

Frankston City News

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Frankston City scores major sporting wins!

Two exciting multimillion dollar sporting projects in Frankston City have scored a major win for the local community and broader region. Council announced in September that it would increase its total funding contribution for the Jubilee Park Indoor Stadium project to a whopping \$20.34 million, while a \$4.2 million upgrade to the Frankston East Tennis Club has been finalised and fast-tracked for delivery.

These announcements follow months of extensive lobbying to both Victorian and Federal Governments, with Council announcing it would step in to meet the funding needs of each project to allow for increased participation in multiple sports. Frankston City Mayor Michael O'Reilly thanked the Victorian and Federal Governments for their contributions, and Federal Member for Dunkley, Peta Murphy MP for her support, saying

"Council is excited to get the ball rolling on what will be two exceptional sporting facilities for locals and the region to enjoy for years to come." The \$34.9 million Jubilee Park Indoor Stadium will be redesigned from the ground-up, complementing other upgrades in the precinct including 13 new outdoor courts featuring competition lighting, shelter and PA system.

Meanwhile, a modernised Centenary Park tennis facility will become a major asset to the local community and region and addressing the urgent need to find a new home for Frankston Tennis Club, which will merge with Frankston East Tennis Club. For detailed information on these projects, head to page 12.

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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
 Monday to Friday, 9am-5pm
 Saturday 9am-12pm

Langwarrin Customer Service Centre

Shop 6, The Gateway, Cranbourne-Frankston Road, Langwarrin
 Monday to Friday, 9am-5pm
 Saturday 9am-12pm

Carrum Downs Library and Customer Service Centre

203 Lyrebird Drive, Carrum Downs, times vary

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7N Pier Promenade, Frankston Waterfront
 Open 7 days, 10am-4pm
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Mayor's message

Emergency readiness this summer

In September, Council officers from across departments took part in an emergency exercise coordinated at Carrum Downs Community Pavilion, to practice and evaluate the operation of an Emergency Relief Centre. Council has a responsibility to support displaced people during an emergency under the *Emergency Management Act 1986*. The scenario for the exercise was a grass fire at Seaford Wetlands, requiring the surrounding areas to be evacuated. The exercise included the Australian Red Cross, Department of Health and Human Services, Victoria Police and the Victorian Council of Churches. I am incredibly proud of the team work and initiative shown by all participants. The drill went according to plan and I have no doubt our residents are in very safe hands should we ever have to put these plans into action. Of course these

types of emergencies can happen any time, however as we head into summer it is particularly important to ensure we all work together to secure the safety of our residents. For more information on how you can prepare for the hot weather, (see page 5).

Combustible cladding at Yacht Club

Council released a statement in September notifying the public that potentially dangerous cladding had been identified on the yacht club building. In this statement, we were transparent with residents and visitors that the issue was being investigated and we would not be leasing the building until it was declared safe for occupancy. A submission has been made to the Victorian Building Appeals Board, which will be heard during December, and we will inform residents as soon as we are clear on what action needs to be taken. We are keeping our



preferred tenant informed throughout this process and we, like most residents and visitors in Frankston City, are keen to see the building occupied as soon as possible. To clarify, no lease had been signed before the issue was identified and we immediately paused negotiations to assess, and ultimately rectify the issue before allowing anyone to occupy this space.

Cr Michael O'Reilly
Frankston City Mayor

Message from the CEO

This is my first message as Council's new Chief Executive Officer and I am thrilled to be appointed to the position on a permanent basis, having served as interim CEO these past few months.

Frankston City has such a vibrant and diverse community whose needs and expectations vary greatly. There is no one size fits all.

One of my main goals is to improve communication between Council and residents to ensure we are getting the vital input we need to make decisions which will not only benefit our community but meet their aspirations for the future.

Our business transformation teams, which includes the Better Approvals

Project (see page 18), continue to strengthen our customer focus, online services and connections with the community. While we are clearly on the right track, there is always room to do more and our work in these areas has only just begun.

Importantly, you will continue to see me out and about in the community and of course we always welcome feedback from our community.

I am grateful for the opportunity and look forward to working with Councillors, our staff, the community and alongside our strategic partners as one team, working together to create a stronger future for Frankston City.



Phil Cantillon
Chief Executive Officer



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Frankston City scores sustainable honours

From recycling and rejuvenating to restoring and revitalising, Frankston City is ticking all the sustainability boxes. Three local projects took out titles at the 2019 Keep Victoria Beautiful (KVB) Sustainable Cities Awards, held in September.

The awards recognise positive actions taken by communities to protect and enhance their local environments.

Award winners were:

- **Frankston Regional Recycling and Recovery Centre (FRRRC):** 2019 Resource Recovery and Waste Management Award in the council section for 'leading the way in waste recovery'
- **Frankston Beach Association:** 2019 Environmental Sustainability Award in the community section for

their Frankston City Foreshore Revegetation Project

- **Narelle Debenham from Natured Kids:** 2019 Dame Phyllis Frost Award in the community section for her environmental education programs

Council's *Powering Up Local Communities: solar power on community-use facilities* project was also one of three highly commended local projects.

Frankston City saw a record number of finalists in this year's KVB Sustainable Cities Awards, with a total of 11 Frankston City projects making it to the finalist stage.

For more information, visit: kvb.org.au/sustainable-cities



Award winners from left, Joan Cavanagh, Kathy Cooper and Johan de Bree from the Frankston Beach Association at the awards in September

Leading the way in waste recovery

The Council-owned Frankston Regional Recycling and Recovery Centre (FRRRC), winner of the 2019 Resource Recovery and Waste Management Award has been located in Skye since 2015. Since January 2017, a massive 60,226 tonnes of waste has been received with 30,715 tonnes recovered for recycling.

As the only resource recovery centre in Frankston City, it plays an important role in diverting waste from landfill for local residents, trades people and those from neighbouring municipalities.

FRRRC Recycling Services Supervisor, Simon Byrne, said the Skye facility was thrilled to receive a KVB award in September. "Since the centre opened in 2015, Frankston City has diverted more than 30,000 tonnes of unwanted or used materials from landfill as well as diverting 14,000 tonnes of green waste to be made into compost for farmers.

"The Frankston City community is passionate about reducing waste and recycling, so this award is as much if not more a nod to the community's efforts as much as ours."

Staff member Julie Williams, at the award-winning Frankston Regional Recycling and Recovery Centre in Skye)

FRRRC's Treasure Chest pre-loved store sells some of the 370 tonnes of waste FRRRC recovers for resale and reuse each year. Education is also provided to residents about the importance of reusing items and correct disposal of hazardous materials, which may otherwise end up in landfill, the sewer or stormwater systems.

The centre also partners with Sustainability Victoria to host an annual Detox Your Home household chemical collection day.

Visit: frankston.vic.gov.au/FRRRC



Powering up local communities

Council has a long history of leading the way with renewable energy and is proud of its most recent achievement, with the development of a program to deliver significant solar benefits to local community groups and clubs.

In 2014, Council sought expressions of interest from local groups that leased or licensed a Council building to gauge interest in transitioning to solar energy. A large number of community groups and clubs responded and over the following years, Council carried out detailed solar feasibility studies and designs for each facility.

After hearing local community groups and clubs were struggling with rising electricity costs, Council chose to invest in the installation of solar panels, with no cost to the groups or their members. Over the past two years the project has resulted in Council fully-funding the installation of 20 solar power systems on community-use facilities, benefiting 17 local sport and recreation clubs, two community centres and a Men's Shed. The electricity cost savings



Solar panels installed on Frankston Croquet Club



allow the community groups and clubs to direct their precious resources into delivering other important services.

Council has installed more than 60 solar panel systems across the City, with some of these installations provided with state and federal government funding. We will continue to roll out these systems in the coming months and years. For more information, visit: frankston.vic.gov.au/Solar

Recycle right in Frankston City



✓ Recycling bin

These items go in your recycling bin:



Glass bottles and jars



Steel and aluminium cans, aerosol cans, foil and trays



All hard plastic containers (whether or not they have a recycling code)



Paper and cardboard



These items are considered contaminants and **MUST NOT** go in your recycling bin:



NO plastic bags or other scrunchable plastics (even if they have a recycling code)



NO bagged recyclables



NO food waste



NO polystyrene foam



NO clothing or textiles

For more information visit: frankston.vic.gov.au or phone: 1300 322 322

Recycling dos and don'ts

In recent months, Council has noticed an increase in contaminated kerbside recycling collections, where yellow-lidded bins contain waste that can cause significant issues at the processing stage, such as very small plastic lids or containers with food.

We understand it is easy to forget, or become confused about, what items can go into your recycling bin. National Recycling Week (11–19 November) is a great opportunity to familiarise yourself with the recycling dos and don'ts, see the 'Recycle Right' checklist above.

