

Frankston City News

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Volunteers loading one of many trucks with donations, on behalf of community group, Frankston Community Connect.

Victorian Bushfire Crisis

Community comes together to support bushfire relief

Frankston City has seen thousands of residents come together to support those impacted by the current bushfire season. Council has provided staff and resources these past few months to assist those affected in East Gippsland and North East Victoria, but it's the community response that has been the standout.

Frankston City Mayor, Sandra Mayer, said she and her fellow Councillors have been humbled. "We're so lucky to live in a community like this where people will come together with little notice to help those in need," said the Mayor. "The enthusiasm, community spirit and passion everyone has shown for people they will likely never meet has just blown us away. I couldn't be more proud of our city."

"Unfortunately, the fires will likely affect these communities for many years to come. Our hearts are with those communities and wildlife impacted by this disaster and Council will continue to support emergency relief efforts."

The Mayor said Council has also received queries from residents concerned about potential fire hazards in local reserves and other Council-owned areas.

"I applaud residents for taking the time to get in touch and for the concern they are showing for their community during this difficult time," she said. "However, I want to reassure our community that Council has a tried and tested bushfire management and prevention system in place." For more information on the community's response and Council's bushfire prevention strategies, see pages 4 and 5.

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 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
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Mayor's message

Protecting our Green Wedge

Council's recent decision to maintain Frankston City's Green Wedge, covering parts of Carrum Downs, Frankston North, Skye and Langwarrin, from any future industrial development was a proud moment for local government and a giant step towards protecting our environment for future generations. For those worried about what this decision will mean for local job growth, rest assured we are looking at ways of better utilising our existing business precincts to ensure strong employment growth in the future.

Coming together to tackle homelessness

Every day as I make my way around the streets of our wonderful city, I see people for whom life in Frankston City is not so wonderful. They live life not

knowing where their next meal is coming from or where they will sleep and the problem is getting worse rather than better — particularly for our youth. I try to do what I can when I pass someone who is doing it tough. Rather than look away, I stop and have a chat. I ask them about themselves. I provide water and food. I try to remember that the standard you walk past is the standard you accept. However I am all too aware that I cannot solve this issue alone. Council has recently signed onto a Frankston Strategic Housing and Homelessness Alliance, to commit alongside 15 other Victorian organisations to creating localised solutions to our homelessness crisis. This alliance will work to tailor solutions to our specific community and I look forward to communicating these initiatives with you as they develop.



Cr Sandra Mayer
Frankston City Mayor

Message from the CEO

Improving our governance

A string of recent events within Council have highlighted the need to continue strengthening our governance functions, to help improve transparency between Council and our community. This need was brought to light recently with errors in a few key projects, including a missed step in the Short Stay Accommodation Local Law process and a failure to enact the implementation of Council's October 2019 Green Wedge resolution in a timely manner. Alongside recommendations arising from the Municipal Monitor's report, these events have all contributed to a heightened need to ensure internal processes are examined and improved. To address Councillors' concerns, and ensure good governance and transparency, these matters will be

referred to the Audit and Risk Committee for full review and oversight. Councillors and the Executive Team are working to develop a robust approach to improving our internal processes, to ensure we are achieving not just good but exceptional governance outcomes. There is a lot of work going on behind the scenes to ensure our community is better informed and consulted, and that officers are aware of our governance requirements. Governance improvements will be complemented by our recent organisational restructure, which aims to strengthen alignment and collaboration across service areas, and build a high performing organisation, where staff are both empowered and accountable. Further areas of benefit include streamlining decision making,



service delivery and the experience residents have when interacting with Council.

Phil Cantillon
Chief Executive Officer



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LOCAL, STATE OR FEDERAL?

With power shared between the three levels of government (local, state and federal), it can be tricky to know who to raise your questions or concerns with.



The Australian Government (federal) is responsible for matters that affect the nation as a whole.

- Defence and border security
- Immigration
- Telecommunications
- Postal services
- Foreign trade
- Currency
- Family Law
- Pensions
- Highways
- Education: Universities



The Victorian Government (state) makes laws that affect most areas of our lives across the entire state.

- Police and emergency services
- Health
- Education: schools and TAFEs
- Transport
- Resources (water, electricity, gas)
- Agriculture
- Law and order
- Major roads (such as Frankston Freeway and Cranbourne Road)



Councils (local) are responsible for the amenity and liveability of your local area, such as:

- Rubbish collection
- Reserves, parks and gardens
- Libraries and community centres
- Sport and recreation facilities
- Pet registration and animal control
- Building and environmental health regulations
- Maternal and Child Health (including immunisations, playgroups, kindergarten)
- Home and Community care (including Meals on Wheels)
- Local roads (such as residential streets)

Council's responsibility is to represent the needs and desires of the Frankston City community to the federal and state government.

A look at who represents you

Frankston City encompasses one federal electorate and six state electorates, with a total of 14 representatives.

Federal elections are held every three to four years, determined by the Government of the day and managed by the Australian Electoral Commission.

