

Frankston City News

July–August 2020

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2020–2021 Annual Budget to provide relief and stimulate local economy

Council has delivered a well-considered budget, which will help the community recover from COVID-19 through solid investment in relief and the economy.

The 2020–2021 Annual Budget was unanimously adopted at Council’s Ordinary Meeting on Monday 1 June. Frankston City Mayor, Sandra Mayer, thanked residents for their valuable feedback during the consultation process and acknowledged the

hardships many were facing. “The lives of our residents have been turned upside-down by the COVID-19 crisis and our budget prioritises projects which will help them overcome its challenges.” “We have worked with our community’s needs at the forefront of our minds, and have constructed a budget that will provide the best local outcomes in these tough times.” The Mayor said Council had responded

quickly to protect the health and wellbeing of the community but understood the recovery process was ongoing. “We want to provide our residents and businesses with the backing they need to recover in the long and short-term, which is why we have endorsed a \$6.434 million COVID-19 Relief and Recovery Package,” the Mayor said. As well as building on the extensive services and supports currently in

place, the package identifies further targeted ways Council will ensure individuals, communities and businesses are best positioned to recover over the coming year. “Council understands it has a responsibility to support its community, and we will continue identifying ways to empower and help residents remain resilient through this difficult time,” the Mayor said. Continued on page 10.

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Instead, visit our website or phone: 1300 322 322

Please note: All Council Customer Service Centres have now reopened, however may be operating with reduced hours of operation. Please check Council's website.

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Mayor's message

While it was amazing to see our beautiful city start to come back to life with the lifting of restrictions in early June, we are once again faced with a period of restricted activity — to best ensure everyone's health and safety. After so many changes this year, we all know how important it is to remain flexible and adapt as needed when circumstances change and I am proud to see how well our local businesses and community continue to adapt how they do things in such short timeframes, and how innovative we can be as we pull together as a community.

We were lucky enough to host two of business' biggest names, Bernard Salt and Danni Hunter, last month for an exclusive Business Leaders Live event. It was pleasing to hear such respected business leaders share their excitement for the future that lies

ahead in Frankston, with both complementing our business support programs. Now more than ever we need to support our local businesses where we can. Council recently delivered a well-considered budget to help businesses and the community recover from COVID-19. We have worked hard, with our community's needs at the forefront of our minds, to create a budget providing the best local outcomes. Endorsing the \$6.434 million Relief and Recovery Package was just one of the ways we aim to aid recovery. Despite challenging circumstances this Council is committed to delivering the best we possibly can for the community.

It has been an honour serving the community as Mayor and I hope that the next Council continues making the environment a priority. I'm proud that we have now ceased using



glyphosate as weed control in Frankston City and made a number of other important steps towards a more sustainable city, including declaring a climate emergency last year and the use of wind energy to power Council operated buildings. As custodians of the earth we need to look after it to survive as a species.

Cr Sandra Mayer
Frankston City Mayor

Message from the CEO

There's always a lot happening at Council but it's fair to say the past few months have been particularly busy, as we continue to adapt and evolve the way we deliver services and support to our community in the face of COVID-19.

While some services have had to be scaled back in line with the reinstatement of Stage 3 'Stay at Home' Victorian Government restrictions, others such as our online engagement platforms and social media channels have rapidly expanded as many look for digital pathways to connect with their Council.

In late-March we launched a Live Chat service through our website, allowing people to contact us quickly and easily without having to call or visit one of our centres — which is both safer for you and our staff. Since the service launched our Customer Service Team has responded to more than 6,500 resident chats, and as a result, we have decided

to retain the service into the future.

Another initiative I am particularly proud of is our Community Recovery Call Centre. This service was quickly established to help residents connect with the Council, State and Federal support services they need at this time, and to date, centre staff have helped approximately 2,000 people navigate their support options.

As this is the final edition of Frankston City News for our current Council, I would like to take this opportunity to thank and acknowledge all Councillors for their four years of dedicated service to their community. Being a Councillor is not easy. It involves hard decisions, long hours, decisiveness, and the ability to speak publically on issues you are passionate about. But hard work aside, being a Councillor is extremely rewarding and anyone who decides to run for Council should be commended.



Later this month, we will be hosting a series of candidate information sessions, aimed at helping potential candidates understand what their obligations are and how to navigate the process. If you've been thinking running for Council in 2020, it is critical that you attend one of these sessions. Learn more on page 16.

Phil Cantillon
Chief Executive Officer



Contact us via live chat



You can now speak directly with a member of our Customer Service Team from the comfort of your own home.

Next time you log on to our website, we'll be ready and waiting to help.

Visit: frankston.vic.gov.au and start chatting with us today.

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Council to control weeds without glyphosate

In the interest of environmental health, Council ceased using glyphosate for local weed control on Wednesday 1 July.

Frankston City Mayor, Sandra Mayer, said the glyphosate ban demonstrated Council's commitment to prioritising environmental care.

"We believe by stopping the use of this herbicide, we are helping to protect our natural, coastal environment for future generations.

"The community may notice more weeds as we transition to environmentally friendly methods of weed control and we thank everyone for their understanding," the Mayor said.

Council discontinued using glyphosate at playgrounds, preschools and maternal child health centres on January 1 2020.

Council staff and contractors instead increased hand weeding, brush cutting and mulching of garden beds to suppress weeds. These actions will be rolled out across the rest of the city.

"We will also increase roadside mowing, trial steam weed control, and consider park designs which reduce the likelihood of weeds growing," Cr Mayer said.

This decision is in line with actions being taken by progressive local governments across Australia and the world.

A report identifying key learnings, improvements, challenges and future recommendations from the glyphosate ban will be presented to Council in July 2021.



Matt reaches new milestone

Matthew is a young man who has developed a strong rapport with many of Council's youth workers over several years. Frankston Youth Service has supported Matt with housing, employment, budgeting, and how to set, work towards and achieve goals. He is especially grateful for the role that the youth team has played in helping him develop a more positive outlook and mind set in his day-to-day life.

"As youth workers it is always great to see how a young person's character develops, and how they mature over time," said Youth Programs Team Leader, Ilya Grin.

"Our relationship with Matt has enabled us to offer support and guidance when he needed it most. We have been in the privileged position to

assist Matt with many of his major life transitions."

"They helped me look at things in a more positive way, which has opened me up to more opportunities," said Matthew

Matthew has now found a place to live and work, and has just recently picked up his first car (which he saved up for himself), after gaining his driving license through Council's L2P Program. Matt has overcome many significant challenges within his life, and continues to visit Youth Central to touch base with the youth workers and share with the team how he is traveling in his life journey. For more information on accessing Council's Youth Service, visit:

frankston.vic.gov.au/YouthCentral



More time to register your pool or spa

The Victorian Government has extended the deadline for the mandatory registration of private pools and spas due to the impacts of COVID-19.

Private pool and spa owners now have until 1 November 2020 to register their pools with their local council — an extension from the original 1 June deadline. The new deadline is an acknowledgement of the extra pressure on families and the increased workload on councils due to the pandemic.

Most drowning deaths of children under five happen in home swimming pools. Since 2000, 27 young children have drowned in private pools and spas in Victoria. The Coroner found in at least 20 of these cases the safety barrier was non-compliant and this is likely to have played a role in the deaths.

To register your pool or spa, visit: frankston.vic.gov.au/PoolRego

For more information on the Victorian Government's pool safety reforms, visit: vba.vic.gov.au

Foreshore Parking Permits move to application only

This year Residential Foreshore Parking Permits will not be distributed with Annual Rate Notices. Residential ratepayers and residential tenants can now register to receive their permits via Council's website, or in person at any Council

customer service centre from August 2020. Current permits expire at the end of September. To learn more visit: frankston.vic.gov.au/foreshoreparkingpermits



A warning to NEVER pick and eat wild mushrooms, which are currently growing in abundance around Frankston City's reserves, parks and roadsides.

Many poisonous varieties of mushroom, including the Death Cap and Yellow-Staining mushroom, grow wild in Victoria and become more common after heavy rains. These mushrooms cause severe symptoms and sometimes death if eaten. Cooking, peeling or drying

these varieties does not make them safe to eat.

If you have either of these varieties growing on your property, residents should safely remove and dispose of them as they also pose a danger to pets. If you believe you may have ingested these mushrooms, seek immediate medical treatment. For more information visit:

health.vic.gov.au



Volunteer of the Year Awards Nominations closing soon

Impact Volunteering wants to acknowledge and celebrate our amazing local volunteers.