Reducing contamination in the recycling bin is key to improving the recycling industry in Australia and each individual is part of the solution. Items such as aluminium foil, metal food cans, glass bottles and jars, plastic shampoo bottles and takeaway containers, aerosol cans, paper and cardboard can all be recycled in your yellow-lidded recycling bin if the food/liquid has

been removed.

However, items that cannot be recycled in your fortnight kerbside recycling collection include, bottles and containers still containing food waste/liquid, clothing, e-waste such as batteries and computers and soft scrunchable plastics like plastic bags and bread packaging.

Household recycling in Frankston City is processed at Polytrade Recycling, where it is sorted into different streams, for example, paper and cardboard, plastics, glass, aluminium and steel. Polytrade Recycling then sell the sorted recycling to different markets for further processing and recycling. Annually, we collect approximately 15,000 tonnes of materials for recycling, including 8,000 tonnes of paper/cardboard, 5,000 tonnes of glass 2,000 tonnes of plastics and other materials. For more information on recycling in Frankston City, visit: frankston.vic.gov.au/BinInformation

Introducing our Waste Wise Events Policy

Council adopted a Waste Wise Events Policy at the Ordinary Council Meeting on 2 September, to help minimise waste and litter at local events. The policy impacts all Council-run events, as well as commercial, community and not-for-profit events on land owned or managed by Council.

Under the policy, the use and distribution of plastic shopping bags and polystyrene packaging is prohibited at events. Balloons are also prohibited at outdoor events. Disposable straws must be kept out of the customer's line of sight and only

given out when requested.

A 12-month transition period commenced in early September. Where Council staff will be working with event organisers, stallholders, food and beverage providers, as well as entertainers to assist with compliance.

Thank you to all community members who provided feedback to help shape this important policy, which will help protect our local environment. For more details about Council's Waste Wise Events Policy, visit: frankston.vic.gov.au/policies

PLASTIC BAG BAN NOW IN EFFECT

It is now illegal for a retailer to supply a banned single use plastic bag and for plastic bag suppliers and manufacturers to give false or misleading information about banned bags.

The ban applies to all Victorian retailers and focusses on lightweight plastic shopping bags, including degradable, biodegradable and compostable bags. For more information, visit: vicbagban.com.au



Take your e-waste to a better place

The Victorian Government has introduced a ban on the disposal of e-waste into landfill. This means that e-waste (unwanted or broken electronic products with a battery, cord or plug) is no longer accepted in kerbside bins across Victoria.

Recovering e-waste has a number of benefits:

- Reduced landfill
- Less consumption of raw materials to produce electronic products

- Typically less greenhouse gas emissions associated with products made from recycled rather than virgin materials

There are now a number of local drop-off locations for mobile phones, batteries, and cameras, as well as large e-waste items such as TVs and computers. To find a drop-off location near you, visit Council's A-Z Waste and Recycling Directory: frankston.vic.gov.au/AtoZ

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Is your home summer ready?

Summer is here and with it the sweltering heat. The best way to keep your house cool is to stop it heating up in the first place. Here are some easy and affordable ways to keep your house cooler this summer:

- During the day, keep your curtains and blinds closed to keep the heat out
- Pull down external blinds or cover external windows along the north side of your house to stop the glass from being heated directly by the sun

- Block out any gaps around doors and windows to stop hot air from coming in
- Once the sun has gone down and the cooler evening has begun, open your doors and windows to let any stored heat out. Make sure to close them before the sun comes up again
- Focus any cooling to specific areas, by closing off areas not in use

For more tips on cooling your home efficiently and living sustainably, visit the Sustainability Victoria website at: sustainability.vic.gov.au

SUMMER SMART HOMES

Tuesday 19 November, 7–9pm, The Lounge, Frankston Arts Centre, 27–37 Davey Street, Frankston, FREE, bookings essential

This seminar with expert Danielle King from 'Green Moves' will provide ideas and tips to help make your home more energy efficient and comfortable this summer. Whether you own your home or rent, there are practical changes you can make that don't cost a fortune and actually save you money on energy and water bills. To book visit: frankston.vic.gov.au/EnviroEvents or phone: **9768 1628**



LIVING WITH SNAKES

Saturday 16 November, 2.30–4pm, Bruce Park Hall, 1/19N Bondi Avenue, Frankston, FREE, bookings essential

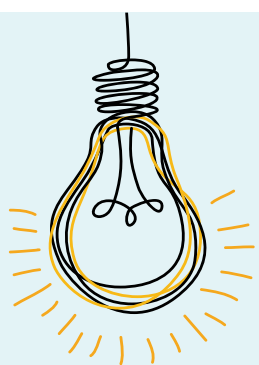
A local expert will discuss snake awareness, safety, identification and what to do if you come across one. No live snakes will be present. To book, visit: frankston.vic.gov.au/EnviroEvents or phone: **9768 1628**

Where the wild things are

Council needs your help to map Frankston City wildlife. Furry, feathered and scaly — all animals count. If you see one, dead or alive, go to our online map, drop a pin in the area where you spotted the wildlife, take a photo and upload it.

We will be using this information to inform how we track and protect the wildlife we discover as a community. Since the project launched 12 months ago, we have recorded a total of 105 species. Unsurprisingly, our friendly arboreal marsupials, possums, topped the list and species like the koala and eastern grey kangaroo also feature

in the top 10. To contribute to wildlife mapping in your area, visit: frankston.vic.gov.au/NativeFauna



A BRIGHT IDEA

Is your home still using old light globe technology? These could be costing you a lot on your electricity bills.

The Light Bulb Saver app provides a quick way to compare your old lights with new energy efficient globes, and compare the savings. Visit energyrating.gov.au/apps for more information. View the policy at: frankston.vic.gov.au/policies

Invasive Species Guide

A guide to plant species and animals that are harmful to our environment. Get your copy now, visit: frankston.vic.gov.au/Weeds

Frankston City Council
Invasive Species Guide



Lifestyle Capital of Victoria



Water for wildlife

As the weather warms up, our native wildlife can find it hard to find suitable water sources. You can help by leaving out clean water in a safe, accessible and shaded place for birds, possums and other fauna.





Vegan burger takes the Burger Off crown

A healthy burger can taste amazing — and we have the proof. Burger lovers from near and far cast close to 500 votes during the city’s inaugural Burger Off competition, which ran throughout August. They overcame the myth that a healthy burger can’t taste good by crowning Nature Café Bar’s Stayin’ Alive burger the best in the city.

Nature Café Bar owner Amrita Arn was thrilled, “I was so surprised because it is a vegan burger and there were much bigger restaurants participating but word of mouth kept people coming in,” she said.

“We pride ourselves on providing healthy, vegetarian and vegan options and are thrilled people love our food and got so into the burger.”

The café sold 239 Stayin’ Alive burgers during Burger Off and professional

eater and Australian Ninja Warrior competitor, Riley ‘Chompomatic’ Murphy said the win was well deserved.

Feedback is still rolling in but participating businesses have so far reported the campaign has helped to boost business, with participating restaurants noting an increase in patronage throughout the month-long event.

Throughout Frankston City, 31 cafes and restaurants participated in Burger Off, collectively selling more than 3,000 competition burgers.

As part of the voting process, people scored the burgers on a scale of 1–10, with the highest average score being 9.89, received by the winner. Due to its popularity, Nature Bar Café is keeping Stayin’ Alive on their summer menu.

Visit: naturecafebar.com.au

New sculpture blooms in Frankston City

Love Flower, by John Meade and Emily Karanikolopoulos has taken pride of place at the Cranbourne Road exit of Peninsula Link, replacing the much-loved *Reflective Lullaby* (aka Frankie the gnome) by Gregor Kregar.

The monumental and enchanting new sculpture is beautiful by day, and stunning by night as it illuminates to highlight each intricate detail.

The new artwork is presented as part of The Southern Way McClelland Commission, a unique partnership between Southern Way and

McClelland Sculpture Park + Gallery. Make a visit to see *Love Flower* part of your Frankston experience today.



Photo credit: Eric Berkelmans

A new-look Frankston Visitor Information Centre

Have you checked out the newly-refurbished Frankston Visitor Information Centre (FVIC) yet?

New features include a beautiful consultation space and stunning modern merchandise displays showcasing a wide array of beautiful local and regionally produced items, ideal for gifts or as a treat to yourself.

Customers have also noticed the difference the improvements have made to the look and feel of the centre.

One thing that hasn’t changed is the level of exceptional service and expert

advice offered at the centre, with friendly faces always on hand to help you plan your local and regional touring.

