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## Council leads community voice to Canberra for priority project funding

**Council is calling on the community for support in advocating to the Federal Government for funding on four key projects in our city.**

In the lead up to the 2025 Federal Election, Council has identified a clear need for service-orientated priorities, serving the vulnerable and broader community, and creating a more connected, inclusive community.

Based on extensive community feedback, Council is bringing these four core priorities to the 2025 federal election:

**Support for vulnerable community members:** Secure ongoing funding for emergency relief providers like Community Support Frankston to address the needs of vulnerable residents.

**Nepean Boulevard Precinct Revitalisation:** Deliver signature projects identified in the Nepean Highway Master Plan to enhance local infrastructure and liveability in Frankston’s growing city centre.

**Bruce Park Pavilion Redevelopment:** Seeking a \$3 million Federal contribution to deliver a fit-for-purpose, inclusive multi-sport facility for tennis, AFL and cricket.

**Enhancing Connected Neighbourhoods:** Seeking a \$11.7 Federal contribution towards a package of initiatives strengthening connections within Frankton and its neighbouring municipalities through active transport initiatives, including walking and cycling pathways.

Frankston Council Mayor Kris Bolam said that Council plays a vital role in advocating on behalf

of local residents to both State and Federal governments.

“As the voice of our community, Council is committed to advocating for projects that meet the needs of today while planning for the future,” he said.

“We are calling on the Federal government to join us in investing in these transformative initiatives that will shape the next chapter for Frankston.”

“The 2025 Federal Election is our opportunity to make these projects a reality. I urge all residents to express their support for the priorities that will improve our community, now and for generations to come.”

For more information on the projects and how you can help with our call for funding, see pages 4 and 5.







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## Customer Service Centres

### Civic Centre

30 Davey Street, Frankston  
Monday to Friday, 8.30am–5pm

### Seaford Customer Service Centre

Seaford Community Centre,  
corner of Station Street and  
Broughton Street, Seaford  
Times vary.

### Langwarrin Customer Service Centre

Shop 6, The Gateway,  
Cranbourne-Frankston Road,  
Langwarrin  
Monday to Thursday, 9am–4pm  
Friday (limited self-service),  
9am–4pm

### Carrum Downs Library and Customer Service Centre

203 Lyrebird Drive, Carrum  
Downs, Times vary.

### Visitor Information Centre

7N Pier Promenade,  
Frankston Waterfront  
Open 6 days, 9am–4pm  
Phone: 1300 322 842

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1800 333 000 (Crime Stoppers)

### Graffiti removal

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## Message from the Mayor

### Kananook Commuter Car Park

A new year is always an exciting time, full of opportunities and we have certainly started 2025 off with a bang, with the completion of the Kananook Commuter Car Park. Council partnered with the federal government back in 2021 to deliver this multi-level facility, which also supports the imminent redevelopment of the Frankston Basketball and Gymnastics Stadium. The car park facility includes more than 300 parking spaces on Council-owned land adjacent to Kananook Railway Station, elevator access, parking for 71 bikes, over sixty mounted CCTV cameras, landscaping and public art, the ability for another future level and traffic signalisation for vehicles entering and exiting the facility.

I am proud to have been involved in this project since the beginning and I am excited about the benefits this will bring for locals, particularly those that commute between Frankston and Melbourne. Council purchased this strategic piece of land for the purpose of a commuter car park facility and then proceeded

to successfully advocate for \$22 million in Federal Government funding to deliver the project, well above the original \$14 million on offer at the time. This multi-deck facility has not only been delivered on time, but it's also been delivered well under budget. The new facility will be open to the public in early March!

### Annual Budget

Our 2025–2026 Budget process is well underway, and this year Council has significantly expanded our community engagement process, to help us deliver a final budget that truly reflects residents' needs and wishes. The Budget process is a critical one for our City, determining how we can best invest \$282 million into local infrastructure, services, programs, our local economy and improve on our \$2.3 billion asset portfolio. There are continued economic pressures affecting us all and local government is no different. Council values community feedback to ensure our service delivery aligns with community need and expectations as we embark on the new four-year term and the 2025–2026 Budget input helps us focus on how to balance the

priorities for the next 12 months. We are seeking feedback from the community much earlier than in previous years, which will allow for much more deliberations amongst Councillors and feedback from the community. In addition, we wrote directly to community groups, clubs and organisations in mid-December to advise of the new budget process; and also, to give them extra time to plan their submissions before feedback officially opened for the rest of the public on 20 January. All feedback will be considered by Council, with the final Budget to be adopted in June. I encourage residents to share your thoughts on the 2025–2026 Budget, if you haven't already done so, via our Engage Frankston portal [engage.frankston.vic.gov.au/budget-2025](https://engage.frankston.vic.gov.au/budget-2025)

Submissions close 5pm, Thursday 20 February. Special submissions hearing session on Monday 24 February. More information is also available on page 3.



**Kris Bolam JP  
Mayor**

## Message from the CEO

Welcome to our first edition for 2025. Our city is certainly a spectacular place to be during summer, between our packed events calendar and beautiful natural attractions, there is always something to do. While we are out and about making the most of the warmer weather, it is important to remember that this time of year comes with its own risks. Extreme heat and heatwaves have claimed more lives than any natural hazard in Australia. Council's Heat Health Plan, available on the Council website, outlines possible issues and mitigation strategies, including a list of cooler places within the municipality for you to head to when it's hot. You can also stay safe in the heat with a few simple tips, including rescheduling or cancelling planned outdoor activities for when it's cooler, downloading the BOM app to be notified of expected heatwaves and the VicEmergency app, for the latest updates on emergencies impacting your local area, such as bushfires.

Another great resource is [emergencyprepare.com.au](https://emergencyprepare.com.au), a Frankston City and neighbouring Councils initiative to help you prepare for emergencies. Water safety is also a major issue during summer, with preventable drownings recorded every year. Always keep an eye on kids in the water and make sure everyone in the family knows basic water safety skills. PARC offers adult and kids swim lessons, and you can also head to the EPA website for the latest updates on water quality at our local beaches.

Volunteers play such a vital role in local community life, dedicating tens of thousands of hours to ensuring essential services and supports continue across the city. There are many groups and programs in the Frankston City community who rely on the commitment and skills of our volunteers, ranging from Meals on Wheels, mentoring programs, and even in keeping our local beaches free from rubbish. In December, we celebrated their contribution during the 2024 Volunteering Frankston

Awards. Congratulations and thanks to all the volunteer nominees, organisations and award winners. I would also like to acknowledge our judging panel for the, including Jackie Galloway OAM, Karin Hann and Shane Thomas. Head to the Council website for the full list of 2024 recipients.

Lastly, I would like to acknowledge the hard work of our Councillors, who have quickly settled into their roles, including undertaking Councillor training and working to define their priorities for the coming 12 months. Although it's early days, we have already seen our new Council out and about in our community doing amazing things and we all look forward to an exciting and productive 2025 for our city.



**Phil Cantillon  
Chief Executive  
Officer**



# What would you like to see included in the 2025–2026 budget?



**Frankston City Council is reaching out to our community to help us shape the key priorities for the 2025–2026 Budget, with submissions later this month.**

Unlike previous years, Councillors have chosen to engage the community much earlier in the budget cycle, allowing more time to prioritise community feedback and take a whole-of-municipality view.

Throughout 2024, Council has been engaging on our key strategic documents, including the Community Vision 2040, the Long-Term Financial Plan and the Asset Plan, each of which is fundamental in the drafting of the Council and Wellbeing Plan 2025–2029 and the 2025–2026 Budget.

Over 1,300 Frankston City residents shared their views during this process, highlighting priorities such as enhancing city safety, supporting vulnerable populations, expanding open spaces for recreation, and improving safe and connected public transport. Council is now inviting additional input for consideration that addresses community needs, aligns with previously identified priorities, and benefits as many people as possible across Frankston.

Frankston City Mayor Kris Bolam said this was the most comprehensive community engagement process ever undertaken by Council for its Annual Budget.

“In the past 12 months, we have engaged with so many people in our community at pop-ups, through surveys, and other channels, including our community panel, which worked with us for several months,” he said.

“The information we’ve collected from the community will be invaluable as we progress through our planning as a Council. This new group of Councillors is committed to rigorous community engagement to inform our decisions.