Volunteers contribute an enormous amount to the Frankston City community, providing thousands of hours of their time at an equivalent of tens of thousands of dollars to the local economy. This year, our volunteers have become even more vital, helping Council and other charity organisations to continue

delivering vital services and support to our most vulnerable during COVID-19.

To nominate someone who deserves to be recognised for their contribution, visit: impactvolunteering.org.au or email: administration@impactvolunteering.org.au. Hurry, nominations close **Friday 7 August.**

Keep calm and carry on gardening

Frankston City's community gardens are now accepting new members and there are plenty of options to choose from.

Gardens such as Joy of the Earth, Langwarrin Community Garden, The Pines Patch, Kananook Community Garden, Groundswell and The Backyard all have plots that are allocated to individual memberships, while other gardens such as Seaford Food Forest, the Down's Estate Community Project (DECP) and Garden for Life are communal. All those using communal areas must keep a distance of 1.5 metres at all times.

If you would like your own plot, Joy of the Earth, Groundswell, The Backyard and the Kananook Community Garden currently have vacancies. Seaford Food Forest, Down's Estate and Garden for Life are welcoming members for communal planting. Plots at the Pines Patch and Langwarrin Community Garden are currently unavailable. Membership

conditions vary from garden to garden. For more information, or to contact individual gardens, visit: frankston.vic.gov.au/CommunityGardens



Calling all explorers

Do you love the seaside? What about street art? Then we have the perfect activity for you.

Head to discoverfrankston.com/explorers to download the Seaside Explorers and Street Art Explorers activity booklets, then decipher the clues to complete the activities, which will take you on a journey around the

waterfront and city centre.

When you're finished, email: tourism@frankston.vic.gov.au with your children's details and we will post your explorer sticker to complete your certificate.

It's a great way for kids under 10 years to have fun while exploring and learning.



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Tourism website offers hidden gems for locals

The website previously known as 'Visit Frankston' has had a name change, to reflect community feedback that the site wasn't relevant for locals.

The website is in fact loaded with resources to support residents and is a central place to find a range of information to help you enjoy your time locally.

The website includes:

- Restaurant and café guides
- Walking and cycling paths to explore
- Parks, playgrounds and nature reserves to discover
- Local shopping experiences

It is also where you will find all of the city's major events and markets as they get up and running and interviews with local residents and businesses sharing their favourite places, hidden gems and best local experiences.

Moving to Discover Frankston is a small change that we hope will have a big impact for residents, removing any perception that this is a place just for visitors. Visit: discoverfrankston.com to find everything you need to enjoy your time in Frankston City.



THE MAYOR'S Family Picnic

Sunday 20 September 2020

12pm Live Stream on Frankston Events Facebook page

1300 322 322
discoverfrankston.com.au/frankstonevents
 #frankstonevents

Frankston City Council would like to acknowledge the traditional custodians of this land and provide that acknowledgement to the first peoples of this nation.

Let us help you stay connected

Wondering which businesses are open, offering delivery or take-away? How to find the perfect gift without going to the shops? Where to go walking to take advantage of the morning sunshine? Or perhaps you need some ideas to keep the kids entertained that allow you to maintain social distancing?

We've done the hard work for you.

We've contacted our local businesses, found the best destinations, and put all of this information in one place for you to browse and find just what you are looking for.

Visit: discoverfrankston.com and search 'Love Local Blogs' to find a range resources to help you stay connected, well-fed, entertained and inspired.



Graze Frankston City

Last year, the City rejoiced when 31 magnificent burgers were placed on the menu across 31 restaurants and cafes for our inaugural Burger Off competition. This year, we are doing things a little differently.

To help support the recovery of our hospitality venues this September we will be launching 'Graze Frankston City'. Participating business will showcase a range of food experiences and dishes, including their hibernation creations,

meal deals, date night and brunch packages and delicious desserts for you to graze throughout September and October. Everyone who shares their grazing experience on social media, using #discoverfrankston or #grazefrankstoncity will go into the running to win vouchers to attend more of the participating businesses. Keep an eye on discoverfrankston.com for more information in the coming weeks.



Reigniting local events

Council's Tourism Event Attraction Program will be relaunching in July 2020, to support the creation or relocation of events in Frankston City. This year there are two \$12,000 grants available to support events that will

engage residents, attract visitors and collaborate with local business to give people more reasons to come, play and stay. Visit: discoverfrankston.com to review the Program Prospectus. Applications close **31 August 2020**.

FOR THE LOVE OF Frankston

Supporting our community through and beyond COVID 19

Council is providing a range of supports, including funding, advice, resources and more to help local businesses and the community to survive and thrive during this difficult time. Support is available under the following categories:



Artists



Business



Community



Individuals



Sporting Clubs



Students

We have pooled all available Council and external supports into one easy to understand guide. To see what help is available to you, visit: frankston.vic.gov.au/FTLOF

\$6,000 worth of food donated for those in need

Generous Frankston City residents have donated an estimated \$6,000 worth of food and toiletries across five drop off points, established by Council and Community Support Frankston in late April. The food donation bins were provided in response to growing need following COVID-19.

Community Support Frankston Manager, Steven Phillips says, "We are incredibly grateful for the support and generosity of our amazing community. It's wonderful to see just how generous people in Frankston City are, especially considering the recent bushfires relief."

"I couldn't be more proud to be part of Frankston" Steve said.

The food has provided much-needed assistance to many locals who found themselves in need following the crisis and collection points will remain in place as long as required. Frankston Arts Centre staff are now helping with the food pick-ups, a role previously filled by Council's Youth Services Team.

Residents who can do so are encouraged to donate packaged, long-life food when visiting their local supermarket. For more information, including drop-off points, visit: frankston.vic.gov.au/FTLOF



Connecting residents to the vital support they need

Council's Community Recovery Call Centre has helped more than 1,000 residents to receive vital assistance during the COVID-19 crisis. The service was launched on 23 April, to provide residents with a single source of COVID-19 information and support.

In the six weeks following its launch, the call centre has fielded more than 2,000 calls, either directly from community members or from call centre staff

reaching out proactively to vulnerable residents. The call centre has helped over 1,000 residents with either referrals to Council services or with information on the spot, in areas such as food relief, legal aid, financial hardship, library services or aged care referrals. If you need help finding the right support, please phone: 1300 322 322 and ask to be referred to the Community Recovery Call Centre. The centre is open Monday to Friday during business hours.

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Think Global, Act Local

Take the Climate Change Survey

Climate change has the potential to adversely affect our community, the economy and our environment. What concerns you most about climate change? What actions do you think would help make a difference locally or globally? We want to hear from you.

Following Council's declaration of a climate emergency in late 2019, a community survey in July seeks to uncover your ideas, concerns and priorities that can help shape Council's ongoing work to address the challenges of climate change.

In 2018 the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) — the global body of scientists who assess the science related to climate change for the United Nations — released a report highlighting the urgent need to respond to climate change.

The IPCC warned that in order to avoid catastrophic global warming we must not reach 1.5 degrees above pre-industrial levels or, at the very minimum, not exceed that. They also

warned that time is running short to avoid a climate catastrophe.

Scientists agree that a key priority must be reducing greenhouse gas emissions that contribute to global warming. With Victoria already experiencing the impacts of climate change, becoming hotter and drier in recent years, projected impacts for the Melbourne region include:

- Rising sea levels
- Increased temperatures
- More heatwaves
- More intense rain events
- Less rain in winter and spring
- Harsher and longer fire seasons

While climate change is undoubtedly a global problem, we can all do our bit on a local level, including Council and our local community.

To complete the survey, visit: frankston.vic.gov.au/HaveYourSay
If you cannot complete the survey online, contact Council for a paper copy, phone: 1300 322 322.



Council powers ahead with renewable energy

Renewable energy created by a Victorian wind farm will power key Council buildings for at least the next decade.

As of 1 July 2020 the Civic Centre, Frankston Arts Centre, Operations Centre, Ebdale Community Hub and Learning Centre and Karingal PLACE Neighbourhood Centre will be powered by 100 per cent renewable energy from Bald Hills Wind Farm in Gippsland.

Frankston City Mayor, Sandra Mayer, said this was another exciting step towards achieving Council's target of zero emissions by 2025.

"I am so proud to be announcing this deal which has been in the works for the last few years and will help us to reduce emissions and lessen our impact on climate change," the Mayor said.