Dunkley - 1 representative*

Current incumbent: Peta Murphy
Covers Seaford, Carrum Downs, Sandhurst, Skye, Langwarrin, Langwarrin South, Frankston, Frankston North, Frankston South

*In addition to the Federal Member for Dunkley, the Federal Government has appointed a Liberal Patron for Dunkley (Senator David Van) and the Federal Opposition has appointed a Labor Duty



Senator for Dunkley (Senator Jess Walsh).

For more information, visit: aec.gov.au or aph.gov.au

State elections are held every four years and are managed by the Victorian Electoral Commission.

Frankston - 1 representative

Current incumbent: Paul Edbrooke
Covers Frankston including the city centre), Frankston South and parts of Frankston North*

Carrum - 1 representative

Current incumbent: Sonya Kilkenny
Covers: Seaford, Carrum Downs, Sandhurst and Skye

Hastings - 1 representative

Current incumbent: Neale Burgess
Covers: Langwarrin and Langwarrin South

South East Metropolitan Region - 5 representatives

Current incumbents: The Hon Gavin Jennings, Dr Tien Kieu, David Limbrick, The Hon Gordon Rich-Phillips, The Hon Adem Somyurek

Covers: Frankston, Skye, Sandhurst, Seaford, Frankston South, Frankston North, Carrum Downs

Eastern Victoria Region - 5 representatives

Current incumbents: Melina Bath, Jeff Bourman, The Hon Jane Garrett, The Hon Edward O'Donohue, Harriet Shing

Covers: Langwarrin, Langwarrin South

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

OUR COMMUNITY COMES TOGETHER

Residents rally to donate 126 tonnes of goods

In early January, local community group, Frankston Community Connect, headed by Glenn Cooper and Carole Pico was approached by Frankston locals Trudie and Brent — who had organised a 14 tonne truck to deliver much-needed supplies to bushfire affected areas. Glenn then placed a call out on Facebook asking for people to donate goods.

“Our post ended up being shared 920 times and reached 122,058 people. We filled our initial 14 tonne truck within the first two hours of accepting donations. We soon had another nine trucks and drivers lined up to help deliver the overwhelming amount of donations.

“It didn’t stop there, on the Sunday we had Seven News come down and donations kept coming so fast that by 11am we were quickly running out of storage space. Thankfully, Uncommon Studio gym offered their factory as a drop off point. We had an astounding amount of people and community groups willing to help in any way they could, from dropping off donations to helping sort and load the trucks,” Glenn said.

The trucks left on the morning of Monday 6 January, delivering 126 tonnes of donations to Wonthaggi, Warragul, Yarrowonga, Moe and surrounding areas.

“I couldn’t believe just how generous the Frankston City community could be. When it comes to giving, we will give the shirts off our back to people who are in need,” Glenn said.

Frankston Community Connect is a collective of local community organisations, including, That’s The Thing About Fishing, Frankston History, Positively Frankston, 3199 Beach Patrol, Donation Chain and Community Angels. You can follow @FrankstonCommunityConnect on Facebook.



A helping hand

In late January, Council Building Inspector, Con Adamidis volunteered to help East Gippsland Shire Council’s emergency response efforts. Con headed to the region on 21 January to help assess several fire damaged buildings in the region.

“The Team spent the next few days inspecting and assessing several fire damaged buildings, mainly in Sarsfield, which was hit the hardest, and Mallacoota,” Con said.

“We were immediately confronted with the devastation of the fires, as most of the buildings in the area were burnt to the ground and there were live peat fires still burning in nearby fields. I couldn’t believe so much damage had occurred. Most of the buildings in the area, the bushland, nearby roads and bridges were



destroyed. It was frightening.

“I’m so glad I got the chance to lend a hand. It’s easy to feel helpless in these situations but there is always something that can be done,” Con said.

Congratulations to the Pines Football Netball Club, who raised an incredible \$80,000 for bushfire relief during their fundraising event in January. An amazing effort, well done!

Knitting for wildlife

More than 130 people turned out at Frankston Library over two events held in January, to crochet and knit nests for wildlife affected by the bushfire crisis. The knit-a-thons generated more than 250 nests, over 150 pouches and numerous bat wraps. Some nests also included handwritten thank you notes from volunteers to emergency service workers.

The Peninsula Belles branch of the Country Women’s Association of Victoria and members of the public also generously donated wool for the events.

Sandra Wylie of Mount Martha said she saw the event on Facebook and thought her daughter, Elisia and Elisia’s friend, Billie (pictured) would like to get involved.

“I knew they were both very passionate about animals and thought they would like to come along.”

“When mum told us this was on, we wanted to come and help out,” Elisia added.



Sandra Wylie and her daughters Imi, Elisia and centre, Elisia’s friend, Billie

Lemonade stand the perfect recipe for bushfire fundraiser

A team of young friends from Frankston South have proved an old-fashioned lemonade stand is still the perfect recipe to raise money for those in need. Willow (10), Ella (10), Sebastian (6) and Saskia (6) were inspired to donate to communities impacted by the recent bushfires and decided their lemonade was just the trick.

To get the customers in, the friends created an impressive sign and manned their Neil Street stand over two days.

“We heard about the people in need and we wanted to help them,” Willow said.