“For this Annual Budget we are taking things a step further and seeking more input from the community to help identify priorities for the Council to consider.

“I look forward to hearing the community’s thoughts and ideas to help us benefit our growing community here in Frankston City.”

Once the community engagement process is complete, Council will finalise decisions on the priorities for the Budget 2025-2026 Budget. Additional engagement on the Council and Wellbeing Plan 2025 – 2029 will take place in the second quarter of 2025. Have your say by completing the survey on Engage Frankston, open from **20 January until 20 February**, or by attending a special Council meeting on **Monday 24 February**. Surveys can also be downloaded and emailed or hand delivered to Council any time before 20 February. For more information, visit [engage.frankston.vic.gov.au](http://engage.frankston.vic.gov.au)

## News in brief

### Planning Scheme Amendment C165fran update

Planning Scheme Amendment C165fran has commenced exhibition and will close on **Monday 3 March**. The amendment is a corrections amendment, which means it fixes errors and anomalies in the Frankston Planning Scheme.

The amendment will partially rezone land for sites that have two (2) zones, rezone the Frankston’s Nature Reserve and the Pines Flora and Fauna Reserve to reflect the land use and ownership. It will also make changes to the all the Significant Landscape Overlays to clear up addresses, spelling, definitions, and make allowances for the pruning of trees. This reduces red tape for property owners and makes the Frankston Planning Scheme clearer and simpler to use.

For more details about this amendment, head to the Council website

[frankston.vic.gov.au/currentamendments](http://frankston.vic.gov.au/currentamendments)

### Sand sculpting returns to Frankston

After a six-year hiatus, sand sculpting returns to Frankston in April with the Australian Sand Sculpting Championships. Over seven days, Australian sand sculptors will compete for the title of Champion, creating intricate works of art that bring iconic villains and heroes to life under the theme of ‘Villains of Storytime’, run by Sandstorm Events. Visitors can watch the artists in action from 5–6 April and then explore the completed sculptures throughout the event period, from 7–27 April. The event will feature a mix of family-friendly activities where children can also enjoy workshops, speed carving demonstrations, and the Sandsational Easter Egg Hunt (on Easter weekend). The Sand Museum will also showcase the fascinating history of sand sculpting in Australia, making this a must-visit event for art and culture lovers alike. Head to [imaginefrankston.com.au/australian-sand-sculpting-championships](http://imaginefrankston.com.au/australian-sand-sculpting-championships)

### Music Makin’ Marquee

The Fresh FReeZA committee, a passionate group of young people, invites you to their **Music Makin’ Marquee** at the Waterfront Festival. This youth-led idea is designed to inspire and connect young people aged 12–25 and community to the world of electronic music production. Explore funky retro and modern gear, unleash your creativity, and have fun in a safe, supervised space. No experience? No worries—just drop in and play! Open **Saturday 8 February** only, from festival start until the fireworks, and it’s completely free for young people. Don’t miss this exciting opportunity made by young people, for young people!



# Advocating for Frankston's future

Council-led advocacy on behalf of the local and regional community is important in raising awareness of key initiatives for potential Federal and State Government investment.

Identification of projects requiring Council-led advocacy occurs through community feedback obtained across various Council consultation pieces, such as the Council Plan, Annual Budget, Long Term Infrastructure Plan and in the development of Council strategies and action plans. At the 20 January 2025 Special Council Meeting, Councillors adopted the following four key projects requiring Council-led advocacy for the upcoming federal election.

## Nepean Boulevard Precinct Revitalisation

Delivering on the long-term vision, designed in consultation with community, to transform the 3.7km Nepean Highway into a safe, attractive and vibrant Boulevard.

### Project overview

A range of initiatives have been identified through the development of the Nepean Boulevard Master Plan, including the following:

- Kananook Creek park and gateway site
- Comfort Station activation
- Central median greening and landscaping improvements

- Overton Road signalised crossing and intersection
- Waterfront Shared User Path connection
- Southern path connection and median planting.

**What we need:** Federal and State funding

contribution to deliver signature projects identified in the Nepean Boulevard Master Plan to enhance local infrastructure and liveability in Frankston's growing city centre. The costing of specific projects that we are advocating for, for the Nepean Boulevard will be presented at the 29 January 2025 Council Meeting.



## Bruce Park Pavilion Redevelopment

We want to see football (AFL), cricket and tennis thrive at Bruce Park in Frankston, with a brand-new purpose-built facility for the 1,000 current participants across three clubs and the almost 19,000 locals residing within the local area.

### Project overview

After a thriving three decades of use, the sporting pavilion at Bruce Park Reserve needs an uplift to accommodate growing participation,

especially for young girls and women taking up tennis, football and cricket in rapidly increasing numbers.

The current pavilion is limiting clubs ability, especially football, to provide a safe and fit-for-purpose facility for participation among girls, with a lack of female-friendly change rooms that were built in the day with only male footballers in mind.

The proposed project includes:

- demolition of existing pavilion and construction of an all new two-storey facility
- accessible public toilets

- dedicated female friendly change rooms and associated facilities
- a larger community social room and meeting room
- bigger storage rooms for all sports
- a new canteen kiosk
- inclusion of an umpire's room
- a fit-for-purpose first aid room.

### What we need

A three-way funding split (Federal, State and Local Governments) of \$3.33 million each.



## Enhancing Connected Neighbourhoods

A package of active transport initiatives that strengthen connections within Frankston and to its neighbouring municipalities, including walking and cycling pathways that integrate key suburbs with Frankston's city centre.

### Project overview

By addressing key strategic missing links in our active transport network, we can deliver significant benefits including improved accessibility, enhanced community health, reduced congestion and economic growth.

Active transport Shared User Path projects included in this are:

- Peninsula Link to Baxter Trail (\$2.5 million)
- Baxter Park to Peninsula Link (\$1.5 million)

- Frankston-Dandenong Road between Boundary Road to Thompsons Road (\$1.6 million)
- Eel Race Road from Station Street to Patterson River Secondary College (\$3.63 million)
- Fletcher Road from Beach Street to Baxter Trail (\$2.5 million).

### What we need

Federal funding contribution of up to \$11.7 million for a package of shared user path improvements across Frankston City.





## Support for Vulnerable Community Members

Recognising the acute vulnerability across the community and acknowledging that a collaborative approach by all tiers of government and relevant industry sectors is essential to supporting individuals experiencing homelessness, mental health issues and financial stress.

### Project overview

Council has identified two initiatives aimed at supporting our community.

### Emergency relief support

Current emergency relief and vulnerable support service providers in Frankston City are experiencing high and increasing demand from our most disadvantaged community members, and require increased ongoing annual funding to meet needs, indexed each year with CPI.

### Community Connectors

Frankston City Council, Metro Trains Melbourne and South East Community Links (SECL) have partnered on the new community outreach initiative, identified in Council's Young Street Action Plan, providing the support services community members need and improving safety at the Frankston Station and Young Street Precinct.

### What we need

Secure ongoing Federal funding of an additional \$500,000 per annum (increased by CPI each year) for emergency relief providers like Community Support Frankston to address the needs of vulnerable residents.

Federal funding of \$350,000 per annum over three years (2026–2028) to provide two (2) mental health and social support practitioners under the Community Connectors initiative.

## How can you help?

While Council is taking the lead on discussions with our local representatives, Ministers and Shadow Ministers, we need the support of our community to showcase the importance of these projects.

You can do this by:

- ▶ sharing project information to your friends, families and online
- ▶ telling us and candidates how you will benefit from the project/s
- ▶ contacting your local Member of Parliament and political candidate and tell them these projects are important to you
- ▶ sending stories to local media outlets.

## A Bipartisan Council

The way Council interacts with Members of Parliament and candidates is underpinned by the following key documents that provide a clear, equitable and apolitical framework when engaging with Members of Parliament and political candidates:

- ▶ Election Signs and Events Policy
- ▶ Working with Members of Parliament and Political Candidates Protocol.

### Social media

During election campaign periods, Frankston City Council attends many local events with our state and federal Members of Parliament and candidates, including where funding has been committed towards a Council project. Subsequently, Council will share stories and updates on Facebook for our community to

be aware of what's happening in their local area and how Council is working with other levels of government to deliver the best outcomes for the Frankston City community.