Visit the centre for maps, brochures, insider knowledge, recommendations on new restaurants and attractions, and to source unique local merchandise and Australian souvenirs.

The FVIC is conveniently located on the Frankston Waterfront at 7N Pier Promenade and is open daily, 10am–4pm (closed Christmas Day and Good Friday). Phone: 1300 322 842 or go to: visitfrankston.com.



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**VISIT FRANKSTON APP
COMING SOON**

visitfrankston.com/app

STELLAR
SHORT FILM FESTIVAL

Saturday, 29 February 2020
at McClelland Sculpture Park+Gallery
Tickets on sale 1 December!
stellarshortfilmfestival.com.au

Major Sponsors

YOUR MARKET GUIDE

Frankston Sunday Market
Every Sunday
8am–1pm
79-83 Young Street, Frankston

Seaford Handmade Market
Third Sunday of the month
February to December
9am–1pm
Seaford Scout Hall
Station Street, Seaford

Little Beauty Market*
Monthly until April
9am–2pm
Beauty Park
High Street, Frankston
See website for dates

Seaford Farmers Market
Third Sunday of the month
8am–1pm
Broughton Street Reserve
Station Street, Seaford

1300 322 842
visitfrankston.com
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* Check website for upcoming dates, entry fees and times. Subject to change without notice.

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Frankston Botanical Gardens
December 12 -15

ELF 12 DEC
COCO 13 DEC
ALADDIN 14 DEC
HOME ALONE 15 DEC

Gates Open 7pm
Featuring bean beds, popcorn, snacks and a bar

Book online for FREE kids tickets!
Cinemapopup.com.au



Is your house bushfire ready?

Council prepares for the fire season with inspections of properties and fuel reduction works in Council reserves, including manual clearing of fine fuels and controlled burn-offs.

There are also plenty of precautions you can take at home to help minimise the risk to your property during a bushfire. Remember, fires can occur where suburbs meet the bush or in urban areas where houses have grass, bushland or parkland around them — including near coastal scrub.

The CFA recommends preparing your property, both the garden and the house, before bushfire season starts to ensure you are at reduced risk during an emergency. Ensuring good separation between trees and the house, a debris-free yard and installing fire shutters on windows and non-combustible doors are just some of the precautions you can take. See right for more tips or visit: cfa.vic.gov.au

All residents with properties more than 1,600m² can apply for a permit to 'burn off' excess green waste until the fire danger period commences around November.

For more information or to apply for

your permit, please visit: frankston.vic.gov.au/PermitToBurn

Make sure to download the VicEmergency app to receive alerts about all emergency situations affecting your area. Vegetation controls exist within Frankston City and some works may require a permit. If unsure please contact a customer service centre.

A well-prepared property includes:

- Prune back any tree branches overhanging the property
- Grass less than 10cm long
- Decking without flammable items like barbeques and furniture
- Clear gutters
- Flammable liquids stored away from house
- No loose green waste such as leaves and dry grass
- Garden plants with low flammability

For more information on fire preparedness, visit: cfa.vic.gov.au or frankston.vic.gov.au/BushfirePrevention



FRANKSTON INDIGENOUS NURSERY IS NOW CLOSED AND WILL RE-OPEN SUNDAY 5 APRIL 2020.

Visit: frankston.vic.gov.au/IndigenousNursery

Love where you live

Stories of Langwarrin: Community Expo and Bus Tour



The Love Where You Live Langwarrin working group

Sunday 1 December, 10am–2pm), Langwarrin Scout Hall, 52 Paterson Avenue, Langwarrin, FREE

Come down and meet Langwarrin groups and clubs, and sign up for one of six 90 minute bus tours led by a local tour guide and enjoy a sausage sizzle, tea and coffee. For more information, phone: 9784 1015 or email: LoveWhereYouLive@frankston.vic.gov.au

Seaford Stories Community Day

Saturday 16 November, 1–4pm, Seaford Community Centre, Broughton Street, Seaford, FREE

All Seaford locals have a story: why they moved here; a happy history of holidays at the beach; the unique natural environment or the village feel they've come to love as residents. Share your story, grab a snack, meet the friendly groups that make Seaford great or just bring a picnic rug and enjoy acoustic duo 'Times Like These'.

For those wanting to enjoy the local scenery, join one of the groups walking from either Downs Estate/Seaford Wetlands or along the Kananook Creek path for a ramble sharing historical and environmental stories of Seaford. For more information or to register to join a walk, phone: 9784 1022 or visit: frankston.vic.gov.au/LoveWhereYouLive.



From left: Frankston City Mayor, Michael O'Reilly, Minister for Fishing and Boating, Jaala Pulford, Local Member Paul Edbrooke, Local Federal Member, Peta Murphy and Councillor Quinn McCormack.

Boat ramp parking fees abolished

Council is no longer issuing boat ramp parking permits and has also removed casual parking fees (previously \$15 per day) associated with parking in the boat ramp parking bays. All current permit holders have been notified and advised they may be entitled to a pro-rata refund of the permit fee, based on the permit's expiry date.

If you believe you may be entitled

to a refund, please complete the reimbursement form available on the Council website: frankston.vic.gov.au/Boating

Please note, only cars with a boat trailer attached may park in boat ramp parking bays.

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From left: Ian Cuthbertson, Mayor of Frankston City Cr. Michael O'Reilly, Donna Cartwright, Hannah Swinnerton, Impact Volunteering Chair Craig Stephens

Donna Cartwright named 2019 Volunteer of the Year

Donna Cartwright from Mums Supporting Families In Need has been named the Impact Volunteering Volunteer of the Year for 2019 at a ceremony held at The Mayor's Family Picnic in September. Winners were announced across three categories. Donna was the winner of the Community Service category, earning the \$1,000 prize for her volunteer organisation as the overall winner. Also recognised were Ian Cuthbertson from Australian Radio Rescue Service in the Seniors' category and Hannah Swinnerton from the Speak up for Change Campaign in the Youth category. All our winners have made significant contributions to the Frankston City community through their tireless volunteer work.

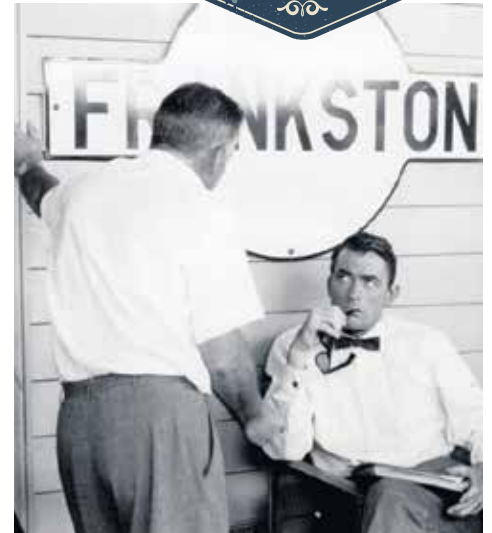
A local not-for-profit supporting hundreds of families, Mums Supporting Families In Need is a fully volunteer-run charity providing Melbourne's most disadvantaged families with essential material aid, so no child goes without the essentials. The annual Impact Volunteering Volunteer of the Year Awards aim to celebrate and recognise the valuable contributions that volunteers make in the community, who often give so much of their own time and resources. Thank you to all our 2019 nominees and organisations for the great work they do in the community. To find out more about how you can volunteer in Frankston City, visit: impactvolunteering.org.au

A taste of vintage Hollywood in Frankston



This year marks the 60th anniversary of classic Stanley Kramer film *On the Beach*. Adapted from Langwarrin local Nevil Shute's novel of the same title and considered to be one of Stanley Kramer's most powerful films, *On the Beach* was filmed in many locations around Victoria, including Frankston.

Set in 1964, the film follows characters Moira and Commander Towers as they navigate an unlikely romance following nuclear war. Starring Ava Gardner, Gregory Peck and Fred Astaire as Moira's cousin, the film showcased many familiar Frankston locations to the world. When Towers meets Moira for the first time as she arrives from Melbourne by train, the film crew were on location on platform one at Frankston Station. The subsequent scene where Towers and Moira leave the station on a horse



and buggy was also filmed in Young Street. Looking very different to the vibrant city centre we know today, the film left us with an invaluable snapshot of 1950s Frankston — and an exciting brush with Hollywood.

Magpie season survival tips

We've all been swooped by an angry magpie at some point and it can be a scary experience. However, this is simply the male magpie protecting its nest during mating season, which runs from around late-August to late-October. It is easy to minimise the risk of an attack with a few simple precautions, (see right).