Mayor Sandra Mayer with the young entrepreneurs from Frankston South

The lemonade stand was a great success, raising \$140.05, which Willow and Sebastian’s mother, Sheryn donated to the Red Cross Disaster Relief and Recovery Fund. “I am so proud of the kids and the generosity of our neighbours. One gentleman was heading past, saw their sign and gave them \$50,” Sheryn said.

Famous Frankston South lemonade

Ingredients

- 350 grams of white sugar
- 1.8 litres of water
- 250 millilitres of fresh lemon juice

Method

- 1) Combine sugar and 250 millilitres of water in a saucepan
- 2) Bring to boil and dissolve sugar
- 3) Allow to cool and put in the fridge until cold
- 4) Combine lemon juice, sugar syrup and remaining water in a jug
- 5) Serve over ice

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KEEPING OUR RESIDENTS SAFE



Council prepares for the fire season each year using a thorough bushfire management system, including inspecting properties and fuel reductions works in Council reserves, where manual clearing of fine fuels and controlled burn-offs take place.

Council has a current Integrated Fire Management Plan and program of fire prevention works undertaken in the lead up to the declaration of the fire danger period.

Precautions include:

- Property inspections

- Fuel reduction (such as manual clearing of fine fuels and controlled burn-offs in our reserves)
- Roadside fuel management
- Emergency management planning
- Maintaining fire breaks
- Vegetation management
- Tree maintenance
- Responding to requests for fire management in specific locations and more

Council also continually evaluates and improves Frankston City's prevention and emergency systems, to ensure residents and visitors stay safe.



Community group, Positively Frankston, held a Fundraising Walk coordinated by member Christine Netterfield.

Twenty-one people and nine enthusiastic dogs managed to walk an impressive seven kilometres from One Pear Tree on Nepean Highway to the top of Oliver's Hill and back — raising \$530 for the bushfire appeal.

WHAT CAN YOU DO AT HOME?

Residents can help to minimise the risk of damage to property and wildlife should a bushfire occur.

Precautions include:

1. Respecting the restrictions in place during the Fire Danger Period (FDP), especially on days of Total Fire Ban
2. Clearing your property of any loose green waste such as leaves and branches

3. Clearing gutters
4. Storing flammable liquids away from the house
5. Pruning trees and shrubbery that overhangs buildings
6. Planting plants with low flammability

For more advice about preparing your property for the fire season and dos and don'ts during the FDP, visit: cfa.vic.gov.au

WHAT IS A FIRE HAZARD?

Council has powers under the Country Fire Authority (CFA) Act to investigate fire hazards on private land and issue notices. Trained officers determine the property to be a significant risk.

When undertaking fire hazard inspections officers take into consideration different factors, some of these include:

- Property size
- Amount of vegetation present
- Vegetation types
- Likely ignition sources
- The potential for a fire to spread from the property

Council's Natural Reserve Rangers are auditing bushland reserves weekly and patrolling throughout the municipality on weekends when the fire danger rating is high or above.

Council officers also meet with representatives from the CFA, Victoria Police and Parks Victoria throughout the year to discuss fire risk and ensure it is being appropriately managed. For more information, visit: frankston.vic.gov.au/BushfirePrevention



Caring for our wildlife

We love our local wildlife here in Frankston City, but it can be a constant challenge for wildlife carers to have access to enough natural food for the animals they look after.

For nearly 10 years, Council has supported local Wildlife Carers AWARE with a planting site at Overport Park where, as part of a community project, they planted trees to supply emergency food to wildlife in need. This site was expanded two years ago and a second expansion is planned in 2020.

Tree hollows are an essential but limited resource for our wildlife, but sometimes, for safety reasons, trees will need to be removed. In these instances, hollows are salvaged by Council officers and given to wildlife carers or relocated to our local reserves. These are just some of the ways Council supports the care of our native friends.

If you find injured or orphaned wildlife, contact the AWARE Wildlife Rescue and Advice Hotline, available 24 hours. Phone: 0412 433 727 or visit: awarewildlife.org.au

To donate to the Victorian Bushfire Appeal, visit: vic.gov.au/bushfireappeal. To donate to fire-impacted wildlife, visit the Zoos Victoria website: zoo.org.au

For more information on bushfire prevention in Frankston City, visit: frankston.vic.gov.au/FireSafety

Congratulations to our Citizens of the Year 2020

Frankston City's most inspirational residents were honoured at the Australia Day Citizenship Ceremony and Citizen of the Year Awards on Sunday 26 January. Frankston City Mayor, Sandra Mayer announced the recipients at the Frankston Arts Centre event, where 100 people received their Australian citizenship. This year's recipients were:

- **2020 Citizen of the Year**
Peter Patterson
- **2020 Senior Citizen of the Year**
Gina Poulos
- **2020 Young Citizen of the Year**
Michaela Goggin
- **2020 Community Event of the Year**
National Schools Tree Day
(Frankston Heights Primary School and Friends of Wallace Reserve)

"Each year we invite the community to nominate those who have contributed to creating a better Frankston City," Cr Mayer said. "This year's recipients are being awarded for their volunteer work as well as their inspirational achievements."

