of Human Rights and Responsibilities

The Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities has been considered in the preparation of this report but is not relevant to the content of the report.

Legal

The proposed Council Plan (Year 4 actions) and Budget 2024-25 is prepared in accordance with the *Local Government Act 2020* and relevant Australian Accounting Standards.

Policy Impact

Nil

Officer's Declaration of Interests

Council officers involved in the preparation of this report have no Conflict of Interest in this matter.

7.1 Hearing of Submitters - Council Plan (Year 4 actions) and Budget 2024-25**Executive Summary****Gender Impact Assessments**

No gender impact assessment was required.

Risk Mitigation

There are no direct risk implications arising from this report.

Conclusion

The proposed Council Plan (Year 4 actions) and Budget 2024-25 has been on public exhibition for 28 days where the community was invited to provide feedback. The Public Hearing of Submitters is scheduled for the 22 May 2024 and the Budget 2024-2025 is expected to be adopted by Council at the 3 June 2024 Meeting.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A:[↓](#) Summary of Budget 2024-25 Submissions

Attachment: Draft Council Plan and Budget 2024-25 Submissions

Submission Number	Group/ Individual	Submission Summary	Officer Response
<p>Stage 1 Submission A (made on 14/03/2024 – stage 1 engagement)</p>	<p>Frankston Beach Association</p>	<p>‘The Frankston Beach Association makes the following comments in relation to Budget priorities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is insufficient staff employed by Council to properly maintain the fragile dunes on Frankston Foreshore. Whilst FBA volunteers work with Council for planting, there is a need for more paid staff for follow-up watering and wind protection for new plants in this harsh environment and for ongoing general weeding to remove Coprosma, Wormwood and Box-thorns. With the recent Council commitment to plant several hundred Coastal Banksia trees, the demand on foreshore staff will increase. • There are other measures needed to protect the dunes such as more signage and fencing. • There is a lack of planting and replanting of trees and vegetation along the boardwalks; • There is a need between the Yacht Club and the Lifesaving Club for more canopy trees to shade this designated picnic area and save future Council expenditure on shade covers. • We would advocate more staff at Council’s excellent nursery to aid the function of propagating plants for foreshore planting activities. • The Coastal and Marine Management Plan Actions will need to be fully costed and prioritised. (We attach a copy of the Frankston Beach Association submission to the Draft CMMP for your perusal) • Our requests embrace Council’s many “greening” projects such as Urban Forest Action Plan 	<p>Thank you for your suggestions to the budget priorities for 2024-25 Council Plan and Budget, particularly regarding the maintenance and enhancement of Frankston's foreshore. We acknowledge the importance of these issues and are committed to ensuring the sustainability and resilience of our coastal environment. Your suggestions will be carefully considered in our budget deliberations, with a focus on balancing resources to address the pressing needs outlined. You may already be aware that Council received funding under the Port Phillip Funding Grant in 21/22 to undertake dune protection fencing at Keast park which has been completed.</p> <p>In March 2024, Council commenced the Frankton City Coastal Resilience 2100 project. This project seeks to get a better understanding of the drivers of change impacting our coastal environment, such as sea level rise, short and long term coastal inundation and erosion/accretion trends. It will also explore place-based coastal hazard vulnerability and risk focusing on assessing coastal hazard exposure of our infrastructure, assets and values.</p> <p>As you have mentioned Council has committed to planting Coastal Banksia trees along the foreshore reserves. We will take into consideration within the locations that you have suggested.</p> <p>Your submission to the Coastal and Marine management Plan has been considered in the final review. A report will be</p>