### Election commitments

Council has been tracking the election commitments and budgeted funds for the Frankston City community from Victorian and Federal Governments.

### Signage compliance

During election years, it is essential for Council to monitor issues such as election signage as per relevant planning schemes and policies. To ensure our reporting is transparent, all election signage complaints are logged, reported and actions updated on the Council's website [frankston.vic.gov.au](http://frankston.vic.gov.au)

## Preparing for an election

At the time of printing, a date for the 2025 federal election is yet to be determined.

In preparation for the election, make sure to visit the Australian Electoral Commission website to do the following:

- ▶ enrol to vote
- ▶ check and update your electoral details
- ▶ find your electorate
- ▶ find where to vote.

Visit [aec.gov.au](http://aec.gov.au)



## No surprise: our newest kinders are a hit with local little ones and their families!

Frankston City's newest kindergarten facilities are more than buildings — they're purpose-built facilities designed to support local families to thrive, and their location and designs respond to community feedback for integrated and accessible services close to home.

Two new kindergarten buildings — Riviera at Seaford and Baden Powell at Frankston South — have been completed in the past 12 months as part of Council's kindergarten expansion roll out in partnership with the Victorian Government (Building Blocks Partnership Agreement).

Two more facilities are also under construction and will be operational for the 2026 kindergarten year — Langwarrin Community Centre and Early Years Project, and Seaford Child, Youth and Family Centre.

The new facilities are designed to meet the growing needs of families in Frankston City and support the delivery of the Victorian Government's kindergarten reform package. The Best Start, Best Life reforms will fund free kindergarten for all three and four-year-old Victorian children (by 2024), progressing up to 15 hours a week of sessional kindergarten for three-year-olds and 30 hours for four-year-olds by 2036.

The four kindergarten projects include two completed modular buildings at Baden Powell and Riviera, and two custom-designed facilities currently under construction at Seaford and Langwarrin. These new buildings are located on existing kindergarten sites where the previous infrastructure could not support service expansion. Each facility has been thoughtfully

designed to meet the modern needs of kindergarten and early years services. In addition to new kindergarten rooms, the facilities have been planned to accommodate a range of community services tailored to the local area, such as maternal and child health services, immunisation programs, youth



Concepts of the Seaford Child, Youth and Family Centre



Four-year-old Seaford local, Ben, loves the new facilities at Riviera kindergarten!

services, allied health, playgroups, and parent education initiatives. Not all additional services will be available at every facility — this is determined by space and the services already available on the existing site.

All designs and locations of the upgraded facilities have been guided by the Kindergarten Services Infrastructure Plan 2021 (KISP), which was endorsed by Council and the Victorian Government, as well as the outcomes of community engagement processes for each location and as part of the development of Council's Kindergarten Partnership Strategy 2024.

When it comes to kindergarten services, feedback from the community has shown that families prioritise things like walking access from home, safe facilities with plenty of open spaces, service co-location /integration under one roof and having three- and four-year-old kindergarten services in the same location.

Council is proud to be able to meet these community needs through these new high-quality buildings that allow our kindergarten service providers to deliver a high standard of care for Frankston City families.

More information available at [frankston.vic.gov.au/kinder](http://frankston.vic.gov.au/kinder)



Concepts of the Langwarrin Community Centre and Early Years Project

### You asked, we listened: our new kinder registration process

In our last two customer satisfaction surveys, our kindergarten families have told us that they'd prefer to have access to kindergarten operational details — such as session days and hours — before they register their child with us.

To meet this need, we've delayed opening the 2026 registrations until late March 2025 to allow all kindergartens to consider and provide their proposed 2026 timetables.

#### 2026 REGISTRATION PROCESS AND TIMELINES:

##### Opening date for registrations

- Kindergarten registrations for Frankston City sessional kindergartens will open on **31 March 2025** for both three- and four-year-old programs.

##### Registration deadlines:

- Four-year-old programs: **Friday, 30 May 2025**
- Three-year-old programs: **Sunday, 3 August 2025**

##### First round offers:

- Four-year-old programs: Offers will commence during the week beginning **Monday, 28 July 2025** (unchanged).
- Three-year-old programs: Offers will commence during the week beginning **Monday, 11 August 2025**.

This includes registration for all four of our new kinders, which will be operating in 2026!

You can register online at [frankston.vic.gov.au/Kindergartens](http://frankston.vic.gov.au/Kindergartens) from Monday 31 March.

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**Investing in our open spaces**

Last year saw the completion of a few exciting upgrades for residents and sporting clubs to enjoy within Ballam Ward, including delivery of a significantly upgraded pavilion at **Ballam Park** — complementing the already upgraded Ballam Park athletics track. These upgrades represent a total Council investment of \$2,643,610 and I thank the Victorian Government for its \$750,000 contribution to these projects. The new Ballam Park pavilion, renamed the Duncan Proudfoot Pavilion, includes two female friendly change rooms and female friendly officials' room, social room, kitchen, gymnasium, storage and first aid rooms, new office and upgraded external undercover viewing area. The Ballam Park athletics precinct is home to the Frankston Little Athletics Centre, Frankston Athletic Club and Victorian Masters (Peninsula Division). This project is the latest in a long line of ongoing sporting pavilion upgrades delivered by Council, which support local sporting clubs like these to continue providing all the benefits of community sport to our community.

I was also excited to see Council invest \$48,000 to deliver upgrades at **Havana Reserve, Frankston**, including a new shelter and picnic setting and upgraded concrete pathways, drainage and landscaping. This lovely space is often used for junior sports and also features a modern playground.

Locals may also have spotted improvements underway at **Lindrum Reserve, Frankston** these past few months, recently completed and ready for use. Council has invested \$82,000 to deliver honey granite boulders mainly along the outer / western edge of Lindrum Reserve, a new concrete pathway leading into the play space, refreshed landscaping (a mixture of semi-advanced trees, ground covers, shrubs and grasses), bird boxes and a new maintenance gate, reserve signage and park bench seats with arm rests.

**Dalpura Reserve, Frankston** was also recently refreshed, with a \$65,000 Council investment in a new accessible path for walkers and riders, park benches and dozens of new trees planted. These improvements represent our ongoing commitment to providing Frankston City with the best possible infrastructure and to ensure we make the most of our parks and playgrounds. We have many planned improvements on the horizon for 2025, as part of ongoing strategies to enhance the liveability of our city and I look forward to sharing those with you in the coming months.

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**Everyone Belongs this Harmony Week**

Harmony Week 17–23 March is an important recognition of the cultural diversity that is at the heart of who we are as a community. Exploring and celebrating diversity in all its forms is incredibly important to our ability to grow as a Council, a community and as individuals. It is unacceptable to have anyone living or working in Frankston City who does not feel truly connected to, or embraced by, the community they call home. Did you know that over 20 per cent of Frankston residents were born overseas and over 10 per cent speak English as a second language? Celebrating Frankston City's richly multicultural identity promotes a safe, welcoming and inclusive community. The CALD Network was formed in 2023 to strengthen Council's communication and relationships with local CALD communities and increase community connection in Frankston City. If you are interested in getting involved with either our steering group or joining our informal networking sessions email [communitystrengthening@frankston.vic.gov.au](mailto:communitystrengthening@frankston.vic.gov.au)

**Centenary Park Master Plan now under way**

The first stage of works at Centenary Park are almost complete — part of our Centenary Park Master Plan to help to develop the area into a contemporary golf facility. These first stage works include reconstructing three greens (1st, 9th and 10th holes) and building new toilets (13th hole) and will improve access for locals and visitors. Works have been staged to reduce impacts as much as possible, with temporary greens put in place. The new greens are expected to open in February and toilets will become available from May. An official Community Open Day will be held in February, and I encourage locals to bring family and friends along for what will be a fun celebration and a chance to see the improvements for yourself. Follow [@FrankstonCity](https://www.facebook.com/FrankstonCity) on Facebook or Instagram for the latest updates. Of course, while the golf course is what Centenary Park is most well-known for, the area also offers a range of recreation opportunities, including a sports oval and pavilion, tennis courts and a dog off leash area, so even if golf isn't your thing make sure to take advantage of this great community facility while the sun is still shining.