Peter Patterson was named 2020 Citizen of the Year for volunteering his time to many local organisations, including the Frankston Susono Friendship Association, which he has chaired for 18 years.

Gina Poulos was awarded the 2020 Senior Citizen of the Year Award for helping the city's most vulnerable through her emergency foodbank organisation, Theodora's Cheerful Givers. With the support of her family and team of dedicated volunteers, Mrs Poulos prepares around 1,200 pre-cooked frozen meals and 400 food hampers each week.

Frankston High School student Michaela Goggin received the 2020 Young Citizen of the Year Award. Ms Goggin has been passionate about contributing to her school and wider community, including charity work, tutoring refugees and empowering fellow students through the Student Leadership Council.

The National Schools Tree Day event organised by Frankston Heights Primary School and Friends of Wallace Reserve, took out the 2020 Community Event of the Year award. Over 13 years, school students, teachers and parents have worked with volunteers from the Friends of Wallace Reserve to plant more than 5,500 native trees, shrubs and grasses. Last year 500 seedlings were planted during the event. For more information, visit: frankston.vic.gov.au



From left, Citizens of the Year, Peter Patterson, Michaela Goggin and Gina Poulos.

ANZAC Day 2020

Commemorative services in Frankston City

To honour those who gave the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom, Frankston RSL and Seaford RSL will again hold commemorative events on Saturday 25 April.

Frankston RSL

Students Commemorative Service
Friday 24 April, 1.30pm, Frankston War Memorial, Beauty Park.

Saturday 25 April

6am Dawn Service and further events throughout the day.

For more information, visit: frankstonrsl.com.au

Seaford RSL

School service

Thursday 23 April, 9.30am, Seaford RSL

Saturday 25 April

10am service

For more information, visit: seafordrsl.com.au



Local businesses celebrate Harmony Week

Harmony Week, 15-21 March, is a national celebration of cultural equality and promotes the key message: Everyone belongs. Council has again partnered with local cafes and restaurants to invite the community to travel the world with your taste-buds by sampling a variety of delicious multicultural meals.

Participating businesses will be serving a \$10 'taster' of world foods to their customers. Those customers who dine with three participating venues during Harmony Week can go in the running to receive a \$25 voucher to one of the participating

businesses. To take part, simply collect a Harmony Week passport and have it stamped each time you dine.

For the list of participating businesses and a copy of the Harmony Week competition passport, visit: frankston.vic.gov.au or email: communitystrengthening@frankston.vic.gov.au

- Frankston City residents identify with 118 ancestries
- 1 in 5 residents were born overseas

Get to know your neighbours

Neighbour Day, Sunday 29 March, celebrates community and encourages people to connect with their neighbours. Council is giving away 25 BBQ packs for residents to host a get-together with their street.

Each pack is valued at \$100 and includes meat and vegetarian options, bread, condiments, salad ingredients and a party pack. Five applicants will also win a souvenir street sign.

To enter tell us your name and street and provide five signatures from your neighbours. Applications close 5pm Friday 13 March. To enter, visit: frankston.vic.gov.au or email: communitystrengthening@frankston.vic.gov.au

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Winning Seaford resident, Donny, picks up his BBQ pack before last year's Neighbour Day celebrations

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Register your pool or spa before June 1

Pools and spas in Frankston City must be registered no later than 1 June, in accordance with the State Government deadline. Amendments to the Building Act made last year, require Council to establish a register of swimming pools and spas within the city.

“This includes fixed, temporary, inflatable and relocatable pools and spas with a depth more than 30 centimetres,” said Frankston City Mayor, Sandra Mayer.

The Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning introduced the amendments to help reduce drownings in private swimming pools and spas.

“Whether it’s putting up a pool fence or fixing that faulty gate we all need to do our part to reduce the risk of drownings.”

The Mayor added that registering a pool or spa and paying the \$79 registration fee was the legal responsibility of the property owner. “Agents and tenants are unable to register pools or spas and in the case that they have applied, the owner will need to contact Council in writing to provide their consent.”

For more information, or to register a pool or spa, visit: frankston.vic.gov.au/PoolRego or phone: 1300 322 322



Meet Frankston City’s Best Street

Council is celebrating and rewarding our city’s best ‘community-minded’ streets.

As part of the Best Street Awards Program entrants had to explain in 250 words or less why their street was worthy of the accolade, focusing on what makes the street friendly, how the residents look after each other, how presentable and tidy the street is and how residents add value to the community and environment.

The 2019 Best Street Winner is Sandalwood Grove, Carrum Downs.

Residents support each other through mowing each other’s nature strips, running errands, hosting street celebrations, making donations to charity, reducing waste to landfill and volunteering. As part of their application residents retold a story of sending a group text for a tin of tomatoes and before you know it, there being half-a-dozen tins on the door step. The residents of this street share smiles, tears, holidays and an incredible community. The winning street received a special, personalised

street sign, BBQ pack and a Sustainable Living kit.