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		<p>2020-2040, and the Native Vegetation Offset Program as well as the Coastal and Marine Management Plan,.</p> <p>The health of our foreshore is most important to stop sea level rising (refer Council’s Climate Change Policy). The Frankston Beach Association advocates an increase in funding for this purpose in the 2024-25 Council Budget.</p> <p>We hope these suggestions are favourably regarded by Council.’</p>	<p>presented at the July Council Meeting for the adoption of the final plan, FBA will be contacted if you wish to make any further submissions on the CMMP.</p> <p>We appreciate your continued support and advocacy for the foreshore area and look forward to working together in 24/25.</p>
<p>Stage 1 Submission B (made on 14/03/2024 – stage 1 engagement)</p>	<p>Individual</p>	<p>My first comment is the difficulty to actually have a say on the budget, similarly last year’s budget which only gave community the choice to <u>prioritise</u> council’s supplied options.</p> <p>Over the past three years, maintenance in Frankston has very noticeably deteriorated in maintaining current assets, cleaning, innovations such as flowering baskets, planting of Nepean Highway median strip, Christmas decorations, revegetation and maintenance of plants on foreshore, parks and other public areas such as the McComb site.</p> <p>Improvement of all these things will make Frankston a clean, comfortable, attractive and aesthetic suburb where more commerce will want to come.</p> <p>Instead Council is haphazardly funding private enterprise, purchasing art works, funding unnecessary constructions (e.g. lookouts on Kananook Creek, White Street Mall), lighting, etc. Council needs to bear in</p>	<p>Council is responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of a \$2.8 Billion portfolio of assets and carefully balances this need with that of providing new infrastructure for a growing community. Council has been increasingly focused on the beautification and maintenance of its assets to enhance the overall presentation of our City. Significant funding has been committed to meet our increasing renewal demands, including roundabout garden renewals and enhanced graffiti management with faster response times. Council continues to advocate for presentation and beautification treatments across the city by State Government prioritising additional funding for Frankston City.</p>

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		<p>mind that Frankston is a median municipality and spend accordingly. Firstly considering its main <u>functions</u> of general maintenance of its municipality and care of its residents including housing its homeless and, our new hazard, climate change.</p> <p>I see the need for increased funding to improve all those services for our community which will also improve our suburb's status as a greening, welcoming municipality and ask Council to please stop assisting private enterprise and stop spending limited rate money on unnecessary "decorations".</p>	
<p>Stage 1 Submission C (made on 15/02/2024 – stage 1 engagement)</p>	<p>Individual</p>	<p>'In this engage project Draft Budget 2024-2025, is this the correct place where residents can begin the conversation that the rates costs are too high? In a Council meeting last year, residents asked questions and expressed Council rates were too high however were told it was too late to express this when the budget was put to up to pass. Councillors encouraged residents to begin early the following year. Is that time now arrived? Does the Engage Draft Budget 2024-2025 make it clear that residents should make representations to council about rates costs if they think them too high? It occurs to me this will limit Council aspirations for budget priorities if residents want to reduce council rates in favour using the reduction to assist cost of living pressures at this inflationary time.'</p>	<p>Council acknowledges the cost of living pressures the community is facing. Council along with the local government sector is also affected by these pressures in terms of cost increases on materials, services, interest rates and utilities. The rate cap for 2024/25 has been set at 2.75% which is significantly lower than the current rate of inflation. This increase is apportioned among ratepayers based upon their property valuation. Council is committed to focussing strategically on service planning which guides our future direction on the activities/initiatives we will work on more robustly to ensure they better align with the demands of the prevailing financial environment. By putting these measures in place now, Council will be in a stronger position to ensure we continue to deliver essential services to the community in a sustainable way.</p>

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<p>Verbal Pre-Submission D (made on 22/04/2024 – draft budget endorsement)</p>	<p>Frankston Business Collective</p>	<p>Made a verbal submission at the 22 April 2024 Council Meeting, on behalf of the Frankston Business Collective requesting an additional \$140,000 in the 2024-25 budget, on top of the existing budgeted amount of \$60,000.</p>	<p>The Proposed Budget 2024-25 has been out for public consultation requesting submissions from the community until 20 May 2024 and will be considered at the Council meeting held on 22 May 2024. This proposed budget includes \$200,000 in funding to support the Frankston Business Collective.</p> <p>It is planned that Council adopts the budget on 3 June 2024 where a final decision will be made to support the 2024-25 funding of the Frankston Business Collective.</p> <p>The Frankston Business Collective was established in 2021-22 with a view to independence. Given the difficult economic times it has understandably been a challenging time for the Collective to grow their membership base and income as quickly as first thought. There are now over 200 members of the Collective and it is well recognised in Frankston.</p>
<p>Verbal Pre-Submission E (made on 22/04/2024 – draft budget endorsement)</p>	<p>Frankston Navy Memorial Club</p>	<p>Made a verbal submission at the 22 April 2024 Council Meeting, on behalf of the Frankston Navy Memorial Club at 36 Barrett’s Rd, Langwarrin requesting funding to upgrade its facilities of \$784,606</p>	<p>The Frankston Navy Memorial Club appears to have had a long history in the Frankston area, however it was only in the month leading up to their recent submission to Council seeking financial support that officers and sitting Councillors have become aware of their existence. Officers have recently met Club representatives to begin to understand the nature of their group, their infrastructure, services, membership and needs. In recognition of the limited pool of capital funds available and the fact that there are already various known Clubs/community groups operating in Council-owned facilities that have been long awaiting further investment/upgrades to their infrastructure, this new request for investment in a non-Council asset is not recommended in the 2024/25 budget. Rather, it is recommended that, for now, officers continue to engage</p>