"This new initiative is in addition to

Council's continued focus and investment in solar panels on Council facilities over the last two decades."

As part of the new deal, Alinta Energy and Procurement Australia have signed 13 Victorian councils and a Victorian Government Authority on to the 10-year power purchase agreements. The new supply of renewable energy is expected to reduce Frankston City Council's greenhouse gas emissions by 2,309 tonnes each year.

"Signing the agreement will also provide Council with greater price certainty for the electricity supply costs of its major buildings over the next 10 years," the Mayor added.

Image courtesy of baldhillswindfarm.com.au

Stay informed with EnviroNews

If you want to stay up-to-date with local environmental news, stories and events, make sure you are subscribed to Council's EnviroNews e-newsletter. Watch for the new online Greening Our Future events coming soon. Sign up for EnviroNews on Council's website and you won't miss a thing.

Plastic Free July

Plastic Free July challenges us to avoid single-use plastic items, which are designed to be used once then thrown away. It encourages us to create new habits and be part of the solution by creating less waste. You can get involved by saying no to plastic bags, water bottles, takeaway coffee cups, straws or other single-use plastics.

If you are unsure where to start, peer into your bins at home to establish what single-use plastics you could be avoiding. Perhaps your bin contains lots of plastic packaging from fruit and vegetables that could be purchased package free. Or perhaps there are lots of takeaway coffee cups.

It's up to individual businesses to decide whether they accept customers' clean, reusable takeaway

coffee cups, however current health advice doesn't suggest any benefit in using a disposable cup.

This means that you can still choose to reuse when it comes to your coffee. Of course, the continuation of good hand hygiene, cleaning practices and social distancing is recommended.

With Plastic Free July now upon us, this is great news.

To find out more or to get involved, visit: plasticfreejuly.org



Are you a wishcycler?

Have you ever put an item in the recycling bin, not knowing if it can be recycled, but hoping that it can?

This is wishcycling. Unfortunately wishcycling only causes problems for the recycling industry. For an item to be recycled, there must be the technical means to recycle it, and the market to buy it back in the form of a new product. Adding items that are not accepted to your recycling bin does not help.

These items will be landfilled, which increases processing costs and can have an impact on the sustainability of the whole recycling industry.

If you don't know whether an item belongs in your recycling bin please

check, don't guess.

Use your recycling bin to dispose of:

- Plastic containers and bottles (no plastic trays or plastic bottle lids)
- Steel and aluminium cans, foil and trays
- Glass bottles and jars
- Paper and cardboard

Please remember:

- Recycling must go in your recycling bin loose (not bagged)
- No clothing
- No rubbish
- No food waste

For more information visit:

frankston.vic.gov.au/BinInformation

Eight surprisingly edible foods

Learning to cook with the edible parts of vegetables you may have previously discarded can add new flavours, textures and nutrition to meals. What's more, it will enable you to reduce waste and save money. Here are eight parts of vegetables you may be surprised to learn are edible:

- **Broccoli stalks:** Are a nice addition to any stir-fry and can also be steamed
- **Cauliflower leaves and stalks:** Cut the stalks thinly and roast in the oven with the leaves, olive oil and paprika (or another spice of your choosing)
- **Carrot leaves:** Can be used to make pesto
- **Carrot skins:** Carrots taste just as good with their skins on
- **Leeks:** The green part can go in a stirfry or soup with the white section
- **Mushroom skins and stalks:** Why spend extra time peeling the skins and chopping the stalks off fresh mushrooms when you don't have to?

Note: If the mushroom skin feels slimy it is starting to go off and should be removed

- **Pumpkin seeds:** Delicious roasted in olive oil
- **Pumpkin skins:** Pumpkin skin has a delicious nutty flavour and can be roasted (with the flesh of the pumpkin) or added to pumpkin soup

To find recipe ideas for leftover ingredients visit: foodwise.com.au



Supporting our local ecosystem

Frankston City is home to many important areas of natural habitat and a diverse range of plants and animals, including 534 native plant species and 312 animal species — with 40 listed as 'threatened'. To ensure we maintain and improve on our plant and animal diversity, Council has started a Biodiversity Action Plan (BAP).

The BAP will evaluate the current state of our natural environment and identify the potential impacts and

future challenges our local environment may face. The plan will create targets for conservation and restoration and aims to strengthen our connection with nature, and during the process we will engage with the community on the 'values' of our biodiversity.

Residents will have a chance to contribute to the BAP in the coming weeks, keep an eye on the Have Your Say page of Council's website for more information.

A greener, healthier Frankston City

The Urban Forest Action Plan was adopted by Council at the 29 June Ordinary Council Meeting.

The plan addresses the key challenges facing Frankston City's urban forest and aims to contribute to the health and wellbeing of our community and a sustainable liveable city. It provides clear direction for the protection, management and enhancement of our tree population on public and private land across the

municipality. To view the full plan, visit: frankston.vic.gov.au/UFAP



Share the love online for National Tree Day

Sunday 2 August

This year Council's National Tree Day event is going virtual. Help increase Frankston City's Urban Forest and biodiversity by planting local indigenous trees and plants in your backyard — provided FREE from the Frankston Indigenous Nursery (numbers are limited).

The registration process will include selecting a suitable time slot to pick up your plant from the nursery before Sunday 2 August. Care instructions will be included with your plant.

While we are unable to hold our usual community planting event at a local

reserve due to COVID-19, we still want to link all our planters together and celebrate the important work all our National Tree Day participants are doing for our environment.

We ask that everyone who registers for a National Tree Day plant take a pic of you or a family member planting in your backyard and share it with the hashtags: #FrankstonCity #FrankstonLovesTrees

To register for your FREE plant, visit: frankston.vic.gov.au/EnviroEvents



Dr Luis Mata, a Research Fellow from RMIT University is undertaking a research project at the Frankston Indigenous Nursery and across four other indigenous nurseries in Melbourne.

Dr Mata is surveying the insect-plant relationships amongst local plants provided by indigenous nurseries and his research will gather useful information on the types and diversity of insects sighted and their association with the different indigenous plants.

From this research, we can recommend a palette of plants that will attract pollinators, provide resources for caterpillars and increase overall insect biodiversity for planting within private gardens.

The project will also look at the socio-ecological benefits of Gardens for Wildlife programs which encourage residents to plant indigenous species. We hope to bring you more news on this exciting research in the future.

Schools Tree Planting Day

Participating in Schools Tree Day is a great way for your school to contribute to the environment.

In 2020, Council is proud to again be supporting this event, however, due to

COVID-19, schools will be able to join in through guided activities and other online resources. For more information visit:

frankston.vic.gov.au/SchoolTreeDay

Community and Business Support Grant Program

Council has provided additional funding and categories to support and grow our available grant opportunities, to a total pool of \$966,665. The funding will help to support a thriving Frankston City now and into the future.



Artists

Supporting local artists to continue creating work that contributes to our culture and community.



Individuals

A variety of funding is available to help individual residents deliver important community services.

Business
Helping small business owners to grow and thrive in a challenging economy.



Sporting clubs
Supporting local sport through funding for equipment, uniforms, training and other necessities for our young athletes.



Community

Critical funding is available for not-for-profit and charitable organisations, to provide important community services.



Students

Helping to ensure local tertiary students have the tools they need to succeed.

For more information and to apply, visit: frankston.vic.gov.au/FTLOF

Reporting local issues is a **SNAP**

Snap Send Solve



Snap Send Solve makes it easy for you to identify and report issues you spot while out and about in your neighbourhood.



Keep reporting illegal hoon driving

Help keep our streets safe for us all. Download the Crime Stoppers app or phone: **1800 333 000** In an emergency phone: **000**



Council's Annual Budget 2020–2021

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Despite the challenging circumstances brought about by COVID-19, Cr Mayer said Council was committed to delivering the best it possibly could for the community.

“Although some projects have been necessarily deferred, they have not been cancelled, and we are committed to delivering them as soon as we possibly can. We have a \$59.94 million Capital Works Program planned for the coming financial year. This program will complement the Relief and Recovery

Package and will further bolster our local economy through the creation of jobs.” (See page 20 for more information)

“This is just a taste of what this rounded and considered budget has to offer — and Council looks forward to seeing many projects come to fruition in Frankston City,” The Mayor said. “My fellow Councillors and I will continue to advocate to both state and federal governments for further funding to deliver even more local and regionally beneficial projects.”