Finalists:

- Cliff Road, Frankston**
 Residents demonstrated a sense of friendship displayed through monthly neighbours’ lunch and Christmas lights and decoration displays.
- Wandella Road, Frankston Heights**
 Residents displayed community spirit in sharing flowers and bulbs, mowing each other’s lawns and collecting food scraps for neighbours’ hens.
- Bangalay Avenue, Frankston South**
 Residents share garden tools and babysitting, along with street celebrations and community volunteering efforts making the street a great place to live.

Thank you to all of our finalists for making your streets such a nice place to call home and for your contribution to our community.

Keep reporting illegal monkey bikes

Help keep our streets, parks and reserves safe.

Download the Crime Stoppers app or phone: **1800 333 000**

In an emergency phone: **000**



Interested in volunteering?

GIVE BACK TO YOUR COMMUNITY

Book a time with Impact Volunteering today, to hear more about volunteering opportunities near you.

Email: info@impactvolunteering.org.au or visit: impactvolunteering.org.au



Council Home Maintenance Service

If you or a loved one is over 65 and/or has a disability, our friendly home maintenance staff can help with day-to-day upkeep around the home.

For more information, or to check your eligibility, email: intake@frankston.vic.gov.au or phone: 9784 1933



RECYCLE MORE THIS EASTER

You can recycle all of us!



Foil wrappers, cardboard and hard plastic containers can all go in your yellow-lidded recycling bin. Bunch all your foil wrappers into one ball.

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

New energy advice service for residents

Council has partnered with the Australian Energy Foundation (AEF) to provide free energy advice and an independent referral service for local residents. The AEF is a national not-for-profit organisation helping communities make their homes more energy efficient.

You can now get reliable and trusted advice on:

- Solar power and battery storage
- Insulation and draught proofing
- Lighting
- Hot water
- Heating and cooling
- Windows

The energy advisors at the AEF can also connect you with suppliers who

will provide quotes to complete the works. All suppliers are vetted by the AEF through a rigorous procurement process and are viewed as trusted, reputable businesses. This initiative is part of Council's climate emergency response in supporting practical action by households to reduce their greenhouse gas emissions, which is also a key focus of Council's Towards Zero Emissions Plan 2019–2023.



Australian Energy Foundation

HOW TO ACCESS FREE ENERGY ADVICE:

- Visit aef.com.au to learn about all the things you can do in your home
- Contact one of their energy advisors, phone: 1300 236 855 or email advice@aef.com.au
- Get a quote for your home. Visit aef.com.au

Climate emergency declaration: What's next?

Council is proud to be part of the international movement that recognises we are in a climate emergency and that urgent action is required to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and build resilience to climate change.

We are working on the following exciting new initiatives in response to the climate emergency:

- **Street lighting upgrade**
In 2010, Council was one of the first local government authorities in Australia to upgrade residential street lights to more energy efficient technology, saving money and reducing emissions. Council is now working to upgrade all 6,996 street lights on minor roads across the municipality to energy efficient LEDs which will result in further savings.
- **Power Purchase Agreement**
Council is currently participating in a buying group to purchase renewable energy, using combined buying power to get the best price outcomes. This is in addition to Council generating its own electricity from solar power installations on Council buildings. It is expected that the Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) will result in a contract to purchase renewable

energy over 10 years for Council's electricity supply. The PPA will support Council in making progress towards its zero net emissions target by 2025.

- **Energy Advice service**
A free household energy advice and referral service has recently been launched by Council through the Australian Energy Foundation (AEF). See more information left and below.
- **Environmentally Sustainable Design (ESD) Policy**
This new policy, planned to be introduced into the Council planning scheme in 2020, will ensure new residential and non-residential developments are assessed to reduce negative impacts on the environment, reduce running costs and improve the health and comfort of buildings for occupants.

Council has also commenced the review of its Climate Change Impacts and Adaptation Plan and will be engaging our community and other authorities to ensure local buy-in and shared solutions to the climate emergency. For more information visit: frankston.vic.gov.au/ClimateChange

The Perfect Storm is coming

Art, Science and the Environment — Where to from here?

Climate scientist Professor David Karoly and environmental landscape artist Peter Biram will explore the relationship between arts and science at this very special climate event.

Their unique presentation will be followed by an expert panel discussion, offering audience members the chance to pose their own questions regarding art, science

and the environment.

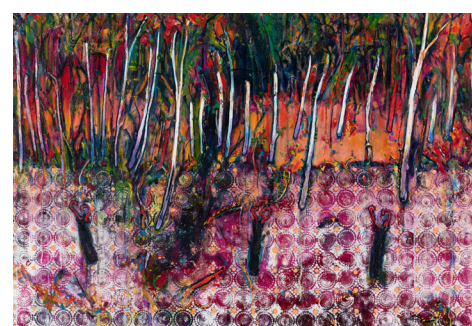
Also featuring the melodic tunes of Celtic-Indigenous fusion duo, Kinja featuring Wamba Wamba man Ron Murray, with fiddler and vocalist Sarah James.

When: Sunday 17 May

Where: Frankston Arts Centre

Cost: FREE, bookings essential

Bookings: 9784 1060 or artscentre.frankston.vic.gov.au



Pictured: Peter Biram's *Salt Landscape*

Peter uses visual art to convey or express the conceptual content of the environment, or relevant issues concerning the environment, paying particular emphasis to the natural world

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We need your nude food

In October 2019, Council launched its Kerbside Food Waste Collection service, to help divert waste away from landfill and provide our farmers with nutrient-rich compost. We would like to thank our community for embracing this new service and helping us to reduce our environmental footprint.