Likewise, during this time you may see young birds attempting to leave the nest. If you see one on the ground and it is able to hop or run away from you, do not approach or attempt to feed it. Healthy baby birds have a much greater chance of survival if left in their natural environment with their parents nearby. It is not always necessary to help them and sometimes 'helping' can do more harm than good. However, nestlings (usually without any feathers) should not be out of the nest. If you find a nestling call a wildlife carer and observe the bird, keeping it safe until the carer arrives or provides further advice. For more information, visit: birdlife.org.au

To report sick or injured wildlife, phone **AWARE** Wildlife Rescue: 0412 433 727, or Animalia Wildlife Shelter: 0435 822 699.



Tips for magpie breeding season

- Be aware of common magpie breeding areas and try to find alternative routes
- Wear sunglasses, a wide-brimmed hat or carry an umbrella
- If you are swooped on a bicycle, get off and walk
- Stay calm if swooped so as not to appear aggressive
- Travel in groups where possible

Interested in volunteering but not sure where to start?

Book now for a **FREE** introduction to volunteering information session

Tuesday 12 November, 10-11am, Long Room, Frankston City Library

To book, phone: 9770 6492 or email: info@impactvolunteering.org.au



Recognising passionate community advocates

Members of the Karingal Local Area Group were presented with a recognition award at the 2 September Ordinary Council Meeting, for their passionate advocacy to save and salvage Karingal's Gretana Park, which Council has invested \$100,000 in since 2017-2018 to rejuvenate into an inviting and functional area for the local community.





FRANKSTON'S Christmas FESTIVAL of LIGHTS 2019

- Saturday 30 November -



FRANKSTON'S skating WONDERLAND

Frankston Library Forecourt, Playne Street

Strap on some skates and be a part of this very special new festival addition.

Adults and children can skate for \$5 each.

Opening Hours

Saturday 30 November	12-8.30pm
Sunday 1 December	11am-8pm
Monday 2 December	3-8pm
Tuesday 3 December	3-8pm
Wednesday 4 December	3-8pm
Thursday 5 December	3-8pm
Friday 6 December	3-9pm
Saturday 7 December	11am-8pm
Sunday 8 December	11am-8pm



For terms and conditions please visit: christmasfestivaloflights.com.au

Santa's House

5.30-9pm, Cube 37 Davey Street

Santa has been waiting all year to hear your Christmas wishes, so get your lists ready.



Meet the Minions

5-9pm, Davey Street

Proudly presented by Peninsula Aquatic Recreation Centre

The Minions Meet and Greet is your chance to get a selfie fit to share with all your friends. Bello!



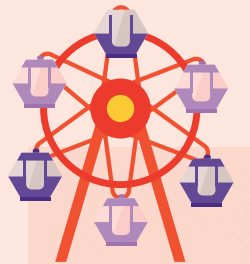
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Rudolph's Children's Zone

5-10pm, Davey Street

Rock the rollercoaster or get merry on the merry-go-round. This much loved zone is dedicated to little thrill seekers.



Christmas Kids at Frankston Library

4.30-8.30pm, Playne St

Free face painting and an enchanted children's Storytime are just a few of the activities on offer at Frankston Library. Visit the Summer Reading Challenge launch party and grab your passport to the best summer ever!



North Pole Activity Centre

5-9pm, Frankston Arts Centre (Function Centre), Davey Street

Kids will lose themselves in a sea of art and craft activities.

9News will kick off the festive activities with Christmas card crafts for the kids. Plus, make sure you visit the Channel 9 site on Davey Street for more fun! Step behind Peter Hitchener's 9News desk for a photo, pose for a selfie at the Married At First Sight Chapel or try your luck at cracking the safe of the Channel 9 tennis ball to win some great prizes.



The Grinch Christmas Show

Frankston Arts Centre

Proudly presented by Gumbuya World

The Grinch is up to his old tricks again. This time he is back in town to try and ruin Christmas once and for all! Don't worry though because our special Christmas soldiers and magical elf friends will help you make sure he is stopped in his tracks!

Free 30 minute shows commence every hour from 5.30 to 8.30pm. Shows cannot be booked and admission will be on a first come, first served basis. Places are limited.



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CREATE A **magical** FAMILY MEMORY

- 5-10pm -

Entertainment Stage

5pm-9.30pm, Davey Street

Proudly presented by
Costco Wholesale

The Entertainment Stage will have you up and dancing until the stars begin to twinkle. Join our special guests and celebrate the start of Christmas with a sing-a-long.

- 5pm MC Welcome
- 5.05pm The Kazoos featuring Santa's Grand Arrival
- 5.55pm Mayor's welcome and Welcome to Country
- 6pm Pevan and Sarah
- 6.30pm The Voice of Frankston
- 6.55pm PLOS Musical Productions, Mamma Mia the Musical
- 7.20pm Australian Welsh Male Choir
- 7.40pm Christmas Sing-a-long with James Franklin and Elisabeth Murdoch College Jazz Band
- 8.15pm Kylie Auldist
- 9.15pm Tree lighting
- 9.20pm Fireworks



Santa's Grand Arrival

5pm, corner of High Street and Young Street

Proudly presented by Ash Marton Realty

Will Santa be riding, driving, skating or surfing into Frankston City this year? Whatever happens, his Grand Arrival is always a sight to behold - so line the streets and give him a warm welcome.



Tree Lighting Ceremony and Fireworks Display

9.15pm, Davey Street

This year one lucky child will be given the honour of participating in the tree lighting ceremony. Enter the draw and it could be you! Visit www.christmasfestivaloflights.com.au and follow the prompts to enter.



Little Beauty Christmas Market and Big Screen

5-10pm, Beauty Park, High Street

This little market leaves a big impression as Beauty Park is transformed into a one-stop-shop for all your Christmas shopping needs. Shop your heart out, then grab a spot in the park to watch the main stage action and fireworks display on the big screen.



Star Festival Dining

5-10pm, Young Street

Proudly presented by Mercedes-Benz Mornington

Having fun can make you hungry, so head to the Star Festival Dining precinct and discover a range of delicious delights from across the globe as well as some local favourites.

There will be some special guests visiting the Mercedes-Benz Mornington marquee, including Brodie Harper from 6-7pm and Anthony Callea from 7-8pm, come and say hi!



Elf Alley Amusements and Rides

5-10pm, Baxter Street

Featuring big drops, fast turns, exciting tumbles and loads of screams. Try your hand at the many carnival games and take home not only bragging rights, but some great prizes.



Program is correct at the time of printing and subject to change without notice.

Road and car park closures will be in place for the event.

Children must be supervised by an adult or guardian at all times.

To download the festival map and important information phone, or visit:

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Frankston City Council acknowledges the traditional owners of the land in and around Frankston City.

Frankston scores major sporting wins

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Jubilee Park Indoor Stadium

With netball and basketball such popular sports in Frankston City, particularly for young girls and women this important project will deliver a regional facility suitable for everyone wanting to play while delivering pathways for elite training and competitions

An expanded Jubilee Park Indoor Stadium will include:

- Six multipurpose indoor courts, including a 1,000 seat show court

- Elite training facilities for multiple sports including four indoor cricket training nets
- Female-friendly change rooms and a crèche for players and spectators
- State-of-the-art café, community meeting and function rooms.

For more information and updates on this project, including community consultation, visit: frankston.vic.gov.au/JubileePark

“...netballers and cricketers get the facilities they deserve...”

Paul Edbrooke,
Member for Frankston

“This investment finally gives us a home for elite netball in the area after 15 years of searching...”

Kelly Andrews, Frankston District Netball Association



Centenary Park tennis facilities

As Peninsula Health (Frankston Hospital) prepares for a major \$562 million expansion to deliver even more health and wellbeing services to the region, the land currently occupied by Frankston Tennis Club is required for the development, resulting in the club needing to be relocated.

The proposed redevelopment of existing facilities at Centenary Park will provide a stand-alone tennis centre which meets Tennis Victoria standards and accommodates the needs of both clubs, featuring:

- 13 new hard surface courts with new lighting and fencing
- Upgrade of existing pavilion,

featuring open social space and café, kitchen and bar, storage and cool room, accessible showers, accessible public toilets, new male and female change rooms and amenities, a meeting room and tournament office, external painting and service upgrades

- Car park upgrades meeting DDA compliance requirements
- Landscape works including retaining walls, gardening, footpaths as well as drainage and service upgrades

For more information and updates on this project, visit: frankston.vic.gov.au/CentenaryPark



From left: Frankston City Mayor, Cr Michael O'Reilly, with Frankston East Tennis Club representatives and Frankston Council CEO, Phil Cantillon

For more information on Council's ongoing advocacy, visit: frankston.vic.gov.au/Advocacy

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Transforming parks into wildlife sanctuaries

Habitat boxes are being installed across Ballam Park to support wildlife and encourage breeding opportunities.