**Cr Brad Hill JP**

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**A boost for pedestrians and cyclists**

As an avid bike rider, I am excited to see many new Shared User Paths (SUPs) spring up across key areas of our city, as part of our Frankston City Integrated Transport Strategy and Bike Riding Strategy. These pathways not only create important connections to natural features like reserves and beaches, work, leisure and education precincts but they also encourage locals and visitors to get active. In addition to the new Monash Greenlink near Monash University, within Derinya Ward we have recently completed an SUP connecting the entrance of Robinsons Road Reserve to PenLink Trail, at a total Council investment of \$250,000. I am proud to have tabled this to Council last year, as an important initiative for my community. This area is now much safer for and convenient for pedestrians and cyclists and I look forward to taking my bike out for a test ride soon.

**Keeping our beaches clean**

I recently volunteered with local community group Frankston Beach Patrol, a small group of dedicated locals who help to keep our beaches clean. I was amazed to discover that within a single 45-minute session we had collected over three kilograms of litter. The group supplies bags, a picker tool (you don't need to bend over) and of course some lovely company while you work. There was only a small group of locals there but imagine what we could achieve if more of us got involved! It is only a one hour per month of your time, so very achievable, and I certainly plan to make this a regular part of my schedule — plus the exercise was a nice bonus! Well done to Peter and the other volunteers who do this important work for all of us to benefit from. To get involved head to [facebook.com/FrankstonBeachPatrol](https://www.facebook.com/FrankstonBeachPatrol)





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Given the new ward structure, it's opportune to reflect on the name's sake of Elisabeth Murdoch Ward. Dame Elisabeth Murdoch, or 'Lady Murdoch' as I personally knew her, was, and remains an undisputed icon and inspiration. She devoted her life to philanthropy and possessed a contagious energy and compassionate, caring nature with a high degree of concern for others. Her numerous interests meant an enormous contribution to society, with many benefiting from her involvement, not only our local area, but Australia wide. There were important community roles to which she was involved and devoted her time, including being on the board of the Royal Children's Hospital; and locally, she supported organisations like Elisabeth Murdoch College, Langwarrin CFA and McClelland Sculpture Park & Gallery. One of her greatest passions was also of course, Cruden Farm, where she lived permanently from 1952 and raised 4 children. A special place in the heart of Langwarrin, that encapsulates rich history and beauty, which she left for people to enjoy.

Upon her passing in 2012, her son Rupert stated "throughout her life, our mother demonstrated the very best qualities of true public service. Her energy and personal commitment made our country a more hopeful place". I couldn't agree more. As a passionate supporter of many worthy causes, particularly academia, the arts, children, flora and fauna, heritage, medical research and social welfare, Elisabeth Murdoch represented and advocated for interests and values that are crucial to a thriving and dynamic community

It is an absolute privilege to be elected the first Councillor of Elisabeth Murdoch Ward. Her exemplary care and kindness that set a high standard within society and our community not only inspires me, but holds a close connection as I have fond memories of knowing Dame Elisabeth. I have no doubt that she would be thrilled to have a female with lifelong foundations in Langwarrin setting the tone as the first leader of this ward. I will continue to honour her name and achievements within our community, and work hard for current residents, to leave a positive contribution, as she did, for generations to come.



**Cr Emily Green**

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The last two months of being a newly elected Councillor have been fantastic! I have met with many fabulous community groups and learned so much in such a short period. I'm very humbled to be learning how to be the best councillor I can be for not only Kananook, but Frankston as well.

**Frankston High School's Best Fest**

In November, I had the privilege of attending Frankston High School's 'Best Fest'. Alongside Principal Andrew Batchelor and Federal MP Jodie Belyea, I joined student leaders in celebrating 100 years of the school by burying a time capsule filled with history and memories for the future.

**Volunteering Frankston Awards**

We also held the 2024 Volunteering Frankston Awards at the Frankston Art's Centre, celebrating the over 16,800 volunteers who contribute 46,000+ hours annually. I joined both Mayor Kris Bolam and Deputy Mayor Steffie Conroy in awarding volunteers and groups who make Frankston a better place.

**Community Support Frankston**

In December, I had the pleasure of joining Deputy Mayor Steffie Conroy and the wonderful team at Paul Edbrooke's office to help wrap presents for our local community! Community Support Frankston is an amazing organisation, who works tirelessly over the Christmas period to assist families facing hardship.

**Gross pollutant traps for Kananook Creek**

In chamber, I raised an alternate to receive an estimated timeline for the previously committed gross pollutant traps. I'm pleased to say that a report will now be delivered in July/August this year. Kananook Creek has so much potential! During the election period, I talked to many locals who also share this same sentiment. Protecting our natural resources is a high priority to me in what I want to achieve in Council, and I believe this is a good place to start.



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**Investing in the youngest members of our community**

You will see in the pages of this edition we have many exciting new projects both delivered and underway for our littlest community members, including new kindergarten and early learning facilities and of course our ongoing, significant investment in local playgrounds, parks and other recreation facilities. As a mum to two young children, I am excited to see Council invest in early learning in so many ways. I understand firsthand the importance of play to early development and of accessible, high-quality childcare and kinder programs. We know that enrolment in three- and four-year-old kindergarten programs leads to better educational outcomes later in life and I encourage all young families to look into available options near them.

**Safety first during the warmer months**

I headed down to the beach just before Christmas to get a close up look at the additional measures we are taking over the holiday season to ensure our city is a safe and welcoming place to live, work and visit. I spoke with our Rapid Response teams, who also operate our Beach Patrol buggy, who are running additional patrols throughout the warmer months, to address Community Local Law issues such as smoking, public consumption of alcohol and other anti-social behaviours — as well as patrols throughout the CBD and foreshore in partnership with Victoria Police.

I saw signage campaigns are also underway targeting drink driving and the illegal use of motorbikes and e-bikes, including hoon driving. A reminder as well that, until 31 March, there are no dogs allowed on Frankston and Seaford beaches between 9.30am and 7.30pm (not including the Keast Park Foreshore Free Roam Area) and dogs must always be on-leash outside of those times. Let's all remember to be respectful of others as we enjoy our city this summer.

**An eventful summer in Frankston**

One of the things that makes for a truly liveable city is the ability to attend amazing events for all ages right on your own doorstep. Thankfully here is Frankston City we are fortunate to enjoy a packed events calendar, which helps to bring our community together, showcase our incredible natural assets and provide a boost for our local businesses. Our upcoming Waterfront Festival and Carlsberg Beach Club event are two fantastic options and I look forward to seeing you all there. Head to page 10 for more information.





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The Christmas and New Year holidays, as always, were a special time to connect with family and friends and catch up on news. Our community is generous and inclusive when it comes to getting together and enjoying our municipality. The Tailwaggers are a great example of this and their Christmas walk and lunch at McClelland Sculpture Park ensured everyone's festive season got underway. They meet regularly at the Tree of Life on a Thursday walking from 10am and are ordering coffees at Harry's Café by around 10.30am. Come join us.

Conversations are the life blood of community. To keep us engaged and cultivate our diverse community, exchanging views, finding out what's what and who's who, learning about needed changes and opportunities to do better, is essential content. One thing I know as a Councillor is that everyone has a view on something! I'd like to hear them. As the first year of this new term gets underway, I'm keen to continue conversations started during the campaign. I heard views on a range of issues from residents, community groups and businesses. How about...a family fun day, extended use of Pines Pool, the need for safe housing to get people off the streets, public seating in some parks, more disability parking spaces, fenced area to train dogs, signage to key facilities like the Men's Shed, activities for kids, a market in Monterey Park, an additional bus shelter, greater variety of shops and healthy food options provided by them...and so much more.

I'll be out and about February – April specifically to chat to people, so come and introduce yourself in an informal setting and let me know what's working well and what could do with a change. I'll be at the following places 10.30–11.30am on the dates listed:

- Frankston North Community Centre (Chatty Café): Tuesdays 4/3, 1/4
- Café L'A Wheels: Thursdays 6/2, 6/3, 3/4
- Healthy Futures Hub: Fridays 7/2, 7/3, 4/4



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### A very engaging City

I believe one of the most important things we do as a Council is to communicate and engage with members of our community – whether that be through resident panels, surveys, workshops, community pop ups, one on one feedback and of course our engagement portal Engage Frankston. There is no point putting together plans, policies and other initiatives if we don't have a true understanding of what our community needs and wants; of your concerns, priorities and ideas. I am pleased to see just how much we as a Council continue to increase our focus on engagement, as one of our key strategic priorities.