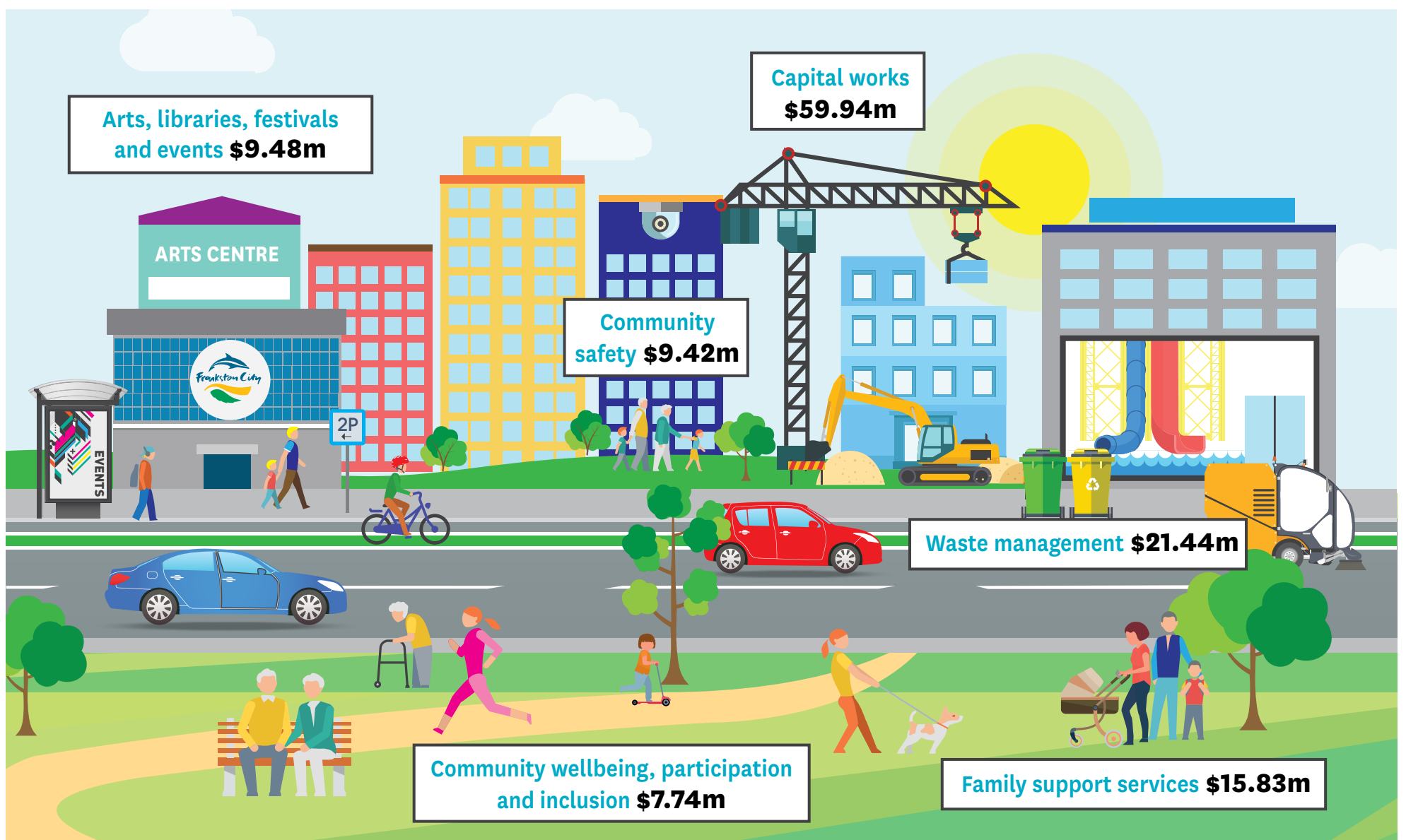
Our key infrastructure projects for 2020–2021

\$7.9 million
RF Miles Recreation Reserve
New pavilion and reconstruction of oval and surrounding precinct.

\$4 million
Jubilee Park
Development of an indoor multipurpose complex.

\$2.8 million
Centenary Park
Upgrade to the Centenary Park tennis facility, to help accommodate the Frankston Tennis Club following the expansion of Frankston Hospital.

Total budget available \$238.54 million



Key funding allocations:

\$6.039 million
Recreational, leisure and community facilities

\$7.051 million
Parks, open space and streetscapes

\$4 million
Jubilee Park Indoor Stadium

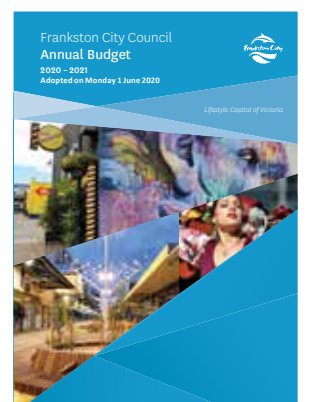
\$5.69 million
Roads and bridges

\$2.1 million
Footpaths and bike paths

\$3.46 million
Drainage

\$1.76 million
Clyde Street Mall upgrade and Hall of Fame relocation

\$2.8 million
Upgrade Centenary Park tennis facilities



To view the full budget, visit: frankston.vic.gov.au/AnnualBudget

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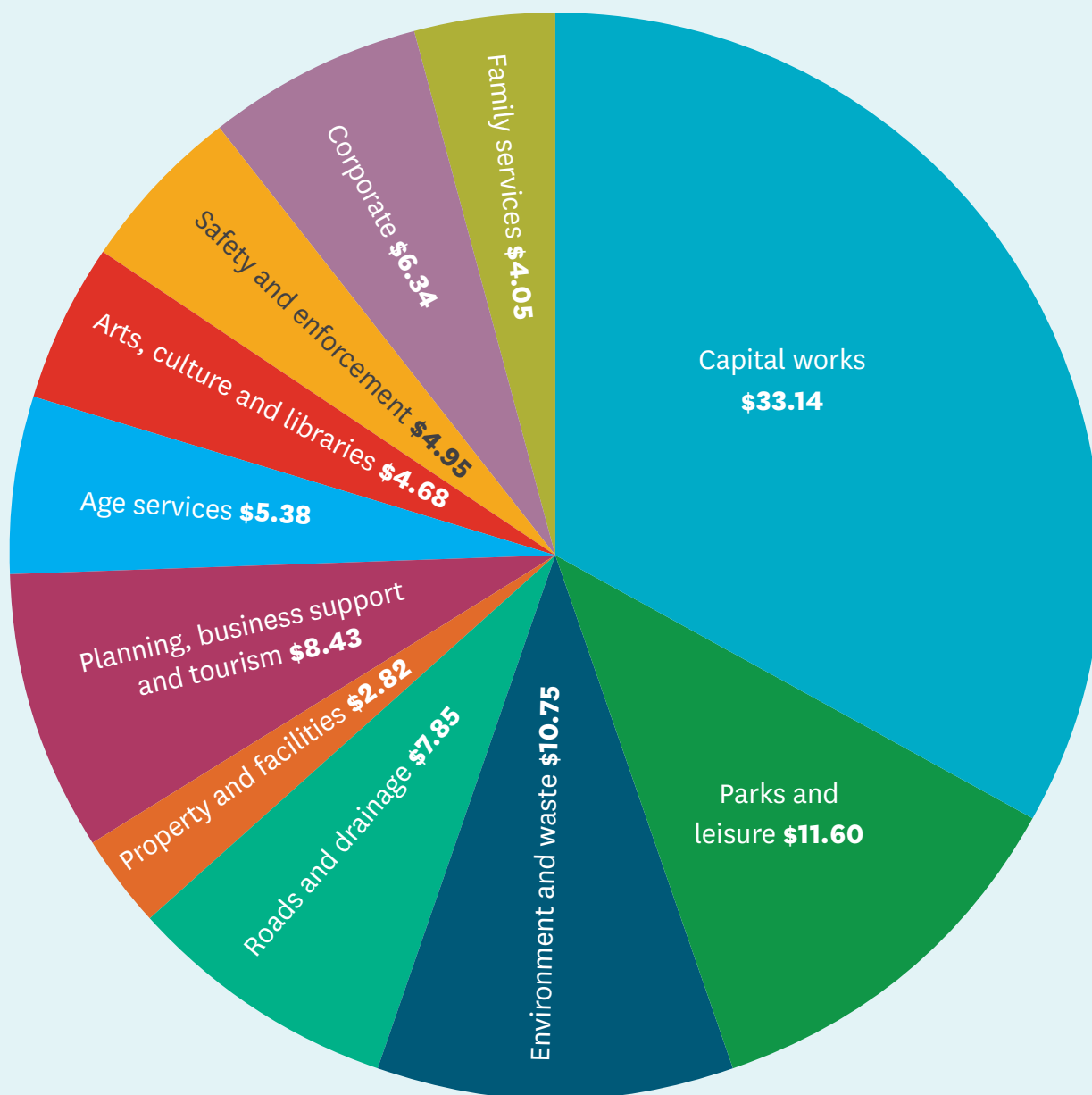
Rates relief waiver

The Rates Relief Waiver is a once off waiver of \$200 available to owner occupiers currently receiving a JobSeeker payment. Applications close 30 September 2020. Information on the application process is available via Council's website. For more information and to apply, visit: frankston.vic.gov.au/RatesRelief



Your rates at work

Council expenditure to deliver services to the community, for every \$100 invested.