The habitat boxes, selected in consultation with local conservationists Living with Wildlife, provide an opportunity to monitor the habits of local species. This provides data on what species is using box, records of any breeding success and observations on the behaviour of the species. The monitoring will also ensure that the preferred local wildlife pests is utilising the boxes which have been designed to deter feral species such as European bees and Indian Mynas.

The size of the habitat box entrance hole, internal features and dimensions

all differ depending on the species. The habitat boxes selected for use at Ballam Park have specifically been designed to support parrots, Southern Boobank Owls, kookaburras and microbats, to encourage more of these species by providing an alternative home/den where their natural homes, tree hollows are a limited resource. For more information, visit: ari.vic.gov.au and search 'nest boxes'.



New pool regulations and spa laws commence 1 December 2019

New safety laws for pool and spa owners will be introduced by the Victorian Building Authority (VBA) from Sunday 1 December 2019. The new laws aim to reduce incidences of young children drowning in private swimming pools and spas.

The change in legislation incorporates all pools and spas with a depth of at least 300mm, which includes relocatable pools.

The new VBA laws will require mandatory registration of all swimming pools and spas and a new compliance regime to improve swimming pool and spa safety.

Currently owners are not able to formally register their swimming pool or spa with Council. This new registration process will begin 1 December 2019. All owners of existing swimming pools and spas must register their swimming pool or spa by 14 April 2020.

After registration, Council will advise pool and spa owners of the new regulations upon assessment of certain information, including the date of construction of the swimming

pool or spa. Owners will then be required to engage a registered building surveyor or building inspector to inspect and certify the compliance of their safety barrier every three years. Council will be tasked to ensure all pool and spa owners comply with the new requirements with penalties for non-compliance.

The VBA has a safety barrier self-assessment checklist, to help you prepare for the mandatory registration process. If you are having any work on an existing safety barrier, a permit may need to be issued to alter the barrier. Work to alter an existing barrier will need to comply with the current regulations. For information, including obtaining a permit for your pool or spa and VBA checklists, visit: frankston.vic.gov.au/PoolsandSpas



Lighting up our major attractions

Take a tour of Frankston City at night and you will now see some of our major attractions and local landmarks in a new light.

Thanks to an ongoing project to install lighting in key locations across the city, sites such as the Karingal Landmark at the corner of Skye Road and Karingal Drive, the Playne Street foot bridge over Kananook Creek and the Sentinel sculpture at Esplanade Reserve, Frankston (pictured) are all lit up at night. The Sentinel project was a first for Frankston City, using off environmentally-friendly off-grid column solar technology. The project started in January this year, with a total Council investment to date of \$90,000. Council will expand the project in the coming financial year, with plans to illuminate the boardwalk from Long Island to Olivers Hill.



Active Summer Sessions: Yoga in Beauty Park

Sunday 17 November, 9am,
Saturday 23 November, 6pm,
Beauty Park, Frankston, FREE,
booking essential

Get fit and enjoy beautiful Beauty Park this spring, with outdoor yoga sessions in November. To register, visit: frankston.vic.gov.au/Yoga



RECYCLE MORE THIS CHRISTMAS

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Christmas cards, paper wrapping, cardboard and hard plastic containers can all go in your yellow-lidded recycling bin.

Bin it better



For more information visit frankston.vic.gov.au or phone 1300 322 322

FRANKSTON ARTS CENTRE

2019 Program

Bookings: 9784 1060 or thefac.com.au



Give the gift of an experience this Christmas

Give the gift of a special night out at the theatre that will be remembered forever. Our 2020 season is revealed in November, with a full calendar of shows handpicked just for you.

We also have unique jewellery pieces available for sale in our Art+Gift boxes or simply purchase a Frankston Arts Centre gift voucher.



Theatre

Frankston Arts Centre

Season 2020 Launch

Thursday 28 November, 7pm

Tickets: \$15

Tickets on sale from Thursday 14



Music

Daytime Music + Theatre

Spirit of Christmas

Friday 13 December, 10.30am & 1.30pm

Tickets: \$19-\$21



Music

PLOS Musical Productions

Mamma Mia!

Tuesday 31 December - Wednesday 8 January

Tickets: \$89.90-\$94.90



School holidays

Summer School Holiday Program

Hot Arts for Cool Kids

Monday 6, Tuesday 7, Thursday 9 & Friday 10 January, 10am-12.30pm

Tickets: \$15, accompanying adult free

What's On at Frankston City Libraries

Summer Reading Challenge

The Summer Reading Challenge is on these school holidays. Visit Frankston, Carrum Downs or Seaford libraries, or head to the Frankston City Libraries website, to download your starter kit. There's some great prizes to be won.

Live music Sundays:

Mojo Pearls

Sunday 10 November, 1.30pm, Frankston Library, FREE, no bookings required



Art Demonstrations with Jeff Gilmour

Sunday 17 November and Sunday 1 December, 1pm, Frankston Library, FREE, no bookings required

Live music Sundays:

The Chris Commerford Band

Sunday 24 November, 1.30pm, Frankston Library, FREE, no bookings required

Enjoy a stripped back session.

FrankTALK: 'Me Time' author Jessica Sanders and book signing

Tuesday 19 November, 6.30pm, Frankston Library, FREE, bookings essential.

Me Time reframes self-care from an individual act of self-indulgence to

an ongoing mindset and practice that enriches your life and the lives of those around you.

Styling your home with Bronnie Masefau

Wednesday 27 November, 6pm, Frankston Library, FREE, bookings essential

With such a variety of home decorating options available, it can be overwhelming sifting through all the ideas. Join us for inspiration to point you in the right direction.

Live music Sundays:

Matthew Fagan

Sunday 8 December, 1.30pm, Frankston Library, FREE, no bookings required

Summer school holiday fun

Join the fun and excitement at Frankston City Libraries this summer with our awesome school holiday program. Make sure you book early to secure your child's place in our super popular programs.

Free parking at Frankston City Library

Did you know you get two hours FREE parking when you visit the Frankston Library. Park your car in the Frankston Arts Centre car park as normal and collect your parking voucher to use at the pay station before you leave. (Entry via Young Street).

To book: library.frankston.vic.gov.au/whats_on or phone: 9784 1020

Please note, opinions expressed in individual Councillor columns do not necessarily reflect the position of Council.

Building a reconciliation plan together

At the heart of reconciliation is the relationship between the broader Australian community and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. Frankston City is home to over 1,300 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, one of the largest Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander populations in metropolitan Melbourne. It is therefore vital that we come together to share our stories and advance reconciliation.

It is in the spirit of reconciliation that Council has officially begun development of our first Reconciliation Action Plan, taking us closer to real action on understanding and inclusion.

As part of this process, we have appointed an Advisory Committee and a community consultation was held in October at the Nairn Marr Djambana Gathering Place at Jubilee Park. The turnout was impressive — and reflective of the shared passion within our community to create positive, progressive and permanent change. We will update you as this plan progresses.

Youth music workshops



One thing our Youth Council has taught me is that our young people are incredibly talented and offer so much to our community. One of the many ways Council tries to encourage youth participation, and to cultivate young talent is through the Fresh Entertainment (Freeza) program. Freeza enables 12–24 year-olds with an interest in event management, music performance, music production, audio engineering, song writing and more to organise live music events. These can range from Open Mic Nights and music competitions to helping out at live events. This incredible program is staffed by volunteers and youth workers but places young people at the helm of each project, growing their skills, confidence and initiative.

Visit: frankston.vic.gov.au/Freeza

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A winning approach to solar power

Council has always been a passionate advocate for our environment and ensuring a sustainable future for Frankston City. In 2014, we began investigating the benefits of a mass installation of solar panels on our community buildings. We received a strong response from our community and since then have been gradually rolling this project out across the municipality.

The electricity generated from these solar power systems, not only saves local community groups significantly on electricity costs, but also reduces more than 460 tonnes of greenhouse gas emissions each year. I was thrilled to hear this program was ‘Highly Commended’ in the recent Keep Australia Beautiful Awards. (See page 3).

Council is committed to achieving carbon neutrality (zero net emissions) by 2025. To help us achieve this goal we are also exploring other options for energy saving and emission reduction. Working with the Seaford Life Saving Club, we are trialling an innovative 7kWh solar battery storage system, installed in 2018 to lower the club’s electricity bills. The system also reduces demand on the electricity grid during peak times and showcases this new technology to the wider community. The battery storage system is one of two systems we have installed, as part of a trial to test the benefits of solar energy storage.

Council takes care of all the details for the groups, including project management, supply and installation, handover and ongoing maintenance for both the solar panels and battery storage systems. Advice is offered to assist each group to navigate the electricity market and find and negotiate the best electricity deal for them.