You may well have chatted with a Council officer these past few months, or engaged with us online, about any number of upcoming projects and improvements, including the Frankston City Play Strategy, Local Park Action Plan, updated Community Vision, coastal flood planning and of course key projects, our upcoming Council and Wellbeing Plan and our 2025-2026 Budget.

One of the key responsibilities of our new Council is developing a Council Plan, and for the first time, this work will be enhanced by the creation of the Council and Wellbeing Plan 2026 – 2030. Throughout 2024, we have engaged extensively with our community, especially with Mini Frankston City, to shape this new Plan, as well as update the Community Vision 2040, the Long-Term Financial Plan, and the Asset Plan.

In March–May 2024, we engaged with 1,361 participants through various channels and in September and November 2024, we ran a deliberative Community Panel process to further refine the broader community's input. The Panel, made up of 40 Mini Frankston City members and residents, met for 16 hours over five workshops, representing all ages, suburbs, genders, and diverse characteristics of our municipality. Thank you to our Panel members who took on the role of analysing feedback from over 1300 participants. In the coming months we will undertake additional engagement to inform our Budget (until 20 Feb), an updated Community Vision 2040 will be presented to Council in February, more community consultation on the Council and Wellbeing plan will run between April and May and the updated Asset and Financial Plan will be presented to Council for adoption in June. I encourage everyone to visit [engage.frankston.vic.gov.au](https://engage.frankston.vic.gov.au) and play an important role in shaping the future of our City.



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### Exciting developments for Frankston

As we approach the end of a very busy season for Frankston City, it's been fantastic to witness several exciting developments that promise a bright future for our community. Here's a snapshot of what's happening around our city.

First, the recent demolition of 35 Playne Street marks the end of an era. While it's bittersweet to bid farewell to the mural that brought colour to the site, I'm thrilled to see another old and derelict building gone. In its place, a new residential development will soon rise, offering fresh opportunities and reinvigorating our urban landscape.

Our local hospitality scene has also gained an exciting addition with the opening of Moon Dog Beach Club. I had the pleasure of visiting on their opening night, and I'm delighted by their arrival. It's a creative and vibrant new venue that further strengthens Frankston's reputation as a destination for food, drink, and good times.

Another major improvement is the new commuter carpark at Frankston Train Station. The new car park, with 500 free car parking spaces is a fantastic asset for Frankston and particularly for Yamala Ward. This vital infrastructure project, fully funded and delivered by the State and Federal Governments, will ease parking pressures, and enhance access to the city for commuters. While this project was not a Council initiative, it's a development I'm excited to see benefiting our city.

Finally, I'm pleased to share that Council have begun conversations with Victoria Police regarding bicycle street patrols in the CBD and Foreshore areas. While these discussions are in the early stages and outcomes are not yet certain, I'm optimistic about exploring new ways to enhance community safety in partnership with our local law enforcement teams. Frankston is a city on the move, and I'm proud to see us building a safer, more vibrant community for residents and visitors alike.





Sandstorm Events presents  
**Australian Sand Sculpting Championship  
 2025**

# the villains of Storytime

5th - 27th April 2025

## Frankston Waterfront - Open Daily from 10am - 5pm

The sand is returning to its home on the Frankston Waterfront this April – when Australia’s best sand sculptors compete for the titles of Australian Champion and Doubles Champions. McCombs Reserve will transform into a battleground of sand where iconic literary villains will be carved into life sized sculptures – you can watch on the opening weekend as the sand artists bring these baddies to life and cast your vote for your favourite!

A full range of family fun activities including sand art, sand bottles, workshops, mini golf, speed carving, a Food Truck Park and more – accompany the viewing of these sandsational sculptures.

For further information or to pre purchase tickets – visit [sandstormevents.com](http://sandstormevents.com)

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# FRANKSTON STREET ART FESTIVAL

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 MONDAY, 17 MARCH – SUNDAY, 23 MARCH

FEATURED ARTISTS

- DAMIEN ARENA AUSTRALIA
- SIMON BEUVE FRANCE
- CANDELA COLORS ARGENTINA
- JASMINE CRISP AUSTRALIA
- TOMMY DAY III AUSTRALIA
- TRENT DOWNIE AUSTRALIA
- ALEKS GRILZ AUSTRALIA
- GUIRAO SPAIN

BLOCK PARTY  
 SATURDAY, 22 MARCH FROM 4:30PM  
 GALLERY LANE & STIEBEL PLACE

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- FOOD
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ART BY CHICO LEONG @CHICO.WUN

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# Street Art

## Walking Tours

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 Frankston Library,  
 60 Playne Street,  
 Frankston

**Price**  
 \$15 per person  
 includes a hot or  
 cold drink

**Dates and Bookings**  
 Bookings essential  
 Daytime, twilight and private tours

For dates and bookings visit  
[imaginefrankston.com.au](http://imaginefrankston.com.au) or phone  
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## Party in the Park

**Sunday 13 April 10am–2pm  
Cruden Farm, Langwarrin**

Get your party shoes on for the 2025 Party in the Park! A day for celebrating all the wonder, excitement and colourful creativity that comes with being a kid; there's no party like a party in the park!

Set in the picturesque grounds of Cruden Farm, you can expect plenty of FREE activities for the kids, educational information for parents, music, magic and good times for everyone.

As the team continues to plan the finer details, head to [imaginefrankston.com.au](http://imaginefrankston.com.au) or follow [@ImagineFrankston](https://www.facebook.com/ImagineFrankston) on Facebook and Instagram for more information closer to the event.



# SOUTH SIDE FESTIVAL

FRANKSTON

8 - 18 MAY 2025  
[southsidefestival.com.au](http://southsidefestival.com.au)

INSTALLATIONS | LIVE MUSIC | VISUAL ARTS | IMMERSIVE EXPERIENCES | DANCE | COMEDY | THEATRE

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## Author talks aplenty

We will be joined in February and March by some wonderful authors!

**Thursday 20 February:**

**Bo Kitty 'Always Eat the Weird Stuff'**

A collection of bold, inked flash fiction that explores themes of risk, love, and belonging through vibrant stories set in Melbourne's streets.

**Thursday 27 February:**

**Kylie Ladd 'The Mix-Up'**

Ethics. Grief. Family. An IVF mix-up shatters two families, unravelling a thought-provoking tale of love, identity, and loss.

**21 March: Daizy Mann**

**'Growing Up Indian in Australia'**

Join contributor Daizy Mann as she discusses her journey and reflections on identity, culture, and diversity from the vibrant anthology *Growing Up Indian in Australia*.



## Living sustainably

We are committed to helping our community live more sustainably not only for the environment, but for the cost saving benefits too!

Along with the Frankston City Council Waste and Circularity Team, we will be hosting two Sustainable Living sessions across February and March:

- **Sunday 16 February, 1.30pm**  
Small Changes: Big Impact — Starting Your Low-Waste Journey
- **Friday 7 March, 2pm**  
Lottie Dalziel: 365 Ways to Save the Planet and Your Money
- **Friday 28 March, 12.30pm**  
Buy Right for a Low-Waste Future



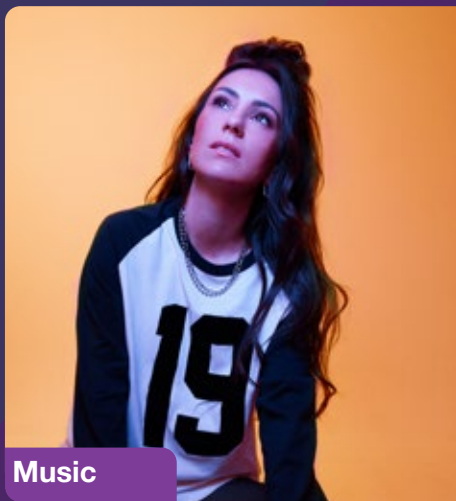
## Hands-on tech help

Each month presentations are held on many different digital technology topics. Each session includes a 60-minute presentation, plus 30 minutes of hands-on learning with one of our skilled library team members. Upcoming sessions:

- **Tuesday 11 February, 3pm:**  
Staying Safe on Facebook
- **Tuesday 18 February, 3pm:**  
Apps for Smarter Travel
- **Thursday 6 March, 3pm:**  
Selling Safely Online
- **Thursday 20 March, 3pm:**  
Managing your Emails Safely

# FRANKSTON ARTS CENTRE

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Music

## Amy Shark: The Solo Acoustic 'Songs & Stories' Tour

**Tuesday 11 February, 7pm**

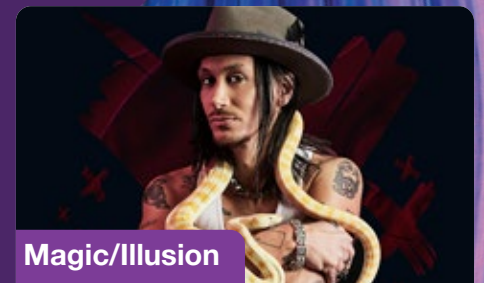
For the first time ever, Amy will perform the entire set acoustically, while diving into stories and emotions of how each song came to life.