We continue to provide the best possible food waste and recycling services, here are a few reminders for bin night:

- In addition to compostable green liners, food can be placed in your garden waste bin nude, wrapped in newspaper or paper towel
- Pull the tag off your tea bag before placing it in your garden waste bin

To help to minimise the smell and reduce flies, you can:

- Alternate layers of food waste with green waste
- Add vinegar and bi-carbonate soda to the bottom of your green bin

Do you have a garden waste bin? If you have not yet claimed your FREE kitchen caddy and six-month supply of compostable liners, phone our Council on: 1300 322 322

TRASHLESS TAKEAWAY

You may be surprised to learn that Frankston City is home to many cafes and restaurants that are happy for customers to bring in their own clean container for takeaway food. In fact, some may even offer a discount. This means that you can get takeaway without generating packaging waste. How great is that?

To find where you can BYO container for your next meal, visit trashlesstakeaway.com



Greening Our Future

Council's latest Greening Our Future events brochure is out now, with a wide range of events to help you live more sustainably and look after the environment through everyday actions.

Most sessions are FREE and registrations are essential. To book, visit: frankston.vic.gov.au or phone: 9768 1628 and leave a message.

Guided Ranger Activities

Our Park Rangers are sharing their knowledge of our natural environment these April school holidays. Take a Guided Ranger Walk or Spotighting Night Tour in one of our natural reserves. Bookings essential, small fee applies. Book at the Frankston Visitor Information Centre or phone: 1300 322 842.



Essential Guide to Habitat Boxes
Sunday 15 March, 10am–12pm,
Frankston Library,
60 Playne Street Frankston

Learn everything you need to know about making, installing and maintaining habitat boxes for native wildlife from an expert.



Earth Hour: Nature after dark
Saturday 28 March, 7.30–9.30pm,
Paratea Flora and Fauna Reserve,
Paratea Avenue, Frankston South

Celebrate Earth Hour in a unique way — turn off your lights and join a Council ranger to discover local nocturnal wildlife in this beautiful natural reserve.

Party in the Park's Enviro Hub
Tuesday 7 April, 9.30am–1.30pm,
Cruden Farm, Langwarrin
(enter via Cranhaven Road or McClelland Drive)

Chat to Council officers about your waste and recycling questions, plus learn more about Council's climate emergency declaration and what you can do. Bring along your kids to enjoy environmental activities and games (no bookings necessary).

Solar and batteries info night
Tuesday 21 April, 7–9pm,
Functions by the Bay (Frankston Football Club), Cnr Plowman Place and Young Street, Frankston

Get facts and independent advice to help you decide if and when to 'go solar' with or without batteries. Presented by an experienced not-for-profit energy expert.



Indigenous Nursery Open Day
Saturday 2 May, 9am–1pm,
Frankston Indigenous Nursery,
7 McMannis Way (off McCulloch Avenue), Seaford

Discover your local community nursery and enjoy a range of activities for the whole family.



World Environment Day
Saturday 30 May

Save the date. Watch for details of this community event that will provide hope, inspiration and action in this era of climate emergency.

Tips for recycling on bin night

- Do not bag recyclables before placing them in your yellow recycling bin, place them in loose
- Do not place soft (scrunchable) plastics in your yellow-lidded recycling bin, they cannot be recycled. Take soft plastics to a participating supermarket instead

Enjoy Every Moment

FAMILY FUN IN STATION STREET MALL

The fun continues in 2020, with family-friendly activities on varied Saturdays until June, to help make the most of the revitalised Station Street Mall.

Businesses are joining in the fun, hosting amazing activities including Story Time Sessions, Book Bingo and an adult Spelling

Bee thanks To Robinson's Bookstore, art and craft sessions from Riot Art and Craft, food tastings from Twisted Sista and more. The next event will be held: Saturday 14 March, from 10am. For more detail on upcoming Station Street Mall events, visit:

frankston.vic.gov.au/MallForAll



Digital Tourism Kiosk lands at PARC

Locals enjoy the celebrations at the mall's official opening in December



Let's get digital

Frankston City's first ever digital information kiosk has just been installed at the entrance of the Peninsula Aquatic Recreation Centre (PARC).

Using high-tech touch screen technology, this tourism innovation is designed to interact with the thousands of PARC visitors each week and provides a range of information including local events and experiences, wayfinding tools and special offers redeemable across

Frankston City and the Mornington Peninsula.

Recognising the importance of taking a multi-faceted approach to connecting with locals and their visiting friends and family, Council believes the new digital kiosk will offer a convenient way to access local tourism services, and will help promote all that is special about our region. Visit PARC today and try out the new kiosk for yourself.