Rates relief for eligible residents

Council has provided a \$1.2 million Rates Relief Package to support owner/occupiers during COVID-19. While your rates are still due on the normal due dates, we understand that many people have been impacted by the pandemic and therefore Council has made the following changes to our rates service:

Penalty interest is suspended until **30 September 2020**

Upon successful application, eligible Ratepayers (i.e owner occupiers of a residential property who are receiving JobSeeker payments) will have access to a once-off Rates Relief Waiver.

Council will not be pursuing any new legal action regarding unpaid rates until 30 September 2020 (legal action that is already underway will continue to proceed).

If you're unable to pay your rates on time you can apply for an Arrangement to Pay, or contact us to discuss your options.

To view the full 2020–2021 Annual Budget, visit: frankston.vic.gov.au/AnnualBudget



To learn more about available COVID-19 support, visit: frankston.vic.gov.au/FTLOF

FRANKSTON ARTS CENTRE

2020 program

Bookings: 9784 1060 or thefac.com.au



Art

Promac Productions

Josh Muir, Black and White series

Until Monday 2 August, Cube 37, Glass Cube Gallery + Art After Dark | 37 Davey Street, Frankston, FREE

Josh Muir is a Melbourne-based multimedia artist who produces panels printed on metal inspired by street art and hip-hop. With this new body of work, Josh transports audiences to a psychedelic, surrealist dreamscape and examines his night terrors, his history and his future through a new series of eight works in a powerful black and white palette.

Muir has recently been included as part of 'Marking Time: Indigenous Art From the NGV.' In December 2019 he

presented a large-scale multi-media project for the inaugural Going Solo: First Nations 2019 exhibition at Bendigo Art Gallery and the previous year Muir held a major solo exhibition at The Koorie Heritage Trust. In 2015 Muir was the recipient of the Telstra National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Art Award — Youth award and in 2016, Muir completed the 12 month Hutchinson Indigenous Fellowship and Residency at the Victorian College of the Arts. Represented by MARS Gallery.



Art

Art Exhibition

Kathleen Gonzalez, Maria Esther Pena Briceno and, EQUILIBRIUM Interconnectedness

Thursday 6 August–12 September, 8pm, FREE



Art

Art

Hot Arts for Cool Kids at Home

FREE

Colouring book and split-pin puppet workshop online at thefac.com.au now



Music

FAC Digital Series | Music Performance

Spirit Lines: A Musical Reconciliation

Available to stream online via FAC's YouTube channel, FREE

HOT ARTS

FOR COOL KIDS

What's On at Frankston City Libraries

We've moved our FrankTALK program online, simply register for any of the below events via the Frankston City Libraries website and a Zoom link will be provided.

Michael Veitch Family History Workshop

Saturday 8 August, 11am, via Zoom, FREE, bookings essential

Are you one of the many people out there doing an extraordinary job as the family or community researcher? You have all the facts, dates, names and places but now you find the 'story' eludes you? The re-telling of facts in a way that excites an audience can be a

daunting task. Michael Veitch will explore how to bring your historical story to life. You'll have the opportunity to put some of the learning into practice, with the help of Michael, so bring your story ideas.

Online FrankTALK with Barbara Hannay

Tuesday 11 August, 12.30pm Via Zoom, FREE, bookings essential

Set on the stunning shores of the Coral Sea, Barbara's latest release, *The Sister's Gift*, is a heartfelt Australian family saga about second chances, the unbreakable bonds of family and the redemptive power of love.



Online FrankTALK with Megan Goldin

Wednesday 12 August, 11am, via Zoom, FREE, bookings essential

Megan's latest release taps into our cultural obsession with true crime podcasts. *The Night Swim* is a heart-stopping thriller filled with twists and turns. Megan is one of the most exciting new crime fiction voices to come out of Australia in recent years. She's worked as a

foreign correspondent for the ABC and Reuters in Asia and the Middle East where she covered war Zones and wrote about war, peace and international terrorism.



Missed an Online FrankTALK?

You can now catch up via the Frankston City Libraries YouTube channel. Hit the subscribe button to never miss an Online FrankTALK.

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.

Reflecting on over a decade of service

It has been an eventful 12 years in local government for me. Three terms, three mayoralties and a year as deputy mayor. We've been through a Global Financial Crisis, a world health crisis and an economic downturn. In that time we've built our regional aquatic and recreation centre, a gathering place for our local indigenous community and a regional waster transfer station. We advocated for the transit interchange and upgrade to Young Street, along with a safe intersection at Wedge Road, Carrum Downs. We upgraded Wells Street and numerous sporting pavilions including Carrum Downs and Overport Park, with Jubilee Park coming soon. We endorsed our first Reconciliation Action Plan, and finally have a Green Wedge Management Plan, protecting precious natural assets for generations to come. We've implemented business grants to support local businesses and beautified our city with trees and wonderful sculptures and murals.

This is my last term. I'm looking forward to retirement and I'd like to thank everyone I've worked with who made the job a positive experience. Being a councillor is a lot of hard work when done properly — lots of reading, phone calls, meetings and events. The hardest part is making decisions where the community and council are divided.

While it is a lot of work, it is also very rewarding. My favourite part the job has been getting out in the community and meeting our volunteers — our people are our greatest asset.

I am very privileged and grateful to the residents of North East Ward for putting their faith in me to represent their needs. One of my proudest achievements in my ward is the construction of the shared user path on McClelland Drive, where I see families walking, jogging, and cycling every day. I've also enjoyed working with a professional team of staff and I thank them for making what can at times be a difficult job enjoyable.

I encourage women who have experience, knowledge and feel they have something to contribute to stand for Council in the October elections. It's time for change. (Learn more about running for Council on page 16)

If you have an issue in your community or would like to reach out, get in touch by emailing: councillors.office@frankston.vic.gov.au



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Rejuvenating our public spaces and facilities during COVID-19

While a majority of the world was put on hold in recent months, Council has still operated as an essential service, providing the services our community needs even more so during these difficult times. It is great to see that we have taken this time to continue to improve the facilities available, which I am sure we all took a little bit for granted before the pandemic.

I know that I missed the footy and being able to share that time with family and friends, and was rapt when that first game finally aired on TV. I know that our local sporting clubs, players and the families who support and cheer them on, sorely missed that time training and playing the thing they love and most look forward to in their week.

Local sports clubs Skye Football Netball Club Carrum Downs Cricket Club and Carrum Downs Cricket Club, came back to a newly-refurbished pavilion. The internal alterations at Len Phelps Pavilion, Carrum Downs Recreation Reserve were also completed, with the Victorian Government providing \$350,000 towards the project and Council investing \$260,000. The works included female friendly change room and toilets, a first aid room and improved umpire facilities.

Council has continued to service, create and build to support our local community and economy wherever possible throughout the pandemic. While this year's budget process was not an easy one, I am pleased that we have been able to include funding for our valuable outdoor areas. Council has allocated \$7.54 million (\$4.04 million Council contribution) to parks, open space and streetscapes, including replacing street lights with LED lighting, Evelyn Park Open Space, Kananook Creek Arboretum, shade sails, public art and fencing.

After the last few months I think we all appreciate these spaces more than ever. We are lucky to be surrounded by great beaches, creek trails and wetlands. Being outside and active is so beneficial for your physical and mental health and the last few months have certainly proven that. I would encourage you even in these cooler months to get outside and enjoy our amazing surroundings.