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			with the Club and support their investigations into potential future options.
Verbal Pre-Submission F (made on 22/04/2024 – draft budget endorsement)	Frankston Bowling Club	Made a verbal submission at the 22 April 2024 Council Meeting, on behalf of the Frankston Bowling Club, Yuille St, Frankston. Requesting advocacy assistance to the Federal government and funding to close the gap to upgrade and add a roof to a section of its greens.	There is no current commitment from Council to support this project in the LTIP. A meeting with the Club and Council officers has been held subsequent to the 22 April Council meeting. Council and officers will work with the Club in their advocacy efforts going forward.
Submission 1	Individual	‘Frankston Business collective should not be receiving funding - they were meant to be self-sufficient by now. Money could be better spent elsewhere.’	<p>The Proposed Budget 2024-25 has been out for public consultation requesting submissions from the community until 20 May 2024 and will be considered at the Council meeting held on 22 May 2024. This proposed budget includes \$200,000 in funding to support the Frankston Business Collective.</p> <p>It is planned that Council adopts the budget on 3 June 2024 where a final decision will be made to support the 2024-25 funding of the Frankston Business Collective.</p> <p>The Frankston Business Collective was established in 2021-22 with a view to independence. Given the difficult economic times it has understandably been a challenging time for the Collective to grow their membership base and income as quickly as first thought. There are now over 200 members of the Collective and it is well recognised in Frankston. Council strives to achieve the right balance on how it allocates funding to service community and infrastructure needs across the municipality. Council seeks to deliver on the projects and services we have committed to in our Council Plan and strategic programs. In this case, Council is supportive of helping the business community thrive after experiencing several difficult years.</p>

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Submission 2	Frankston Business Collective	<p>‘The budget appears sound. I was pleased to see that financial support continues for local businesses including the Frankston Business Collective whose Events I find invaluable, both from a networking and educational perspective. I’ve been a member from the very beginning and am always encouraging others to come along and be part. Many have also since joined I’m pleased to say. The Collective has definitely contributed to my continued business success.’</p>	<p>The Proposed Budget 2024-25 has been out for public consultation requesting submissions from the community until 20 May 2024 and will be considered at the Council meeting held on 22 May 2024. This proposed budget includes \$200,000 in funding to support the Frankston Business Collective.</p> <p>It is planned that Council adopts the budget on 3 June 2024 where a final decision will be made to support the 2024-25 funding of the Frankston Business Collective.</p> <p>The Frankston Business Collective was established in 2021-22 with a view to independence. Given the difficult economic times it has understandably been a challenging time for the Collective to grow their membership base and income as quickly as first thought. There are now over 200 members of the Collective and it is well recognised in Frankston.</p>
Submission 3	Frankston Business Collective	<p>I would like to see more funding and support allocated to the Frankston Business Collective. I think the FBC is an invaluable resource for the Frankston Business Community and supporting the FBC is in the best interest of the wider community. The FBC has offered a tremendous range of events and support to local businesses in Frankston over the past 18 months and I feel that if the Council were to abandon their support for the Collective - which is our new Chamber of Commerce, it would have a devastating effect on not only the current 200 members but also just the image of Frankston and idea of doing business in Frankston.</p> <p>In my role as Business Development Manager of Quest Frankston on the Bay, I have attended many FBC events</p>	<p>The Proposed Budget 2024-25 has been out for public consultation requesting submissions from the community until 20 May 2024 and will be considered at the Council meeting held on 22 May 2024. This proposed budget includes \$200,000 in funding to support the Frankston Business Collective.</p> <p>It is planned that Council adopts the budget on 3 June 2024 where a final decision will be made to support the 2024-25 funding of the Frankston Business Collective.</p> <p>The Frankston Business Collective was established in 2021-22 with a view to independence. Given the difficult economic times it has understandably been a challenging time for the Collective to grow their membership base and income as quickly as first thought. There are now over 200 members of the Collective and it is well recognised in Frankston.</p>