Circus

## Arterial by Na Djinang Circus

**Friday 14 February 7.30pm**



Magic/Illusion

## Cosentino: Decennium 'The Greatest Hits Tour'

**Sunday 16 February 7.30pm**



Music

## Sarah Blasko: I Just Need To Conquer This Mountain

**Sunday 2 March, 4pm**

Sarah Blasko celebrates her seventh solo album which debuted at #6 on the ARIA Australian Album Chart and was crowned Double J Feature Album.



Dance

## Victorian State Ballet: Don Quixote

**Sunday 16 March 2.30pm**



Daytime Music

## Rachael Beck: Both Sides

**Friday 21 March**  
10.30am and 1.30pm





Grant recipients Blake and Mark from Stache House

## Celebrating our amazing business grant recipients!

Council is excited to announce the successful recipients of the 2024–2025 Frankston City Business Grants, with 17 successful businesses sharing in the \$150,000 to help their business and the local economy grow.

Among the recipients is a new craft distillery Stache House focusing on quality liqueur now coming to Carrum Downs, popular modern-Asian restaurant Bang Bang will receive funding and support to find a location in Frankston plus projects including archery technology for clients with physical impairments, a 3D foot scanner, signage for a plumber, a co-working space, a tiny-home display and even more exciting and innovative initiatives thanks to the grants program which is designed to give businesses the boost they need to blossom further. To see the full list of recipients visit [frankston.vic.gov.au/businessgrants](http://frankston.vic.gov.au/businessgrants). Congratulations to all grant recipients and we look forward to seeing the continued success and expansion of these businesses in our city.



Facade Improvement Grant recipients Netfocus IT

## Is your commercial property in need of some TLC?

The 2024–2025 Facade Improvement Grants are now open and close Friday 7 February.

Whether it's a fresh coat of paint, new signage, lighting to support night-time trading, servery windows or bi-fold doors or another idea to help spruce up a shopfront façade, these grants can help bring your vision to fruition. The grants are designed to attract customers to your commercial premise and improve the overall look and feel of an area. Open to all business operators with commercial property in the Frankston City municipality, including those outside the city centre in shopping strips or industrial estates.

A total pool of \$100,000 is available and applicants can apply for between \$5,000 to \$15,000. Council recommends reading the guidelines before applying. There's also an instructional video available on how to apply via the SmartyGrants Portal and frequently asked questions, to provide you with a smooth application process.

Visit [frankston.vic.gov.au/facadegrants](http://frankston.vic.gov.au/facadegrants) to find out if you are eligible.

## Could your business use a \$1,000 boost?



B2B Grant recipient Josh from Big Branding

### Frankston City Council's popular \$1,000 grants are back!

The B2B (Business to Business) Grants (previously known as Think Local Grants)

offer 100 \$1,000 grants on a reimbursement model for businesses located in Frankston City to purchase products or services from another Frankston City business to help their business grow. The grants encourage increased local B2B engagement and awareness to help strengthen the local economy now and into the future. Products or services can include web design, marketing, advertising, promotions, trades and services, visual merchandising, office equipment, façade improvements or branding.

Eligible Frankston City businesses can apply for one fixed \$1,000 grant each (inclusive of GST).

Applications open **Monday 3 February** and the program will close by 5pm **Friday 21 February** or earlier if funds are exhausted prior to this date.

Visit [frankston.vic.gov.au/b2bgrants](http://frankston.vic.gov.au/b2bgrants) to apply!

## Launch or grow your small business

**Wednesday 19 February,  
9.30am–12.30pm**

This three-hour workshop, presented by Asuria and exploring the essentials of business planning, is for aspiring entrepreneurs looking to turn their idea into a business or small business owners who need to develop or refine their business plan.

Spaces are limited, so reserve your spot today and take the first step toward turning your business vision into a reality. If you are interested in attending our workshops in 2025 and finding out which topics could be on offer, email [business@frankston.vic.gov.au](mailto:business@frankston.vic.gov.au) and we will send you a link.



## Improved play spaces ready for fun in Seaford and Langwarrin

Frankston City Council is pleased to announce the completion of exciting upgrades to the play spaces at Monique Reserve, Langwarrin, and East Seaford Reserve, Seaford.

Following community engagement earlier this year, each site received \$350,000 in funding for a complete overhaul, featuring new equipment designed to improve the play experience, including basket swings, toddler and junior swings, multi-play towers, new seating and picnic tables and additional tree planting.

Council currently manages 122 play spaces and an ongoing program of upgrades designed to improve play opportunities for people of all ages and abilities. These upgrades align with Council's Play Strategy 2021 which prioritises the development of inclusive, sustainable and diverse play opportunities that promote, health, wellbeing and active lifestyles. Three other play space upgrades were completed by Council this year as part of the strategy including Kareela Reserve, Whistlestop Reserve, Frankston, and Austin Reserve, Seaford. More are planned for 2025. Stay up to date on play space and other upgrades at [frankston.vic.gov.au/morecurrentprojects](http://frankston.vic.gov.au/morecurrentprojects)



## Creating a more inclusive Frankston



The Social Inclusion Action Group (SIAG) Frankston brings together a diverse group of residents to help to make Frankston a more welcoming, connected, and inclusive place.

Grounded in the belief that locals know their community best, members work to connect ideas, people, and organisations, making funding recommendations for projects that improve our community based on Frankston's unique needs and strengths.

Over the past year, SIAG has laid the groundwork for long-term success. SIAG members have created core values, transparent processes and policies that reflect the voice of the community. They've also started mapping Frankston's needs and strengths to identify opportunities to grow social connection and support. In 2025, the SIAG will shift from planning to action, supporting initiatives that bring people together, address local challenges, and create lasting benefits for Frankston.

The SIAG was established in 2023 with support from Frankston City Council and the Victorian Government. This flagship program — one of the first of its kind in Victoria — was formed following the Royal Commission into Victoria's Mental Health System. If you would like to know more about the SIAG Frankston, please email: [communitystrengthening@frankston.vic.gov.au](mailto:communitystrengthening@frankston.vic.gov.au)

## Clinic supports those experiencing homelessness



In early November, Frankston Zero member agencies facilitated an identification and Victorian Housing Register Connect Clinic at Community Support Frankston.

The Clinic guided those experiencing homelessness through the proof of identification process and helped with applications for priority housing listing on the Victorian Housing Register.

Many of those who are sleeping rough have issues with lost or stolen essential documentation, which is needed to access a multitude of social services, including banking services, access to housing, food banks and much more. When faced with the task of negotiating through a series of appointments with different agencies to get identification or apply for a house, it simply becomes too difficult when also faced with the realities of being homeless.

In addition to Frankston City Council and Community Support Frankston, the Clinic was supported by a total of 12 agencies including Services Australia, The Registry of Births, Deaths, and Marriages Victoria, Launch Housing, the Salvation Army, NEAMI, the Mental Health and Wellbeing Local and Melbourne City Mission. Frankston Zero was established by the Frankston City Strategic Housing and Homelessness Alliance in August 2021, as a local solution to addressing the rising rates of rough sleeping in Frankston City.





**Don't forget to check in with family, friends and neighbours during a heat wave**

A quick call can make a big difference. Let people know you are okay and check in on those who may need your support during days of extreme heat. People most at risk include:

- those aged over 65
- young children and babies
- people with acute or chronic health problems
- people who are socially isolated.