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Delivering for local sport

Council recently opened the Carrum Downs Synthetic Field to the community and sporting clubs and I was thrilled to see this project come to fruition. The project was a \$2.11 million investment from Council, plus a \$750,000 contribution from the Victorian Government, to provide a premium multipurpose sporting field. The new facility includes a senior FIFA accredited soccer pitch, three junior soccer pitches, an AFL/Cricket Australia accredited oval, with similar playing characteristics to that of natural grass all year round. The synthetic field will immediately support increase usage across a number of sports, alleviating overuse and capacity limitations with local sporting grounds. It will also provide opportunities for greater participation in sport and recreation for local clubs, school groups and other users alike. Floodlighting will be made available, along with remote access to changing rooms at the Carrum Downs Pavilion following completion of works over the coming weeks.

Utilising recycled water

Council has a long history of using recycled water for the irrigation of a number of its major sporting reserves and I have been a passionate advocate of this project for many years. Recycled water is connected at Council's Carrum Downs Recreation Reserve, Centenary Park Golf Course, Ballam Park, Baxter Park, Belvedere Reserve, Jubilee Park, Lloyd Park, McClelland Reserve and Robinsons Reserve.

In 2018-19, 43 per cent of Council's water use came from recycled water, equivalent to 143 million litres. By utilising recycled water, Council reduces its demand on mains water and has ongoing access to a drought-proof water supply to increase water security. In 2018, Council also completed a recycled water project in partnership with the Frankston Golf Club. The project resulted in recycled water being connected to both the golf club and Robinsons Reserve. In the first year of operation, 25 million litres of recycled water was used across both sites for irrigation to maintain the ovals and playing surfaces for sports and recreation

Council has recently been liaising with South East Water to explore the possibility of connecting recycled water to Council's Lawton Reserve, Langwarrin South as part of South East Water's proposed Tyabb and Somerville Recycled Water Scheme. It is wonderful to have witnessed these projects take off in Frankston City and to see them expand into new territory in the future. An important investment by Council and one I am very proud of.



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Creating a vibrant city centre

I'm delighted to see that works are well underway to transform two key laneways in Frankston's city centre into vibrant, safe and alluring locations to visit and spend time in. Station Street Mall between Clyde Street and Young Street is receiving a \$624,000 revamp from Council which includes replacing paving, installing new street lighting, upgrading the Frankston City Hall of Fame and adding landscaping, seating, planters and trees.

Clyde Street Mall, between Ross Smith Avenue and Balmoral Street is also receiving a \$1.2 million transformation from Council, Vicinity Centre and Clyde Street Mall Apartment Development and will feature new paving, street lighting, landscaping, planters and trees. This space will complement the new residential development.

These exciting new spaces are set to be finished by October 2020 and will create a welcoming thoroughfare, connecting Frankston Station to businesses and experiences in our city centre, such as our mesmerising street art. For more information about these projects and impacts to residents and visitors, visit: frankston.vic.gov.au/NotificationOfWorks

Thank you Frankston

As we come to the end of another term of Council, I would like to say it has been an absolute privilege to work for the people of Frankston City since I was first elected as a Councillor in 2008.

During my time with Council, I have had the privilege to serve as Mayor in both 2011–2012 and 2016–2017 and had many wonderful experiences within the municipality during this important period of growth and change for Frankston City. Having lived in Frankston all my life, I care deeply about our area and its potential. I'm delighted to still be a part of this strong and supportive community after all these years and look forward to seeing what the future has to hold for our wonderful city.



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Be kind to yourself and others

At the time of writing this column all Greater Melbournians have been placed in a second period of lockdown to prevent community transmission of the coronavirus, COVID-19. Over the past few months we have all been tried in relation to our capacity for generosity, to look out for one another, to tolerate temporary isolation and to accept some restrictions upon our daily lives to prevent unnecessary deaths of our neighbours, friends and family.

Over the course of this Council term, our municipality has not faced a greater challenge to ensure that no member of our community is left behind and the need to have respect for one another. It causes us all to pause and remember that we cannot have and enjoy rights, without also having responsibilities. It is a fundamental fact that democracy and the basic rights that we hold dear were earned through some sacrifice, whether that be internal (citizens agreeing to abide by rules from government) or external (gained through centuries of war).

Democracy can only exist when we are willing to give up some things that we may want for the sake of a safe and healthy community, when we are willing to compromise and accept that not everything is always going to go the way we want. No doubt these experiences of restricted freedoms have provided a small insight and some empathy for those who have endured (and continue to endure) such restrictions in the course of their lives due to situations beyond their control.

Our community's capacity for generosity and tolerance are two of the strongest attributes of Frankston City. It has been a humbling experience to serve the residents of South Ward and the Frankston Municipality and witness the many great achievements and undertakings of our community members. Many of whom offer themselves without fanfare or fuss to contribute to the betterment of our community.



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For the love of Frankston City businesses

It's no surprise that due to the COVID-19 pandemic our local businesses have been hard hit and are experiencing a wide range of difficulties during this unprecedented time. Small businesses are the engine room for our local economy.

To support Frankston City businesses, Council is delivering a huge range of support. This includes:

- Fast business grants of up to \$1,500
- Kerbside Dining Encouragement Grants of up to \$2,000
- Façade Improvement Grants of up to \$5,000, matched by the Victorian Government
- Invest Frankston grants of up to \$30,000
- Kerbside Trading and Food Act Registration permit fees have been waived for 2020-2021
- Mentoring and advice to get your business started or help improve your business
- In-person and online training to help you expand your business and your professional skills

We've also made it easier for customers to shop locally, by temporarily providing free car parking in Council-owned and managed city centre off-street car parking. For more information on how Council can support your business, visit: frankston.vic.gov.au/FTLOF

Thank you Frankston City residents

As this will be my final message to the community within Frankston City News for the 2016-2020 Council Term, I would like to take a moment to thank the Frankston City community and acknowledge the achievements of this Council. This has been my first time as an elected representative in Council and it has been an incredible learning experience and an opportunity to witness so many positive stories from within our community.

As a Council we have delivered countless upgrades to community facilities and vital services for our 140,000 residents, not to mention the visitors to our beautiful bayside city. I love Frankston City and all that it has to offer - from a bustling city centre, to the pristine foreshore and discovering the beauty of our natural reserves. It's been an honour to represent such a fantastic community that offers something for everyone.



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Infrastructure bonanza

In 2018, I wrote about the need to redevelop a number of facilities in dire need of funding and I am pleased to announce these facilities will finally get the upgrades they desperately deserve; and resolve what has been a long-time infrastructure backlog. Last month Council resolved to commit over \$21 million dollars in funding for the following projects:

- Monterey Reserve Soccer Pavilion: \$3.9 million, new and improved pavilion facilities, including public toilets, completion expected June 2022.
- Belvedere Bowls Pavilion: \$2.3M, extension of existing pavilion, completion expected June 2021
- Eric Bell Reserve Pavilion: \$6.75M, new and improved pavilion facilities, completion expected June 2024
- Belvedere Sporting Centre (formerly Linen House): \$2.9 million, increased car parking and internal refurbishment of the facility to house community and sporting groups, completion expected June 2023
- Ballam Park upgrade: \$3 million, to improve the entrance precinct, completion expected mid-2022
- RF Miles Pavilion: \$7.9 million for new pavilion, cricket nets, netball court and oval, completion expected mid-2021
- Ballam Park overflow car parking: \$445,000, completion expected January 2021
- Pat Rollo Reserve Pavilion: \$2.75M, for new and improved pavilion facilities, completion expected June 2022
- Frankston Basketball Stadium: \$50,000 for a feasibility study to determine if the future upgrade could include local gymnastics, to be undertaken in 2020
- Evelyn Street Public Park: \$1.3 million to create an open and accessible public space, completion expected early 2022

Thank you to all who reached out to me to get funding for these vital projects.

Road upgrades

After much lobbying to secure funding, I am proud to report that the Council has, or will soon be undertaking resurfacing and remediation works on the following roads:

- Karingal Drive: \$260,000 for road resurfacing between Cranbourne Road and Karingal Hub. Completion expected May 2021
- Dandenong Road East: \$135,000 for road patching and resurfacing works. Completed May 2020
- Hartnett Drive: \$500,000 for rehabilitation and resurfacing. Completion expected January 2021

While these are fantastic outcomes, there are still more roads in need of upgrades. Thank you to the residents who brought these roads to my attention.