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		<p>and have made invaluable connections with other local businesses as well have benefited hugely from education and support opportunities.</p> <p>One thing I feel very strongly about is my support for the FBC's annual ACE Conference and Awards night which I think is fantastic and I think goes a very long way with instilling pride in our local community. Which is very much needed when you look at the observable state of our CBD.</p> <p>Establishing a chamber of commerce is no easy feat and I think the FBC is well on the right path. In the post covid, cost of living crisis era we are living in, there are now 200 members of the FBC and I would love to see the FBC be supported by council for number of more years so that it can grow in the long term self-sustaining membership organisation I believe it can and will be.</p>	
Submission 4	Frankston Business Collective	<p>I am in support of an increase in the funding for the Frankston Business Collective from \$60k to \$200k.</p> <p>As a business owner and Frankston Business Collective member, this organisation is an important part of advocacy, networking and education in supporting local businesses and industries towards growth and success. This success will drive economic benefits to the region and pave the way for innovation, greater resources, and increased employment opportunities.</p>	<p>The Proposed Budget 2024-25 has been out for public consultation requesting submissions from the community until 20 May 2024 and will be considered at the Council meeting held on 22 May 2024. This proposed budget includes \$200,000 in funding to support the Frankston Business Collective.</p> <p>It is planned that Council adopts the budget on 3 June 2024 where a final decision will be made to support the 2024-25 funding of the Frankston Business Collective.</p> <p>The Frankston Business Collective was established in 2021-22 with a view to independence. Given the difficult economic times it has understandably been a challenging time for the</p>

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Submission 5	Frankston Business Collective	<p>If the collective are to advance membership they need more resources. We are at the maximum capacity now with lack of resources so I am in support of additional funding.</p> <p>I have been in the membership business for over 20 years with huge success. I set up membership programs for AFL, NRL, Big Bash, international clients etc.</p> <p>There are many strategies we could adopt with the collective to grow membership but it's not possible without additional resources. We need our CEO to concentrate on gaining new members but currently gets bogged down in admin operations. The people and businesses I mix with as President of Frankston fc often comment on the great progress the Collective have made and how important it is to mix all business together. The Collect is a must but we need to resource it to ensure we can continue grow.</p>	<p>The Proposed Budget 2024-25 has been out for public consultation requesting submissions from the community until 20 May 2024 and will be considered at the Council meeting held on 22 May 2024. This proposed budget includes \$200,000 in funding to support the Frankston Business Collective.</p> <p>It is planned that Council adopts the budget on 3 June 2024 where a final decision will be made to support the 2024-25 funding of the Frankston Business Collective.</p> <p>The Frankston Business Collective was established in 2021-22 with a view to independence. Given the difficult economic times it has understandably been a challenging time for the Collective to grow their membership base and income as quickly as first thought. There are now over 200 members of the Collective and it is well recognised in Frankston.</p>
Submission 6	Frankston Business Collective	<p>The increase in the budget for the FBC to \$200K is vital to support the development of the entire business community throughout Frankston.</p> <p>The FBC has just started its work and has done so with a single CEO resource and some administrative support. In the near 2 years since inception, there's been a weekly commitment in hours of a minimum of 60 per week and probably closer to 70 hours. It is simply not sustainable.</p>	<p>The Proposed Budget 2024-25 has been out for public consultation requesting submissions from the community until 20 May 2024 and will be considered at the Council meeting held on 22 May 2024. This proposed budget includes \$200,000 in funding to support the Frankston Business Collective.</p> <p>It is planned that Council adopts the budget on 3 June 2024 where a final decision will be made to support the 2024-25 funding of the Frankston Business Collective.</p>