## Stay safe in the heat this summer

We all look forward to the warmer months and the opportunity to enjoy more outdoor activities with friends and family, but heat waves also come with their own risks. Here are a few tips to help you stay safe in the heat:

- when planning outdoor activities, cancel or reschedule activities for a cooler time of the day
- check the weather forecast regularly.
- monitor Bureau of Meteorology Heatwave warnings
- check Council's Heat Health Public Complementary Plan on our website for information on local cooler spaces opening times and locations
- whenever you leave home, always take a water bottle with you
- pop some water out in your garden for native wildlife.



## Celebrating our amazing volunteers

Frankston City's humble and dedicated heroes have been celebrated at the 2024 Volunteering Frankston Awards. Mayor Kris Bolam, Deputy Mayor Cr Steffie Conroy, Cr Emily Green, and Council CEO Phil Cantillon joined special guests to honour our volunteers.

Mayor Bolam said our volunteers are the heart and soul of Frankston City, adding: "We are privileged to have over 16,800 volunteers in Frankston City, who contribute more than 46,000 hours of their time each year to our community.

"It's a remarkable contribution that is equal to \$1.3 million worth of donated time annually ... a contribution that I and Council applaud, recognise and deeply appreciate. The inspirational people we're recognising are dedicated to supporting others in need over a long period of time."

The following volunteers received a 2024 Volunteering Frankston Award:

- **Service to Community Award:** Mike Starkie from Meals on Wheels

- **Commendation Award for Service:** Lauren Forster from Project Fresh Start
- **Leadership Award:** Jaqui O'Leary from 3198 Seaford Beach Patrol
- **Teamwork Award:** 3199 Frankston Beach Patrol
- **Youth Award:** Alyssa Nicholas from Women and Mentoring (WAM).
- **Initiative Award:** Jolene Gailitis from Project Fresh Start.
- **Commendation Award for Initiative:** Paula Rivera (Environmental Volunteer) who volunteers for Friends of Baden Powell Bushland Reserve, AWARE Wildlife Rescue, and Gardens for Wildlife.
- **Outstanding Volunteer Organisation Award, including a \$1,000 prize:** Women and Mentoring (WAM).

Thank you to the volunteer award judging panel, including Jackie Galloway OAM, Karin Hann and Shane Thomas.

## Connecting seniors to all your community has to offer

We have made some improvements to the Positive Ageing Together section of our website, making it even easier for you to navigate and find a range of activities, events and other opportunities in your local area.

Whether you're looking for the latest news or planning your next outing, we've got you covered.

The website will include Seniors Festival details, local seniors' events and activities, information on available support services, senior community groups and clubs, volunteer opportunities, the latest Positive Ageing Together newsletter and more. We hope these updates make it easier for you to stay informed and enjoy all the great activities and resources available in your community.

Visit [frankston.vic.gov.au/PositiveAgeing](http://frankston.vic.gov.au/PositiveAgeing)





## More to enjoy at Jubilee Park

We all know about the amazing sports facilities at Jubilee Park, including the indoor netball, cricket and basketball facilities, in our fantastic new stadium, and the outdoor facilities including upgraded ovals, courts, and Kevin Collopy Pavilion — but did you also know that the park precinct has some great passive recreation facilities for the whole family?

As part of the Jubilee Park Precinct Master Plan, we're about to complete a raft of upgrades to better connect areas of the park from the stadium and around the Kevin Collopy oval precinct. The new pathways will be bike, pedestrian, pram and wheelchair friendly. There will also be new park furniture and a new picnic shelter for those days when you want to sit and chat with your mates after a stroll or feel like a picnic or barbecue with

family and friends before or after a match (or any time in between!).

So, grab a coffee and snack from the stadium cafe and check out these upgrades:

- shared access concrete pathways to better connect facilities and improve overall user experience
- bollards to provide safer interaction between cars and pedestrians
- BBQ, drinking fountain, picnic shelter, bench seating with back and arm rests, and rubbish bins
- drainage improvements.

The \$568,000 upgrade is fully funded by Council and works are expected to be completed by late February.



## Join the Birth Tree and Family Garden Project

The birth of your child is a momentous occasion and Rotary Peninsula 2.0 gives you the opportunity to celebrate this event with your friends and family with a living monument.

Rotary Peninsula 2.0 will plant one tree each year at Montague Park (Kars St, Frankston) to commemorate the births of children in our community. The annual unveiling ceremony for 2024 births will be on **Sunday 16 March**.

Your \$50 donation means your child's name will be placed on a plaque at the base of the Birth Tree or Family Garden, with 100 per cent of the profits returned to the community. Your contribution goes straight back to PARC and PINES to help fund baby swim programs, allowing more children and families to build confidence in and around the water. Keep an eye on the Peninsula Leisure website to secure your place on the 2025 birth tree.



## We ♥ Kareela Road!

We love our local shopping strips, and one of our favourites at Kareela Road, Frankston has received an upgrade just in time for the new year!

Take a trip to this lovely little strip to check out the new paving, seating, bike racks and garden beds. We've also added some bins. While you're there enjoying the great selection of local shops (and excellent coffee!), check out the beautiful mural and the recently upgraded Kareela Reserve play space.

We recently completed another upgrade at Fairway Street shopping strip in Frankston and are busy planning the next project at Mahogany Avenue, Frankston North. The projects are part of Council's Local Shopping Strip Action Plan, find out more, visit [frankston.vic.gov.au/UrbanDesign](http://frankston.vic.gov.au/UrbanDesign)



# Don't bin it, bring it to Frankston recycling stations!

**Got unwanted mobile phones, light globes, eyeglasses, CDs, DVDs or VHS tapes you're not sure how to dispose of?**

Don't throw them in the bin — bring them to one of Frankston's community recycling stations and help keep these items out of landfill.

These recycling stations provide a simple and safe way to dispose of items that can't go in any of your kerbside bins and difficult to recycle items such as electronics and X-rays.

The Frankston community has actively embraced the recycling stations since the launch six months ago, with more than 300 kilograms

of materials recovered for reuse and recycling to date.

By using these stations you are making a huge difference in helping to support social enterprises and contributing to the circular economy where materials are reused, remade, and recycled keeping them in circulation rather than going to landfill. Recycling stations are located at Seaford, Carrum Downs and Frankston Libraries and Karingal Place Community Centre and accept small quantities only. Larger quantities of items can be taken to Frankston Regional Recycling and Recovery Centre. For more information including accepted items visit [frankston.vic.gov.au/RecyclingStations](http://frankston.vic.gov.au/RecyclingStations)



## Dispose of your batteries responsibly

**Did you know that batteries don't belong in your kerbside bins?**

Placing batteries in your household bins can lead to fires — not just in the bins themselves, but also in the waste collection trucks that empty them. This creates a serious safety risk for our community, as well as for the waste collectors and processors who work hard to manage our rubbish. Not sure what to do with your old household batteries?

Recycling them is simple, safe, and helps protect our community. Just drop them off at any one of our battery recycling stations at Seaford, Carrum Downs, or Frankston Libraries, Karingal Place, or the Frankston Regional Recycling and Recovery Centre.

Remember: before you drop off your batteries, please tape the ends with clear sticky tape. This simple step helps prevent sparking and reduces the risk of fire.

## What happens to each of the items?

Mobile phones, CDs, DVDs, x-rays, and light globes are collected by the Melbourne-based social enterprise Green Collect.

These items are then manually sorted and separated into components such as metals and plastics, making them suitable for recycling. X-rays, for example, are not only recycled but are also repurposed into new products, such as notebook covers. Glass and contact lenses are collected by Opticycle for recycling, and are then carefully dismantled to be turned into materials such as metals and plastic and passed on to Australian companies as raw materials for new products.

Please remember to protect your privacy! Before dropping off your old phones or cameras, remember to remove all data by wiping any personal information.

## Bring your environmental project to life

*Applications open for Round 2 of the Environmental Sustainability Grant!*

**Do you have an idea for a project that could make a positive impact on the environment?**

Frankston City Council is calling on local community groups and landowners to apply for Round 2 of the Environmental Sustainability Grant! Open from **Monday 3 February**, this grant offers one-off \$1,000 funding to support initiatives that align with the city's vision for a sustainable future.