What’s on in Frankston City

I have been fortunate enough to promote some of Council’s key projects during regular guest spots with local radio station 3RPP 98.3–98.7FM. Chatting with Cindy and Daz, as part of their 6–9am weekday breakfast show. It has been a wonderful experience and opportunity to showcase events happening across the city. Council puts on so many great large scale community events and offers so many vital services. We want to make every effort to ensure residents and visitors are aware of what is available to them. Our events are always family-oriented and focus on showcasing the best Frankston City has to offer. My next spot will be Friday 6 December and I encourage everyone to tune in. To make sure you don’t miss out on all the events, services, programs and support on offer in your city, follow @FrankstonCity on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram or sign up to our fortnightly eNews, visit: frankston.vic.gov.au/Subscribe

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Langwarrin Library and Family Centre update

As many Langwarrin residents are aware, Council is proposing to build a much-needed library and family centre in the area. The project’s main driver is to create a purpose-built service that best fits the needs of the Langwarrin community, which are not being met with existing facilities. The centre will include a library, maternal and child health centre, kindergarten and community space. These are important amenities to provide within this growing area of Frankston City, where many young families choose to call home.

To determine the best location for this development, Council has and is still undertaking extensive evaluation, together with an external agency. This assessment includes many factors impacting a location’s suitability for this type of project. Assessment criteria for this development include accessibility such as parking, within walking distance of a neighbourhood activity centre, good road and public transport connections, as well as limited impact on native vegetation, opportunities for outdoor space, not located on Crown land and many more key selection criteria. Based on this, a site in Lloyd Park North along Pindara Boulevard was initially identified as a possibility. However, it was decided at the 14 October Ordinary Council Meeting, following community feedback from almost 500 local residents, we would need to investigate alternative locations.

To date, other shortlisted sites that have been, and are being investigated include, Lloyd Park (near phone tower), Lloyd Park Reserve, Melbourne Water site on McClelland Drive, Studio Park at McClelland Gallery, the quarry/factory site on McClelland Drive, Lloyd Park South (near the Men’s Shed) and Langwarrin Gateway area.

The decision to withdraw our interest in the Pindara site and continue to explore our options represents our dedication to working with residents towards an outcome that works for everyone. I want to reassure the Langwarrin community this project is very much in an early ‘discovery’ phase for a favourable site and we will continue to work with those impacted, to find the best possible location.

Your feedback is critical to ensuring we meet this objective. Should you have any questions about the project, email: Children’s Projects Services: csprojects@frankston.vic.gov.au or visit: frankston.vic.gov.au/LangwarrinFamilyCentre

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Frankston officially one of Australia's best street art hubs

Frankston has been recognised as one of the best public art destinations in the nation, after being selected as a finalist in the 2019 Australian Street Art Awards. Frankston City's Inner City Street Art Trail, featuring more than 20 murals across the city, has been shortlisted in the 'Best Street Art Trail' category, with the winners to be announced at an Awards ceremony on 6 November.

The street art complements the city's substantial outdoor sculpture portfolio and cements Frankston as an arts and culture hub. Australian Street Art Awards Director, Liz Rivers said, "The awards educate travellers about the magnificent array of publicly-accessible art that can be found in every corner of the country, while showcasing destinations like Frankston that are using publicly-accessible art to transform their streets and landscapes.

"Australia has a long history of creating sculptures, monuments and other art that is captivating to visitors. However, there's never been a way of rewarding and supporting places that created these art-related experiences for visitors. The Australian Street Art Awards remedies that shortcoming," she said.

Judging focuses on the way the artwork has been used to attract visitors and bring the local community together. In the case of this trail, the judges said that has been achieved in a well-conceived way: "We love that guided tours have become a permanent visitor offering that are changing how residents and visitors alike see and experience the city centre," the judges said.

See below for more information on our Street Art Walking Tours.

Street art tours

See some of Australia's freshest street art created by some of the world's most popular artists. Guided tours offer the chance to learn about each artist and their artwork, ask questions and take photos. Only \$15 per person, including a FREE coffee.

To book, visit: visitfrankston.com/



A thriving city centre

There has been a recent flurry of new hospitality and leisure operators opening in Frankston's city centre and a healthy level of interest in further investments. The renewed interest in the central city is on the back of multi-million dollar infrastructure investment, including streetscape upgrades on Wells Street and Young Street, the new Frankston Station and Chisholm Institute developments.

We recently welcomed Parçha (Turkish cuisine) and Baba on Wells (Vietnamese cuisine), Vero Pasta + Wine on Beach Street, Gapfed Café on Playne Street and QT's (Vietnamese) in Shannon Mall. Fast growing burger chain, #burgerlove, has also just opened in Thompson Street.

We have also welcomed indoor golf centre Holey Moley on Wells Street and cafe/bar Martini and Co. will open on Wells shortly. These investments are from popular Melbourne leisure groups and this represents a vote of confidence in Frankston.

I am proud of the collaboration between various teams within Council to ensure new businesses are able to trade as soon as possible, and activation of the central city is optimised. This collaborative effort has been assisted by teams coming together as part of the Better Approvals Project. This provides a springboard to cut red tape and ensure businesses find it easy as possible to work with Council. For more information on Better Approvals see page 18.

Local business partnerships strengthen youth training

Local Vietnamese restaurant, Baba on Wells, recently entered an agreement with our Café Creations program based at the Frankston South Community Centre, to help to train the program's students. The relationship, which will begin in 2020, will include a day trip for each class to see how the business operates and an opportunity for individual students to undertake front of house work experience.

We have seen similar generosity and social responsibility from local company, Sustainable Building Concepts, who support Café Creations students by supplying uniforms and equipment. Likewise, Soche Holdings mentors students interested in learning technical maintenance of coffee equipment. This collaboration between local businesses and our youth training programs provides invaluable opportunities for growth and development for the next generation. I hope many more local businesses choose to get involved.

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Ensuring effective policies and procedures

One of the areas that I have been focussing on this year is the development and updating of Council's policies and procedures. Following comprehensive, up-to-date policies and procedures enables an organisation, such as Council, to use time and resources more efficiently. It also enables consistency in practice and process which is crucial to ensuring that we, as community members, get the service and advice that we require from our Council.

What are policies and procedures? These are the principles, rules and guidelines Council uses to help us reach our long-term goals. Policies are adopted to ensure decisions and actions occur within the boundaries set by them, ensuring accountably and transparency in both process and decision-making. Procedures are the specific methods employed to express policies in action in day-to-day Council operations.

For example, a draft Community Consultation and Engagement Policy, which will affect all members of the community, will be available shortly on Council's website for review and public input.

Since writing my last column I have been fortunate to have been invited to and attend many events, however, in particular I wish to thank the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community, for inviting me to speak at their youth symposium and Frankston District Netball Association for inviting me to participate in grand final day celebrations and congratulate their youngest members on their season of netball.

Finally, thank you to, Bianca and Denny, a local couple who opened their 10 Star Energy Efficient home to visitors from around Victoria for Sustainable House Day. I recommend anyone who is interested in improving their homes energy efficiency to keep in mind Sustainable House Day in 2020.



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Report anti-social behaviour

The Seaford Wetlands has been hit hard by a range of anti-social behaviours. In response to this Council has introduced additional safety measures in the area, including two CCTV cameras installed as a trial for six months, new signage erected to deter anti-social behaviour and Compliance and Safety officers now undertaking patrols. We also installed a barrier treatment at the Airlie Grove wetlands entrance, to discourage monkey bikes from entering the area.

Council was also recently made aware that similar behaviour is occurring at the Pines Flora and Fauna Reserve. In response to this, Council requested the State Government install a new CCTV unit in the reserve and Carrum Downs police are now patrolling the reserve car park.

Likewise, nearby residents have been letterboxed with flyers advising them who to contact where there is anti-social behaviour. Council and police can respond to crime but they are only effective if the public do their bit. Please report anything out of the ordinary, no matter how little it may seem.

Accountability improvements

I have been proud to be part of a Council shepherding in dozens of governance-based changes, aimed at improving transparency and accountability.

The following are just a few of them:

- The introduction of a 'Contractor Code of Conduct' to ensure that contractors act professionally
- Sessions for residents to have their say on the council budget
- A biennial staff survey to measure staff satisfaction at Frankston Council
- Councillors must now declare any gift valued at \$150 or more
- For major projects, community groups and sporting clubs are required to provide their full and complete financials prior to council funding being awarded
- A quarterly report from the CEO to Council outlining recent activities and how we are tracking against performance targets
- The ability for Council's Audit and Risk Committee to hear probity complaints from the public
- Ensuring that the mayoral elections are now determined in public with candidates able to make public presentations prior to the mayoral vote.
- Councillors now require four votes instead of just three votes to overturn a recent majority decision of Council
- Policy changes that require the organisation to work more collaboratively with local media outlets

While these reforms are indeed positive, the work is not yet complete — there is more to come.