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Loyalty

We, all of us, currently live in challenging times as a result of the pandemic. Council meetings are now held under strict distancing procedures. Council elections will be held this year despite the pandemic, although New South Wales has wisely postponed until 2021. I look back over the past four years, at the complex tapestry of events, people, places and decisions and accordingly I now take this opportunity to thank all residents for your help and encouragement.

I also acknowledge Frankston Chief Executive Officer, Mr Phil Cantillon and all staff whose work is vital in getting things done but is often not openly recognised. It has been rewarding representing the Frankston community. I have actively been part of the decision making process, which has delivered numerous benefits and facilities that all of us share in our local areas. In life we learn no-one is an 'island' and, particularly in Council, nothing gets done without majority support of colleagues. One's own ability to debate issues convincingly is essential. Importantly, I look back and reflect how I have stood by several Councillors with unwavering loyalty which has returned to me by their enduring respect.

To have no regard or kindness towards colleagues ultimately unravels in contempt and sometimes, cold hatred. This does no one good. When relationships fall apart it comes at a high cost. Point scoring, bickering and sneaky actions to undermine others negatively impacts upon good decision making and sadly kills outright the more delicately balanced process of approaching issues creatively, thinking co-operatively outside the square, and daring to do things differently which in turn can lead to huge money savings and better value for your rates.

When voting, do some research. Have discussions with others around you. Does the candidate actually live in your Ward instead of another remote address? Do they have a personal or hidden agenda? Are they genuinely Independent, or is someone else 'pulling the strings' behind the scenes? Has the candidate sufficient drive and force in their personality? Are they honest and outspoken? Because these are the critical points as to who is in the Council and why they are there!

I wish you well and in these troubled times, may good fortune, hope and good health hold you secure and strong.



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Budgeting to balance the needs of our community

This year's budget process was more difficult than normal, not only did we have the usual task of balancing community need with expectations, but we also tried to look ahead past the pandemic and see what support the community might need over the coming months.

I am pleased to say that while Council prioritised projects, there was a real momentum to keep things moving and to continue building and improving Frankston City. As a result our ward will continue to receive some of the local investment it needs over the next year.

One of the largest projects I am sure you will all be aware of is the R.F Miles Pavilion and Precinct Redevelopment. Works are well underway including demolition of the old pavilion and public toilet, construction of a new two storey sporting pavilion, public toilet facilities, a Car park and lighting, new cricket nets and netball courts and construction of new enlarged oval to AFL standard with sports field lighting.

Construction is anticipated to be complete in mid-2021, subject to weather and site conditions. The reserve will remain closed to the public until construction works are complete. The play area next to the site was opened earlier in the year, and I am sure you will agree it looks fabulous and I encourage you to head down and enjoy it.

Another win in the budget for our area was the construction of an overflow carpark at Ballam Park, seeing an investment of \$450,000. Ballam Park is an amazing space and facility, and its popularity only continues to grow. It is well used by locals, as well as having many visitors especially on weekends and during one of our most popular events Pets Day Out, which is a great day out for all the family. Adding an overflow car park makes sense, and also means that the local sports clubs who use the grounds regularly will not be at a disadvantage when visitors flock to enjoy the park.

While the last few months have been difficult for many, we are set for an exciting year ahead and I am looking forward to sharing the updates with you.



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Your guide to the 2020 Council election

Local Government (Council) elections are held every four years on the fourth Saturday in October, with the next council elections to be held on Saturday 24 October 2020.

The following tips help you understand how to vote and run as a candidate for the upcoming Council election.

Who can vote?

- Residents
- Ratepayers (if you own multiple properties in different municipalities, you are entitled to vote for your local ward councillor in each municipality that you own a property)

To be eligible to vote at a council election, people must be on the state or local council voters' roll 57 days before election day.

How to vote?

There are two ways in which people can vote, depending on which system each council has chosen – postal elections and attendance elections.

More details and key dates will be announced closer to the



election date.

The council election process is managed by the Victorian Electoral Commission.

Who can nominate to be a candidate?

To become a candidate you must be an Australian citizen (or qualified British subject) and enrolled as a voter for the council

you wish to stand.

For more information on eligibility, visit: vec.vic.gov.au

Candidates must submit their nominations in person to the Returning Officer before the close of nominations.

Nominations close at 12 noon, Tuesday 22 September — 32 days before the election day.

You can find out more about the nomination process by reading a Candidate Handbook available from the Victorian Electoral Commission, visit: vec.vic.gov.au

Candidate Information Sessions

Thursday 30 July, 7pm, via Zoom

Frankston City will be hosting an information session for all potential candidates. To assist Council with managing the logistics of the session (including any COVID-19 related requirements) we request you register your attendance by contacting the Governance Department via email: governance@frankston.vic.gov.au or phone 9784 1038.

Tap Her on the Shoulder

The Victorian Government wants to achieve 50 per cent female councillors across all Victorian Councils by 2025.

Gender Equity Victoria is concerned about the impact COVID-19 has had on women's ability to participate in public life and for many women it can also be a crisis of confidence that stops them from running. All they may

need is a little encouragement, so if you know a woman who is passionate about her community and would make a great councillor, make sure to 'Tap Her on the Shoulder' and suggest she run in the October election. To register as a candidate, visit the Victorian Electoral Commission website: vec.vic.gov.au



OCTOBER 2020 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS

VLGA LOCAL WOMEN LEADING CHANGE

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Frankston City Council is divided into three wards, with three councillors elected every four years to represent each ward (nine councillors in total).

North-West Ward

Current incumbents: Cr Kris Bolam, Cr Lillian O'Connor, Cr Glenn Aitken

Covers: Frankston, Frankston North, Karingal and Seaford

North-East Ward

Current incumbents: Cr Sandra Mayer, Cr Michael O'Reilly, Cr Colin Hampton

Covers: Carrum Downs, Langwarrin, Skye and Sandhurst

South Ward

Current incumbents: Cr Brian Cunial, Cr Quinn McCormack, Cr Steve Toms

Covers: Frankston (including the city centre), Frankston South and Langwarrin South

For more information, visit: vec.vic.gov.au or frankston.vic.gov.au

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Although our playgrounds were closed over the past few months due to COVID-19, our ongoing program of playground and park upgrades went full steam ahead. Below are just some of the key projects we were able to progress during the shutdown.

Wingham Reserve Karingal \$55,000

The Wingham Reserve Picnic Shelter has been upgraded with a newly-installed picnic setting and a first of its kind in Frankston, zero emission Solar BBQ. The BBQ supplied by Greenplate, is a Stainless Steel Solar Electric Barbecue System designed for use in outdoor spaces and is a fully autonomous system, 100 per cent powered by renewable energy. The solar BBQ is installed under a picnic shelter and also has an all abilities picnic setting installed next to the BBQ.



Waterfront Playground



Paras Reserve Playground



Dunsterville Reserve Playground

Dunsterville Playground Frankston \$166,520

The new playground offers a centralised amphitheatre setup of tiered boulders forming a perimeter circuit track around it, to access the picnic setting and overlooking park bench seat. The Reserve is now interspersed with new native and feature tree planting including mature Coastal Banksias and Blackwood trees to provide future shade. Featuring a galvanised steel circular seat with arm rest, embankment mound slide and a basket swing to the east and colourful climbing arc to the west, the new playground provides active play options for children to enjoy.

Waterfront Playground Frankston \$160,000

A new rope bridge provides the final element within the foreshore playground, completing the link between the existing towers and boardwalk. The bright colours of the nylon covered wire rope provide a colourful interlude within the park and the arched shape of the bridge supports mimic the iconic bridge over the Kananook Creek. Works to install a section of fence and child proof gates to the Waterfront Park between the foreshore playground and the boardwalk are also now complete.

Sandfield Reserve Carrum Downs \$200,000 Victorian Government \$40,000 Council

Construction is complete at the Sandfield Reserve Skatepark, including a new skate area. Contractors 'Grind Projects' are passionate and highly-skilled builders and there is a definite art in the construction of the concrete skate elements. Upgrades include a new shelter as well as seating and a drinking fountain.

Weatherston Playground Seaford \$210,571

Children now have the chance to explore a variety of new play equipment, including rope climbing net, 2-bay swing, multiplatform play unit, platform spinner, rocker, log steppers and scooter pathway. Works also included extensive planting of native and indigenous shrubs around the playground and the embankment with Seaford Road. The redevelopment also includes the decommissioning of the ageing old play equipment and the return of the Reserve to a grassed open space.