Whether you're working on a community-driven project or landowner works, this grant could help bring your ideas to life. A recent recipient in the Landowner Works category is using this

funding to undertake revegetation works to enhance the biodiversity on their property. By increasing the tree canopy and adding mid- and understory plants, the works will provide valuable shelter, food, and habitat for native species, creating biodiversity corridors to help wildlife move between our natural reserves. It's a perfect example of how the Environmental Sustainability Grant can turn great ideas into local action.

The Environmental Sustainability Grant has two categories:

➤ **Community Group Projects:** initiatives that engage and educate the community on sustainability.



➤ **Landowner Works:** for local landowners undertaking projects that help enhance biodiversity and protect native vegetation.

Applications close **Friday 28 February**. Don't miss out on this incredible opportunity to make a lasting difference. For full details, visit [frankston.vic.gov.au/community-grants](http://frankston.vic.gov.au/community-grants)





## Environmental Friends' Groups working bees return

**Make a New Year's resolution to connect with nature, meet new people, and give back to your community!**

Local Environmental Friends' groups are resuming working bees, tackling tasks like weeding, planting, and litter removal to enhance our natural reserves and parks. It's a rewarding way to build friendships while making

a difference. You can choose to join in working bees as a single session or ongoing. Wear sturdy shoes, long sleeves, and a hat, and bring gloves, sunscreen, and water. Let's work together to keep our green spaces thriving for future generations! Visit the Council website [frankston.vic.gov.au/EnviroFriends](http://frankston.vic.gov.au/EnviroFriends) for your local group's contact details.



## From green to gone: help us stop tree and plant theft

**We know how important green spaces are to our community and we're aware of the many benefits they bring to our City.**

That's why we are always looking for opportunities to maximise planting across our projects. Unfortunately, our efforts have been hindered recently with some of our freshly planted trees being stolen in several key locations.

Although we have measures in place to help minimise tree and plant theft and keep our City green, we still need your help. Let us know when you notice trees and plants missing from Council land via Snap, Send Solve and report any active incidents or evidence of theft directly to Victoria Police via their online portal [police.vic.gov.au/police-assistance-line-and-online-reporting](http://police.vic.gov.au/police-assistance-line-and-online-reporting) or **Police Assistance Line 131 444**.

## Sustainable street lighting rolling out across the city

**More than 1,300 streetlights are being replaced with energy efficient LED lighting in the coming months.**

The project is expected save around 1,766 tonnes of greenhouse emissions between now and 2040 (equivalent to removing 25 cars each year for the next 20 years) and achieve energy and maintenance cost savings of around \$4.4 million over the life of the assets (about 20 years). This is an important project supporting the Council's climate emergency response and goal to be carbon neutral (net zero emissions) by 2025.

The roll out is expected be complete by March 2025 and will then be eligible for a Victorian Energy Efficiency Credits (VEEC) rebate.

Scan the QR code for more information.







## A home for everyone

**Imagine a city where everyone has a safe, secure and affordable home.**

As our population grows, so too does our need for affordable housing – it's estimated that Frankston City will need over 8,000 more affordable homes by 2036. Affordable housing is essential infrastructure and an important part of any thriving City. Having enough affordable housing for everyone can help to reduce

homelessness, improve community wellbeing and create more vibrant neighbourhoods.

Availability and affordability of housing is currently a challenge for many due to a range of cost-of-living and market pressures. Council is dedicated to finding a way to increase affordable housing within the city to ensure a secure housing future for all and the Draft Affordable Housing Policy has been created to guide that work.

The draft policy outlines three roles Council might take – as a supply enabler, advocate and partner – and will inform all future affordable housing planning and decision-making. We want to hear from you! Have your say on the Draft Affordable Housing Policy and the future of affordable housing in our City via Engage Frankston when engagement opens on the 21 February 2025. Engagement closes Sunday 23 March. Visit [engage.frankston.vic.gov.au](https://engage.frankston.vic.gov.au)

📷 3198 Seaford BeachPatrol Clean Up Day 2024



## March to the beach this Clean Up Australia Day

**Volunteer for an hour with a Beach Patrol group in Frankston or Seaford on Sunday 2 March and help make our foreshore a better place for both us and marine life this Clean Up Australia Day!**

Meet 3199 Frankston Beach Patrol volunteers at 9am at Frankston Pier for a safety briefing ending at 10am with a litter sort and weigh. BYO gloves (and smiles), collection bags are provided and BYO plate to share for afterwards. Register at [cleanup.org.au](https://cleanup.org.au) or sign in on the day. You can also follow [@FrankstonBeachPatrol](https://www.facebook.com/FrankstonBeachPatrol) for all the latest updates.

You can also join 3198 Seaford BeachPatrol volunteers from 9.30am to 11.30am at Keast Park in Seaford. Sign in from 9.30am, receive a safety briefing, a bag and gloves and return equipment any time before 11.15am. Sign up to volunteer at [beachpatrol.com.au/register](https://beachpatrol.com.au/register) and choose the 3198 BP Seaford group and make sure to follow [@3198beachpatrol](https://www.facebook.com/3198beachpatrol) on socials.

All are welcome to help make a difference. See you there!





## Frankston locals, are you ready for an epic skating showdown?

**Skate Park Leagues, Saturday 22 February, 11am–4pm, Frankston Skate Park**

Frankston Skate Park will come alive in February as part of the Skate Park Leagues (SPL) series. Skateboarders, scooter riders, and BMX enthusiasts will go head-to-head, competing for glory and earning points toward the Victorian Melbourne Metro Series League Ladders. Each event in the series contributes to an overall leaderboard, culminating in the crowning of the best riders of 2025. This Victorian league is just one chapter of a national competition spanning Queensland, South Australia, Tasmania, and New South Wales. Whether you're a seasoned pro or a newcomer, everyone is invited to join the action! Medals will be awarded to the top three, and prizes will be raffled among participants.

SPL is Australia's largest grassroots series for skateboarding, scootering, and BMX riding. The Frankston event is made possible thanks to the collaboration of Peninsula Leisure, Frankston City Council, YMCA Victoria, the Victorian Skateboarding Association (VSA), AusCycling, and Skate Australia. Register at [skatepark.ymca.org.au/competitions-and-events](https://skatepark.ymca.org.au/competitions-and-events)

## Learn to swim for FREE this summer

Make sure you and your family stay safe in the water with FREE swim lessons offered at PARC and PINES pools!



The community More People Can Swim program, run in partnership with Frankston City Council and Peninsula Leisure, provides more fully funded opportunities for the Frankston community to improve their knowledge and skill around water. There's something for everyone, with programs targeted at different audiences, using different teaching methods and settings. Programs running over the coming weeks include:

- family swimming and water safety sessions
- infant water familiarisation
- adult swimming
- school incursions.

Peninsula Leisure also offers More People Can Swim Bespoke programs to capture individuals and groups in the community who are missing out on these vital lifesaving skills, including:

- at-risk communities, schools and locations
- teen/youth age group
- families
- grade 5-6 students about to depart primary school
- parent and child age groups (infant and pre-school target)
- And more...

To get started, visit [peninsulaleisure.com.au/can-swim](https://peninsulaleisure.com.au/can-swim)

## International Women's Day: Frankston Skate Park's Girls Only! sessions

Girls Only! skate sessions are female-only group skate clinics, led by an experienced female skater. They offer a safe space for girls to support each other, have a go, improve skills, gain confidence and have fun being active. We will be running some special Girls Only! clinics for International Women's Day during March. For more information or assistance booking, please contact the friendly Frankston Skate Park team at [skate.park@peninsulaleisure.com.au](mailto:skate.park@peninsulaleisure.com.au)



## Pines Forest Aquatic Centre: your spot for swimming, sunshine and socialising!

**Monday–Friday 6pm–7pm and Saturday–Sunday 8am–6pm**

The PINES heated outdoor pool is for everyone: the individual swimmer, a school or community group or the entire family. PINES has provided the Frankston community with a popular outdoor pool for over 40 years and visitors absolutely love a swim in the great outdoors, whether it's for fitness, recreation or socialising. The pool is open until Monday 31 March, so make sure to pop by for a visit!

For more information visit [pines.peninsulaleisure.com.au](https://pines.peninsulaleisure.com.au)