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In need of review and reform

The next round of council elections in Victoria will be held in October 2020. As at this year, I have served communities as a councillor for 25 years: eight years in country Victoria, the remaining 16 in Frankston. Every council is a mixed bag of changing personalities. Some Councillors come into Council from salaried professions, others might be in sales, labouring, a single parent or even unemployed and in that respect, reflect what local government is all about — diversity. I have found it is not qualifications that make a good Councillor, it's what's 'inside' that counts. Integrity, honesty, broadmindedness and, importantly, the genuine ability to listen and analyse. A touch of common sense also goes a long way!

Far too often, in all levels of government, elected members unforgivably lose touch with reality and adopt a snarling or highly superior attitude, ultimately failing the people they were elected by. This is precisely why, successive opinion polls have demonstrated politicians are held in low public esteem. I have seen appalling conduct at both open and closed meetings. It is also fair to say, I have had the pleasure to see courage, tenacity and compassion.

For anyone to be elected with limited familiarity of the processes and obligations the role requires is a mind-bending experience. Virtually from day one, you will have to vote 'in favour' or 'against' plans, proposals, requests and policies; all of which impact directly upon the lives of people in your city. Then there is the 'code of conduct'. Whilst the intent is good and there are benefits about its purpose, misused, it can become, figuratively, a wild and fearful forest of shadows and growling creatures; a kind of jungle, infested with insidious vines, far-reaching tentacles, that to even be touched by are gravely injurious to ones wellbeing. It is a really creepy place! Put to bad purpose, the code of conduct is absolutely toxic. It sadly can be manipulated and is already, I think, a document in desperate need of review and reform. Apart from all of that, some really great things do get done. Put to bad purpose, the code of conduct could be a toxic product.

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Respecting community spaces

Our Open Spaces, Civil Infrastructure and Building teams are always busy constructing, revitalising and improving your playgrounds and other community spaces. This year has been a particularly productive one, with a large number of projects coming to fruition these past few months. However, all of the hard work and significant financial investment these projects represent has often been almost immediately undermined by vandalism and graffiti. So too other upgraded facilities such as the toilet block in Beauty Park — with vandals often breaking in before the project is even complete. The result is unsightly graffiti on brand new surfaces, broken glass scattered in sandpits and other play areas and equipment destroyed. Not only is this incredibly disappointing and disrespectful, it can be dangerous for the young children using these areas. Fixing these acts of vandalism also comes at a cost to ratepayers. If you see any illegal or antisocial behaviour in our public spaces, I urge you to report it immediately, either to police if appropriate or by downloading the Snap Send Solve app on your phone. These facilities are there for our community to enjoy, let's ensure this continues to be the case.

Our amazing community hubs

Our community centres and neighbourhood houses are Council-run but community-led facilities that help to foster a sense of belonging, curiosity, health and wellbeing. For those living in North West Ward, there are a number of options, including Frankston North Community Centre in Mahogany Avenue. Most of the centre's programs run during the school term, including gardening and craft groups, book club, men's forums, seniors groups and more. The centre even has a 'Cuppa and Chat Group' to encourage social connectedness and plenty of activities for all ages. The centre, like most community centres in Frankston City, also hosts special activities for the kids on school holidays. I am always impressed by the range of activities on offer at our community centres, including amazing youth hospitality training programs like The Youth Café, and cooking classes just for kids in Grade 5 and 6. I encourage everyone to take advantage of the activities on their doorstep, visit: frankston.vic.gov.au/CommunityCentres



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Frankston Health and Wellbeing Hub: Expression of Interest now open

Council, in partnership with the St Kilda Football Club and AFL Victoria is inviting expressions of interest, to increase the use of the former Linen House precinct with enhanced community access and opportunities at the site.

Organisations interested in being a partner tenant at the newly-branded Frankston Health and Wellbeing Hub in the Belvedere Precinct, Seaford are invited to apply. It is hoped that the first class multi-million dollar facility will continue to have a strong health,

wellbeing and community focus.

The site will focus on services that contribute to the physical, emotional, social and mental health of the Frankston City community.

Frankston City Mayor, Michael O'Reilly said, "This is a great opportunity for innovative and community-minded organisations and businesses to become a part of the facility in a partnership agreement." For more information, visit: investfrankston.com

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Subscribe to our Invest Frankston eNews for all the latest business events, workshops and networking opportunities.

Visit: frankston.vic.gov.au/BusinessNews

Our commitment to supporting local business

Council is now officially a **Small Business Friendly Council (SBFC)**, after committing to the **SBFR Charter**.

The Charter is an agreement between individual councils and the Victorian Small Business Commission (VSBC) to create a fair and competitive trading environment for Victorian small

businesses. It also lets business owners know what to expect from their local council and the VSBC.

The Charter guides how councils and the VSBC work with small businesses disrupted by infrastructure projects, supports the creation of small business networks across the state, ensures a faster permit approval

A better way to help small business

Council has launched its **Better Approvals Project** to ensure the small business approval process is quicker and easier in Frankston City.

The project, a collaboration with Small Business Victoria and funded from the Department of Jobs, Precincts and Regions aims to reduce the time it takes small businesses to obtain the regulatory approvals they need to operate.

This means a better experience for potential traders, improved local employment opportunities and provides the framework for a growing local economy. Improvements include providing a pre-application checklist, business-related documents translated into frequently used languages in the area, a business starter kit, all permit information in the one area on Council's website, a business concierge and more.

"Council is dedicated to supporting

local businesses to thrive, especially at the crucial establishment phase and we knew streamlining and simplifying the approvals process would achieve this," says Council's Economic Development Coordinator, Dana Harding.

"We are thrilled Frankston City is among the first Victorian councils to roll the program out. Not only will our involvement improve our overall customer experience, Better Approvals is also helping us to identify ways we can offer similar services to other customer groups." For more information on how Better Approvals can help your business, visit: frankston.vic.gov.au/Business



Linking to Business

The **Linking to Business Program**, a collaboration between Council and Monash Business School, connects local tertiary students with businesses in their field of study.

The aim of the pilot program was to address the challenges students face in developing employable skills and aiding their transition into a career after graduation, as well as to further develop links between businesses and student programs.

This year the program was trialled

with eight local businesses selected as hosts for students studying Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA). Students were hosted for a half day per week for eight weeks, finishing in October 2019.

The program will be expanded in 2020 to enable greater participation from both students and businesses. If you're a local business owner and would like to apply for the program in 2020, visit: frankston.vic.gov.au/LinkingtoBusiness



Victorian Small Business Commissioner Judy O'Connell, with Mayor Cr Michael O'Reilly, CEO Phil Cantillon and key officers in July, for the signing of the initiative's Charter

For more information visit: investfrankston.com

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Model citizens flying high

The Control Line Aircraft Modellers of Frankston (CLAMF) is located on Old Wells Road, Seaford and caters for members of the public interested in flying model aircrafts in a family-friendly, fun environment.

The club meets on the second Sunday of each month and provides flight

training, so come on down and have a go. CLAMF has novice, amateur and expert pilots of all ages amongst their ranks with a wealth of knowledge and experience. For the latest updates on CLAMF activities visit: clamf.aerospports.net.au or for more information email: clamf@ozemail.com.au

Discover sailing with Frankston Yacht Club

Frankston Yacht Club (FYC) was founded in 1937 and has been continually active ever since.

The club promotes off-the-beach sailing and water sports at Frankston's waterfront, through the development of member and community skills. There's a range of activities for the whole family, including Learn2Sail classes for beginner and intermediate level sailors. The club has recently expanded their membership to include categories for stand-up paddle boarding and kayaking.

FYC also shares facilities and activities with the Mornington Peninsula Triathlon Club.

Boasting some 200 members, the club's sailing season runs on Saturdays from early-October to late-April.

The club is holding its Discover Sailing day alongside The Waterfront Festival on 15 and 16 February 2020. For more information including membership enquiries visit: fyc.com.au



A hobby with a difference

Here is a family hobby you may not have considered, pigeon racing. The Frankston Homing Pigeon Club is currently welcoming new members. As a member, you can enjoy club barbeques, pigeon sales and talks on pigeon keeping and racing.

The whole family can get involved, collecting a team of pigeons together and learning how to race them against other members from their own backyards.

"The excitement of having bred the birds, trained them and then competing and winning is just amazing," Club Manager Paul Bryant says. "How a little bird that weighs no more than half a kilo can come home from hundreds of kilometres away is incredible."