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		<p>The budget increase will enable a part time member support officer, enable additional admin support and also marketing support. This will enable the CEO to engage with the business community at the levels needed.</p> <p>The work done to date has attracted over 200 members. Much more needs to be done. The additional resources are critical. It is not reasonable to expect any person to do 60+ hours per week, and then say ... oh, you didn't do well enough.</p>	<p>The Frankston Business Collective was established in 2021-22 with a view to independence. Given the difficult economic times it has understandably been a challenging time for the Collective to grow their membership base and income as quickly as first thought. There are now over 200 members of the Collective and it is well recognised in Frankston.</p>
Submission 7	Frankston Business Collective	<p>I believe that there should be more funding for the FBC. As a sponsor of the group, I have found great benefit in the networking events and the programs that they have run. I think that it is important that Frankston has an independent organisation driving outcomes for business owners, in concert with the great work that the council does. The first 12 months of the FBC has seen it achieve a lot and there will be strong growth as more businesses learn of the value proposition. It has a strong focus on helping businesses to 'do it local' and that is great for local businesses, local residents and the local community in general.</p>	<p>The Proposed Budget 2024-25 has been out for public consultation requesting submissions from the community until 20 May 2024 and will be considered at the Council meeting held on 22 May 2024. This proposed budget includes \$200,000 in funding to support the Frankston Business Collective.</p> <p>It is planned that Council adopts the budget on 3 June 2024 where a final decision will be made to support the 2024-25 funding of the Frankston Business Collective.</p> <p>The Frankston Business Collective was established in 2021-22 with a view to independence. Given the difficult economic times it has understandably been a challenging time for the Collective to grow their membership base and income as quickly as first thought. There are now over 200 members of the Collective and it is well recognised in Frankston.</p>
Submission 8	Frankston Business Collective	<p>A thriving and growing local business community is essential for Council to achieve many of its Strategic Objectives. Support of Frankston Business Collective is an important and intelligent way for Council to do this.</p>	<p>The Proposed Budget 2024-25 has been out for public consultation requesting submissions from the community until 20 May 2024 and will be considered at the Council meeting held on 22 May 2024. This proposed budget</p>

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		<p>Having said that, \$0.06m is insufficient. I am aware that FBC has sought \$0.2m to enable staffing and resources which will better allow it to fulfil its potential and become self-sufficient.</p>	<p>includes \$200,000 in funding to support the Frankston Business Collective. It is planned that Council adopts the budget on 3 June 2024 where a final decision will be made to support the 2024-25 funding of the Frankston Business Collective. The Frankston Business Collective was established in 2021-22 with a view to independence. Given the difficult economic times it has understandably been a challenging time for the Collective to grow their membership base and income as quickly as first thought. There are now over 200 members of the Collective and it is well recognised in Frankston.</p>
Submission 9	Individual	<p>Council has been identified as taking monies through the Waste Charge which is outside of the Local Government Act and the guidelines and should redress the situation immediately. The draft budget does not identify how this issue will be redressed and needs to be modified to achieve redress to those who have been charged excessive amounts for waste services. Why Should Council Redress the Issue Immediately? There are several reasons why immediate redress is the most appropriate action. They include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Council has received monies that are not rightfully Councils, 2. Councillors are the representatives of the ratepayers (the primary stakeholder of Council) and are responsible for acting in accordance with the applicable legislation and interests of the ratepayers, 3. These monies have been fully or partially received during the term of the current Council and have been identified as being an excess charge during the term of this Council, 	<p>Ratepayers have not been overcharged for waste services provided to the municipality.</p> <p>Like most other Victorian Councils, Frankston City utilises a waste management charge, under the Local Government Act 1989, to fund critical services such as waste collection, disposal and recycling, landfill rehabilitation, street cleaning, dumped rubbish and graffiti management. Each year, all Local Government organisations are required to report on the compliance of rates and charges to the Essential Services Commission. Frankston City Council has complied with this requirement.</p> <p>New guidelines were introduced by the Victorian Government in December 2023 without consultation with the Local Government sector, seeking to create consistency across the sector about what is included in the waste service charges. This has been the first time the Victorian Government identified which of these critical services</p>