Paras Reserve Playground Carrum Downs \$234,380

The redevelopment works at Paras Reserve playground are progressing, with almost all of the new equipment now installed. The reserve now features new play equipment, a new shelter replacing the existing structure, new park furniture, upgraded footpaths and new tree and shrub planting.

To find a playground near you, visit: frankston.vic.gov.au/playgrounds

Mayor's Reading Challenge

Frankston City Libraries invites preschool age children (0-5 years) and their families to get involved with the 2020 Mayor's Reading Challenge.

In its tenth year, the Mayor's Reading Challenge supports early literacy development, by challenging parents and carers to engage in regular reading experiences with their child or children in a fun and rewarding way.

Children and parents collect prizes for every 20 reading experiences. After a month of happy reading, participants collect a reading rewards pack, including a certificate signed by the Mayor.

The Mayor's Reading Challenge runs through August and participants can register at any Frankston City Library branch or visit: library.frankston.vic.gov.au



Have Your Say

Council relies on feedback from our community to help us improve the facilities, policies, programs and more that we deliver. We have a number of projects currently welcoming feedback.

To help make a difference, have your say today. Visit: frankston.vic.gov.au/HaveYourSay



Invest Frankston

Business Survey: mapping the impact of COVID-19

Council is currently assessing the results of our COVID-19 Business Survey, with responses from 342 local businesses.

The findings cover a range of industry sectors within the city centre and surrounding suburbs and the results

will help Council better understand the pandemic's impact on the local economy. The survey will reopen again shortly, keep an eye on the Council website to have your say: frankston.vic.gov.au/Business



The Frankston Food Move

While many cafes, restaurants and pubs have reopened for sit down dining, many are still offering take away, pickup and delivery services, to cater to those continuing to stay home.

Invest Frankston's 'The Frankston Food Move', an awareness campaign encouraging consumers to support local business and order take away from many of the amazing Frankston City cafes and restaurants, began in

late March and came to a close on Friday 26 June.

There were two promotional videos released during the campaign, which helped highlight those businesses who remained open during the pandemic. Those who signed the change.org pledge and shared their local food pics went into the draw to win a meal voucher, with \$700 worth of meal vouchers given away. Thank you to everyone who pledged their support for local business.

Update: Façade Improvement Grants and Kerbside Encouragement Grants

Thank you to the many amazing applicants to Invest Frankston's Façade Improvement Grant and Kerbside Dining Encouragement Grant programs. Applications closed 30 June and applicants will be notified in the coming weeks.

The grants are provided each year to assist businesses in creating or improving kerbside dining areas, or revitalising their shop frontage to improve customer experience and street appeal.

The programs have been made possible by funding assistance from the Victorian Government which shares Council's commitment to boosting the local economy.

Kerbside Dining Encouragement Grants of up to \$2,000 and Façade Improvement Grants up to \$5,000 are available. For more information on other available business and community grants, visit: frankston.vic.gov.au/CouncilGrants

Getting businesses back on their feet

To save you having to do all the research, Council has developed a Step by Step Guide for Business to help you through COVID-19.

This printable PDF features five key steps to help your business, including where to go for the facts, staff support advice, financial and other support, tax incentives and other helpful advice.

The guide also features important links to various resources. To download a copy, visit: frankston.vic.gov.au/FTLOF

Fast Track Business Grant: Apply today

An additional Fast Track Business Grant category has been added to the available grant funding pool in response to COVID-19. The grant provides fast funding to businesses impacted by the pandemic, with up to \$1,500 available per eligible business. To apply, visit: frankston.vic.gov.au/FTLOF

Bumper funding pool for Business Grants 2020

Small businesses have had a helping hand thanks to the Business Grant Program 2020.

This year's funding pool was an amazing \$180,000, the largest business grants funding pool since the program's inception in 2012. Since the program began, a total of 40 grants have been awarded to small businesses, helping to generate over 650 jobs and contributing to more than \$200 million to the local economy. Successful applicants will be contacted in the coming weeks. Each year, Council supplies a grant funding pool to support innovative thinkers looking to start their businesses, local businesses keen to create employment or expand into



new markets, those who want to relocate to Frankston City or businesses with a plan to further activate the city are encouraged to apply.

For more information on available grants, visit: frankston.vic.gov.au/CouncilGrants

For more information visit: investfrankston.com

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Up and coming Fijian footballers currently taking part in the Frankston Pines football program

Developing the regions' up and coming footballers

Frankston Pines Football Club and Victorian Multicultural Sports Association INC (VMSA) are partnering to provide greater development opportunities and a pathway to the professional game for young Fijian footballers. The partnership has been recognised and is fully supported by Football Federation Australia and Football Victoria.

The club is excited to have welcomed four Fijian footballers as part of the program this year, with the partnership also aiming to bring different cultures together. The newest intake of players are

considered amongst Fiji's football 'elite' and have all represented Fiji at underage and full international level. Recently, six footballers from Frankston Pines FC participated in a football event organised by Fiji FA in Auckland, New Zealand.

The program is an initiative of the Prime Minister of Fiji, The Honourable Voreqe Bainimarama, to invest in and develop young and upcoming Fijian footballers. The Fijian Prime Minister plans to visit club later in the year should restrictions ease. For more information, follow Frankston Pines Football Club on Facebook: @PinesFC

More players try their hand at golf this winter

Centenary Park Golf Course will remain open during Stage 3 lockdown, with strict social distancing guidelines allowing players to continue to safely enjoy the game. Following the lifting of previous restrictions in early June, the course has recorded operating levels more like the usually busy December and January months,

with players in May up 15 per cent on the same time last year. The driving range is open every day or players can book nine or 18 holes. Visit: centenarypark.com.au



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As we get out there again,
it's up to all of us to

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And if you're experiencing cold or
flu-like symptoms, stay home and speak
to your doctor about getting tested.

BE COVIDSAFE

For more information about Coronavirus (COVID-19)
please visit health.gov.au



The Frankston Pines Football Club also held a successful 'Come and Try Day' on Saturday 27 June.

The club's open day received great feedback and each participant received a Melbourne Victory poster and scarf and a Pines Soccer Club drink bottle. The open day was an opportunity for locals to come and have a kick and to gauge interest in an all-abilities program, which would provide

opportunities for people with physical and/or intellectual disabilities to participate with a local club in a fun, supportive and inclusive environment. The Frankston Pines Football Club will be running regular all-abilities sessions once current restriction are lifted. For more information, contact coach Kevin Taylor: 0433 759 220

Investing in our growing community



INVESTING IN OUR GROWING COMMUNITY

Council is investing \$59.94 million, as part of our Annual Budget, to ensure we continue to meet the growing needs of our community.

Funding has focussed on protecting and enhancing our environment and securing jobs during uncertain times. The 2020–2021 Capital Works Program includes new construction and improvements to existing buildings, upgrades to key community facilities such as sporting pavilions, playgrounds and more.

In addition to flagship projects at RF Miles Recreation Reserve, Jubilee Park and Centenary Park, Council is investing in the following.

\$536,000*
Kananook Creek Arboretum

\$650,000
Evelyn Park Open Space Upgrade

\$455,000

Ballam Park Car Park

\$1.176 million

Clyde Street Mall Upgrade, including relocating Hall of Fame location.

\$400,000

Second stage Station Street Mall Upgrade

\$1.16m

Playground upgrades

- Witternberg Reserve
- Lady Emily Reserve
- Fleetwood Reserve
- John Monash Reserve
- Karingal PLACE Kindergarten



Sports and leisure

\$502,000
Redevelopment of Frankston BMX Track

\$267,000
Bruce Park cricket net upgrade

\$1.48 million
Sports Lighting Program

\$31,000
Monterey Reserve upgrade

Community driven projects

\$87,000
Off-leash dog area at Sandfield Reserve

\$100,000
Installation of shade sails at Seaford North Reserve and RF Miles Reserve playgrounds

Master Plan Implementation at: \$31,000

Carrum Downs Recreations Reserve

\$500,000
Ballam Park

\$72,000
Lawton Reserve, Langwarrin Equestrian Reserve, North Reserve, Stringybark Reserve and Southgateway Reserve

This is just a sample of the works, upgrades and other developments Council will deliver as part of our Annual Budget 2020–2021, together with works already underway as part of the 2019–2020 financial year.

Visit: frankston.vic.gov.au/AnnualBudget

* Please note, the individual project figures provided above are only for works occurring in this financial year and do not reflect the total spend on each project.