Beginners can start with a small loft in their backyard, keeping a few pigeons to understand their homing and breeding habits. After breeding a few babies — or 'squeakers' as they are known among breeders — the birds quickly adopt the loft as their safe haven and will return there from just about anywhere. Paul told us, "I have had my birds released from St George in Queensland at 6am and be home in Somerville by 6pm, a total of 1,175km."

Members of the Frankston Homing Pigeon Club often compete at a national level, racing their 'thoroughbreds of the sky' all over the country. They meet at Jubilee Park and compete every weekend. To join, phone Paul Bryant: 0481 144 522 and leave a message.



Club Manager Paul Bryant and member Neil Oke at the 2015 ANZAC Day pigeon release

Play the field at Carrum Downs

Carrum Downs Recreation Reserve Oval Project is nearing completion, with the synthetic field set to officially open in early 2020. The multi-purpose \$2.8 million dollar installation will cater to soccer, football and cricket, ensuring certification with appropriate International Federation, National and State performance standards. Council has contributed \$2.3 million to the project with an additional \$500,000 from a Victorian Government grant.

This the first synthetic field in Frankston City, with upgrades to include lighting for night matches. The facility will be available year-round for sports groups, clubs and

the wider community. The new premium surface will help alleviate the overuse of neighbouring sports grounds and provides a sustainable long-term solution to a booming interest in local sports. If you would like to enquire about accessing the field for your club, phone our Recreation Team: 1300 322 322.



Painting a purpose: Youth Street Art Program

Street artist and former local business owner Sheldon Headspeath grew up in Frankston and understands the struggles facing our local youth. Bullying, homelessness, volatile family environments and a lack of stability can make daily life tough for young people in Frankston City and beyond.

Inspired to make a difference, Sheldon joined forces with Council youth workers to devise a Street Art Program which sees local youth take part in creative street art projects. Recently, Sheldon worked with local young people to produce a 'Frankston' mural on the outside wall of Brake Care, near the entry ramp to Bayside Shopping Centre. Over 12 weeks the group transformed the barren wall into a stunning work of art, which now welcomes commuters travelling into the city centre.

We sat down with Sheldon to learn a little more about his involvement in the program.

Tell us about the project and how you became involved.

The concept was an idea by Frankston City Council youth workers. It aimed to give young people a platform to express themselves through art, while developing skills to help them transition through challenging times. I was asked to get involved while working the counter at the Frankston street art supply business my wife and I opened in 2015, State of the Art.

Why are projects like this important?

They keep young people engaged with their community and help them develop life skills such as team work, scheduling, communication and completing a project under instruction. Participants also get to

install artwork they can be proud of, in streets frequented by them and their friends.

What are the most rewarding and challenging aspects of your work?

Seeing the young people build confidence as the project comes together is really rewarding, as is seeing the pride they feel when they realise what they have achieved. Challenges usually arise during initial introductions when confidence is lower — generally due to lack of experience in the art form. This quickly changes as the program is designed to suit all skill levels.

Beyond the youth involved, how do projects like these benefit local businesses and the wider community?

A project like this makes the community proud of where they live and gives people another reason to visit. Locals and the business community have been overwhelmingly supportive and generally get as much of a kick out of the artwork, as the participants. Public feedback while on site is also unbelievably positive and adds to the confidence of those involved.

Are you involved in any other projects aimed at making Frankston a better place for young people?

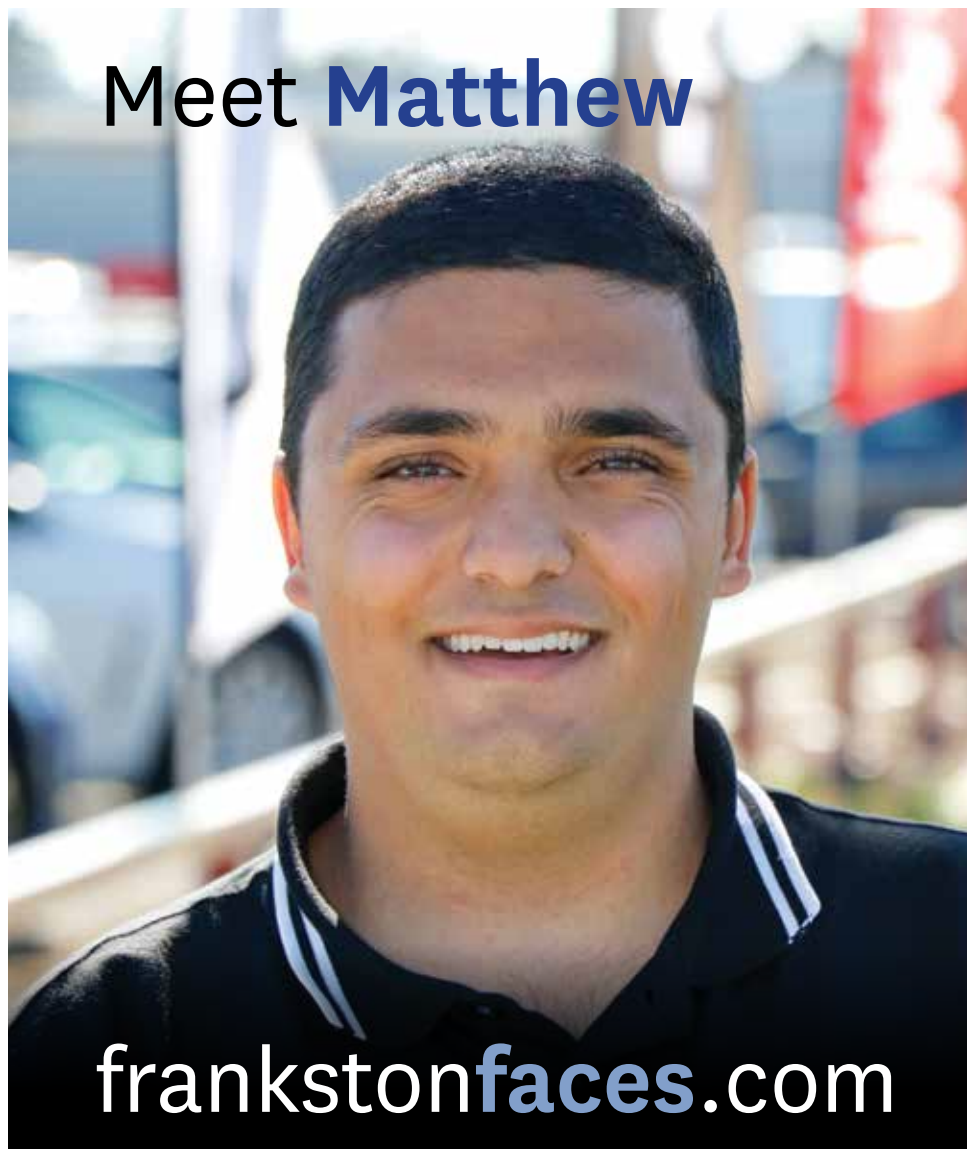
A few of our projects are in their early stages and we are keen to create as many art spaces as possible. This will ensure we continue engaging as many young people as we can in positive community relations.

Thank you to Ilya, Taela, Tenille, Ryan, Ken and all the staff at Frankston Youth Central for their involvement in the program, and of course, all the incredible young people.



Pictured: Sheldon (far right) with Council Youth Workers with project participants

Meet Matthew



Matthew living his best life

When Mathew connected with Council's Youth Services in 2016 at just 16 years of age, he had dealt with family trauma, unstable accommodation and faced homelessness.

With support from Council youth workers, Matthew has since turned his life around. "Things were a bit hard a few years ago, I was being bullied at school, I didn't have a permanent home and I didn't feel like I belonged anywhere," Matthew said.

Regular visits to Council's Youth Hangouts provided Matthew a chance to play video games, make friends and access support services. "I started going to the holiday programs too, which were great. I felt like it was a place where I belonged. I was able to socialise in a safe environment, with safe friends."

The youth team helped Matthew

navigate life out of home, including building his confidence so he could join employment agencies and look for work. As Matthew had been unable to clock up any learner driver hours, he was encouraged to sign up to the L2P driver training program. He was matched with a volunteer mentor who prepared him to sit his driving test last August, which he passed with flying colours. After getting his licence Matthew also got a job at Bay City Holden.

"This is the first job I have really felt comfortable in. I am learning new things and the extra income means I have some opportunities when it comes to where I live."

He encouraged struggling young people to keep persisting. "You will find something and there's lots of support out there, you just have to ask for help."

In the coming months we'll highlighting the many services, initiatives and events available to local youth, and the young people who connect with them. Follow Council on Facebook, or visit: frankston.vic.gov.au/youth

To watch a clip of the mural being developed, search 'SOTA MURALS x Youth Central Frankston' on YouTube.