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Wellbeing Workshops

Friday 13 & Sunday 15 March

Traditional Indigenous Yoga in the Park | McClelland Sculpture Park | Friday 13 March, 6-8pm

Afro-Cuban Beach Ceremony | Frankston Foreshore | Sunday 15 March, 11-11.30am

Ancient Traditions For Modern Wellbeing | Frankston Arts Centre - Cube 37 | Sunday 15 March, 12-6pm

**Council Grants Program:
Supporting our community**

Council's Grant Program offers a range of grants to individuals and groups looking to provide key services and support in their community. Categories include:

- Charitable Support Grants
- Youth Action Grants
- Environmental Sustainability Grants
- Urgent Grants and more

Applications close Friday 15 May, visit: frankston.vic.gov.au/MiscellaneousGrants

Have your say on the future of fireworks in Frankston City

Council is seeking community feedback on the future of fireworks displays in Frankston City and if they should continue at Council-run festivals, The Waterfront Festival and Frankston's Christmas Festival of Lights, as well as other events not run by Council who have the appropriate permits.

You can provide your feedback in a number of ways:

Online: frankston.vic.gov.au/HaveYourSay

In person: Collect a hard copy survey from one of our customer service centres

Phone: 1300 322 322

Mail to: Attention Events,
PO Box 490, Frankston, VIC 3199

**PARTY
IN THE
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FREE fun day out for kids

**Tuesday 7 April 2020
9.30am-1.30pm
Cruden Farm, Langwarrin**

The Mik Maks • Party Play Pen – interactive arena
Animal farm • Face painting • Mini sports
Information on local children's services

BYO picnic or treat yourself to the community BBQs
frankstonevents.com.au

Please leave your pets at home, service animals welcome.

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Need to get in touch with Council after hours?

Phone: 1300 322 322

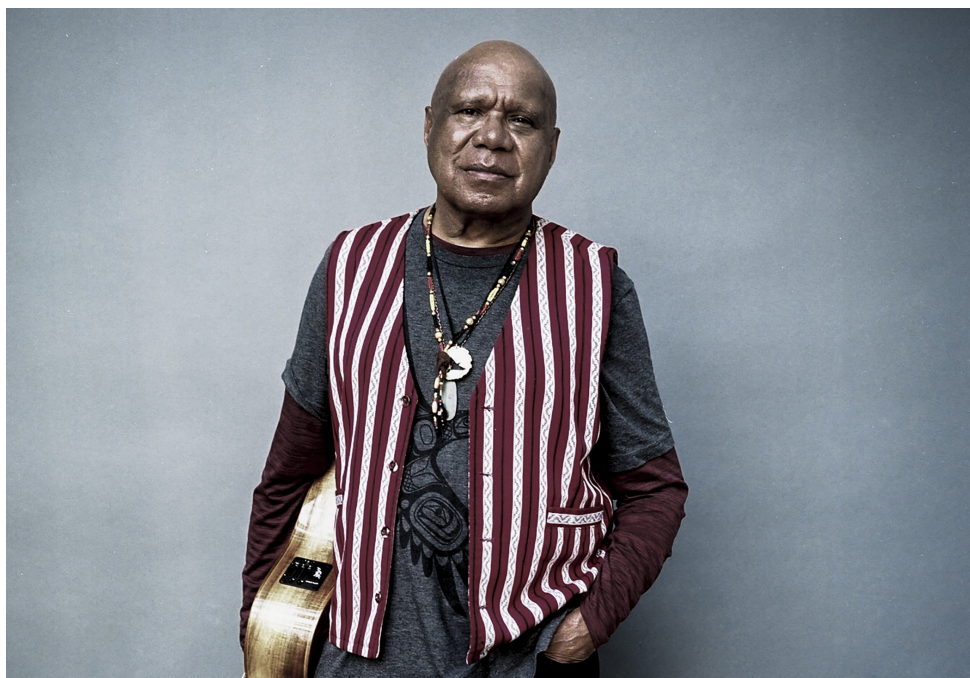
Please note, our after hours service is for urgent matters only. All other issues can be logged via the Snaps Send Solve App.

If it is an emergency, please phone: 000

FRANKSTON ARTS CENTRE

2020 program

Bookings: 9784 1060 or thefac.com.au



Frankston Arts Centre

Play on Presents P/L – Archie Roach: Tell Me Why

Saturday 18 April, 7.30pm

Tickets: \$27–\$60

Not many have lived as many lives — from stolen child, teenage alcoholic, seeker, lover, father, musical and lyrical genius, to social advocate and First Nations leader — but it took almost a lifetime to find who he really was. He is Archie Roach.

Based on his new memoir and companion album, *Tell Me Why* is an intimate, moving and often confronting account of his resilience and strength of spirit, and of a great love story. Accompanied by a full band, it's an extraordinary evening of love and heartbreak, family and community, survival and renewal — and the healing power of music.