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		<p>4. There are clear inequities with ratepayers charged for waste services paying 100% for services which benefit all ratepayers, e.g. street sweeping, graffiti removal, drainage and pit maintenance, climate and sustainability</p> <p>5. It is not appropriate to leave this issue for a future council</p> <p>6. Council has taken many steps to enhance the reputation of Frankston Council. Failing to take immediate action on this issue would offset these steps in the eyes of ratepayers,</p> <p>7. Council needs to be seen to taking ownership of the issue and providing the required leadership. There are many styles of leadership. Media reports only indicate 'avoidance' on this issue to date. Adopting 'constructive styles' would be more appropriate and more likely to be respected by ratepayers and the community,</p> <p>8. Media reports indicate the Minister has given Council a period of grace to address this matter. That period should be viewed as the least favourable period of time and only considered if there are no other suitable options. It is believed Council has the capacity to redress this issue immediately,</p> <p>9. Any further delay in redressing the issue will make it harder to fairly reimburse past ratepayers and those who sell property/s in the intervening period.</p> <p>How Should Redress Occur?</p> <p>Council should establish the framework or principles to be used in redressing the overcharging. The following are matters that could be included, but should not be seen as a fully considered framework.</p>	<p>operated by sector should NOT be included in a waste service charge.</p> <p>Council is a break-even organisation - waste services provided to the community need to be funded either from rates charges or from the waste service charge. It is noteworthy that Frankston City Council's waste management charge has decreased over the past two years and is proposed to decrease in the 2024-25 financial year.</p> <p>The new guidelines from the State Government endeavours to provide consistency across the sector and Council will work on the funding mechanism for each element of waste service costs which will be reflected in the Annual Budget for the financial year 2025-26. Council will continue to be transparent about what is included in our charges going forward.</p> <p>Note these guidelines will take effect from the financial year 2025-26 and are not retrospective.</p>

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		<p>1. There should be no disadvantage experienced by any ratepayer who has been overcharged, 2. Equally, Council should not get an advantage from having held these monies for a period of time, 3. The redress must be uniformly applied to all ratepayers who have been uniformly overcharged, 4. Council’s communication on this issue must clearly identify the quantum, period of overcharging and means by which Council is redressing the overcharging, 5. Council should broadly advertise its intended actions and invite past ratepayers who believe they have been overcharged to submit a claim, 6. Redress should be paid directly to ratepayers where possible and, the current owners of properties where it is not possible to repay the previous ratepayer who incurred the overcharges, How can Council Fund the Redress? It is not appropriate that I comment in any depth on this matter as it is the responsibility of Council’s advisory staff who are familiar with the relevant information to provide options, and a recommendation, to Council for determination. However, one fairly obvious option is to reschedule some capital works to achieve a revised cash flow. It is expected that Council has been able to undertake some works earlier than would have been possible if the overcharging had not occurred. Rescheduling works from one financial year to the next does not mean a delay of 12 months. Works scheduled for May/June in a financial year can be reschedule to July/August of the following financial year. Revising the</p>	

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		works schedule to delay some works by about ten weeks would enable Council to redress the overcharging without impacting other services. It must be reiterated this is only one option and staff with full information are best placed to respond on this matter.	
Submission 10	Frankston Business Collective	I am a small business owner with head office in Frankston. Having supportive networks established and growing their methods of support has been invaluable for me and my team the past couple of years. Frankston Business Collective has enabled me to connect with quality local business professionals wanting to collaborate and support each other. How else are business owners meant to connect? I am so grateful of the hard work FBC dedicate toward giving a forum for dynamic relationships to build in the interests of local commerce thriving.	The Proposed Budget 2024-25 has been out for public consultation requesting submissions from the community until 20 May 2024 and will be considered at the Council meeting held on 22 May 2024. This proposed budget includes \$200,000 in funding to support the Frankston Business Collective. It is planned that Council adopts the budget on 3 June 2024 where a final decision will be made to support the 2024-25 funding of the Frankston Business Collective. The Frankston Business Collective was established in 2021-22 with a view to independence. Given the difficult economic times it has understandably been a challenging time for the Collective to grow their membership base and income as quickly as first thought. There are now over 200 members of the Collective and it is well recognised in Frankston.
Submission 11	Frankston Business Collective	The Frankston business collective supports local business, and is run by passionate volunteers. Thus, an investment in them sends the message that we as a council support our volunteers and recognise the sacrifice they make for the betterment of all. If the council invests in other business event narratives, that are not volunteer run, are they not spending a far greater amount for lesser yield? Its continuity and consistency that build lasting relationships, not one off	The Proposed Budget 2024-25 has been out for public consultation requesting submissions from the community until 20 May 2024 and will be considered at the Council meeting held on 22 May 2024. This proposed budget includes \$200,000 in funding to support the Frankston Business Collective. It is planned that Council adopts the budget on 3 June 2024 where a final decision will be made to support the 2024-25 funding of the Frankston Business Collective.

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Submission 12	Frankston Business Collective	Frankston city council has signed up being a small business friendly council and having seen what other councils are doing, I certainly think that Frankston is doing a great job in setting up and supporting local business networks. I believe the funding for FBC represents an investment from the council to continue the current mandate.	<p>The Proposed Budget 2024-25 has been out for public consultation requesting submissions from the community until 20 May 2024 and will be considered at the Council meeting held on 22 May 2024. This proposed budget includes \$200,000 in funding to support the Frankston Business Collective.</p> <p>It is planned that Council adopts the budget on 3 June 2024 where a final decision will be made to support the 2024-25 funding of the Frankston Business Collective.</p> <p>The Frankston Business Collective was established in 2021-22 with a view to independence. Given the difficult economic times it has understandably been a challenging time for the Collective to grow their membership base and income as quickly as first thought. There are now over 200 members of the Collective and it is well recognised in Frankston.</p>
Submission 13	Women’s Community Shelter	<p>I am impressed with the council’s commitment to community-driven growth and sustainable development, in particular-</p> <p>Major Projects: Highlights the completion of the \$36.6 million Jubilee Park Stadium and the Healthy Futures Hub at Seaford, emphasizing community development and women’s sports.</p> <p>Community Engagement: Describes the engagement</p>	<p>Thank you for your suggestion to the budget priorities for 2024-25 Council Plan and Budget regarding women’s community shelters to support women escaping family violence. We acknowledge the importance of these issues and are committed to supporting the safety and wellbeing of our community.</p> <p>Council has adopted a number of strategic documents to enable Council to play a constructive role in addressing the</p>

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		<p>process for the Community Vision 2040 and the 2021–2025 Council Plan, including a Community Panel and deliberative engagement practices.</p> <p>Strategic Priorities: the outcomes for the city’s future, such as healthy and safe communities, sustainable environment, and thriving economy, aligned with the Community Vision 2040 themes.</p> <p>I would like to add a topic for your perusal. The Mornington Peninsula Shire are working with Women's Community Shelters to open up the first women's shelter in Victoria. I believe that Frankston should be home to the second shelter. The response from the council is minimal at this stage, but it would be wonderful if a representative from council could attend the next community meeting for the MP shelter. I will attach the details for the foundation and all of the information can be sourced there.</p> <p>They require the community to express an interest in having a shelter built as well as an initial fund raising of \$25,000. Once this has been achieved the shelter can go ahead.</p> <p>This is something that is needed in our area (every area), and with the family violence making media waves currently, it would be a good time to start the ball rolling.</p> <p>I look forward to your response to this matter.</p> <p>https://www.womenscommunityshelters.org.au/</p>	<p>safety of our community, including women. In 2021 Council adopted its Health and Wellbeing Plan 2021-25 to determine the health and wellbeing priorities for our community and identified the need for a focus on safety and family violence prevention, acknowledging the disproportionate impact of these issues on women. Subsequently, in December 2023 Council adopted its Safer Communities Strategy to provide strategic direction for how we will work with our partners over the next 10 years to create a safe, fair and inclusive municipality. Following this, in May 2024 Council adopted its Family Violence Prevention Action Plan 2024-2028 to direct Council’s focus and energies into the area of prevention where local government is best positioned to maximise its impact, and set priorities with the aim of everyone being able to feel safe at home and be free from all forms of family violence.</p> <p>Furthermore, in December 2023 Council resolved to develop an Affordable Housing Policy to provide Council with a policy position and framework to guide and facilitate the provision of affordable housing on public and private land through appropriate advocacy, partnerships, planning and regulation. A Gender Impact Assessment has been completed to help guide this policy, which is currently in development. We appreciate your time in making a submission on this important issue and have extended the open invitation to all Councillors to attend the next community meeting for the shelter. Dates of the meetings are to be advised.</p>

9. CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

Section 3(1) of the *Local Government Act 2020* enables the Council to close the meeting to the public if the meeting is discussing any of the following:

- (a) Council business information that would prejudice the Council's position in commercial negotiations if prematurely released;
- (b) Security information that is likely to endanger the security of Council property or the safety of any person;
- (c) Land use planning information;
- (d) Law enforcement information;
- (e) Legal privileged information;
- (f) Personal information;
- (g) Private commercial information;
- (h) Internal arbitration information;
- (i) Councillor conduct panel information
- (j) Information prescribed by the regulations to be confidential information for the purposes of this definition;
- (k) Information that was confidential information for the purposes of section 77 of the *Local Government Act 2020*
- (l) A resolution to close the meeting to members of the public pursuant to section 66(2)(a).

Nil Reports

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Signed by the CEO