Music

CDP with Tall Stories

The Gruffalo's Child

Monday 6 April, 12.30pm and 2.30pm

Tickets: \$28–\$30 (Family \$100)



Theatre

Daytime Music + Theatre

Salute to the Anzacs

Friday 24 April, 10.30am and 1.30pm

Tickets: \$19–\$21



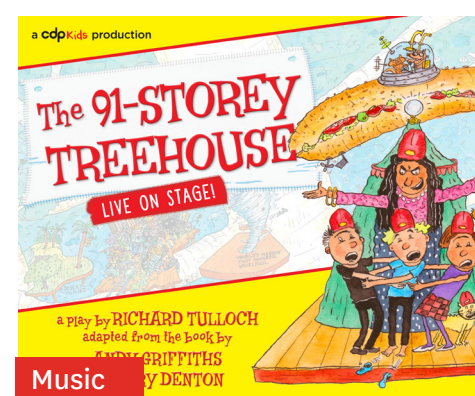
Comedy

Melbourne International Comedy Festival

Melbourne International Comedy Festival Roadshow

Sunday 3 May, 8pm

Tickets: \$27–\$60



Music

CDP Kids

The 91-Storey Treehouse

Friday 8 May, 6pm (Auslan interpreted)

Saturday 9 May, 3pm and 6pm

Tickets: \$28–\$30 (Family \$100)

What's On at Frankston City Libraries

LIVE music Sundays: The Chris Commerford Band

Sunday 15 March, 1.30pm, Frankston Library, FREE, no bookings required

Enjoy a stripped back acoustic session in the Library Lounge.

Book Club Information Night

Wednesday 25 March, 6.30pm, Frankston Library, FREE, bookings essential

If you've been thinking about starting your own book club or joining an existing one, Come learn about the great book club collections we have available, which book clubs are looking for members and more.

FrankTALK and book signing: Nicole Alexander

Sunday 29 March, 11am, Frankston Library, FREE, bookings essential

Spanning two centuries, Nicole Alexander's compelling new novel *The Cedar Tree* is a story of love and faith, destiny and betrayal, in a land as rich and fertile as the secrets it keeps.

Easter school holiday program

Join the fun and excitement at Frankston City Libraries these Easter school holidays. Make sure you book early to secure your child's place in our popular programs.

FrankTALK and book signing: Candice Fox

Friday 3 April, 2pm Frankston Library, FREE, bookings essential

From Australia's most exciting and original crime writer comes another electrifying thriller.

Workshop: Research, preserve and restore old photographs with Peter King

Wednesday 15 April, 2pm, Frankston Library, FREE, bookings essential

Peter looks at the historical background of photography, dating photos, preserving photos, organising and restoring photos.

FrankTALK and book signing: Marcus Riley

Thursday 23 April, 11am, Frankston Library, FREE, bookings essential

Positive ageing advocate, Marcus Riley chats about his newest offering, *Booming: A life-changing philosophy for ageing well*.

LIVE music Sundays:

Leigh Sloggett

Sunday 26 April, 1.30pm, Frankston Library, FREE, no bookings required

Original blues and folk music, contemporary and inspired yet connected strongly to its roots.

LIVE music Sundays:

Adi Sappir

Sunday 3 May, 1.30pm Frankston Library FREE no bookings required

Cellist and vocalist, Adi presents a unique musical experience.

FrankTALK and book signing: Kathy Lette

Tuesday 5 May, 10am, Frankston Library, FREE, bookings essential

Frankston Library is celebrating 25 years on Playne Street with international author Kathy Lette, who'll talk about her latest novel, *HRT (Husband Replacement Therapy)*. This is one cake cutting not to be missed.

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

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Paul Keating attends the opening of the Frankston Art Centre in 1995

Students get a head start in Frankston North

Minister for Education James Merlino, Member for Frankston Paul Edbrooke and Frankston City Mayor, Sandra Mayer, turned the sod at Mahogany Rise Primary School on Thursday 13 February, as the Frankston North Education Plan begins construction works at all three schools. At Mahogany Rise Primary School, the on-site early learning centre will be integrated with the school. Aldercourt Primary School will get its own early learning centre.

Monterey Secondary College will get an exciting Centre of Excellence, with a state-of-the-art sporting facility being built. The new facility will provide students with an integrated academic and sporting program; helping young athletes develop their sporting talent and pursue a specialist pathway in health sciences. Expert coaches, provided in partnership with St Kilda Football Club and the Frankston District Netball Association

(FDNA), will help to deliver the program — initially focussing on AFL Football and netball. A wider variety of sports will be added as the program develops.

The Frankston North Education Plan will create a world-class education system in Frankston North. The \$26.2 million investment in a state-of-the-art education precinct is due for completion by 2021. The plan is a partnership between The Department of Education and Training, the Colman Foundation and Council. For more information visit: frankston.vic.gov.au/FrankstonNorthEducationPlan



Frankston Library turns 25

Just 25 years ago, the Frankston City Council opened the RE Ross Library on Playne Street. At the time it was the largest regional library in Victoria boasting public access computers with exciting high technology with an added dimension of CD-ROM access.

More than 6.5 million people have walked through its doors in that time and more than 15 million items have been physically borrowed.

While some things may have changed over the years, one thing has always remained the same — Frankston Library is a lounge room for its community with free membership and of course, open to everyone.

Now featuring high-speed free wifi, public computers, online access to free audiobooks and eBooks, Frankston Library continues to be the

go-to hub to prepare children for school with storytimes, awesome school holiday programs, access to the latest authors and workshops, technology for seniors and much more.

Special event

Frankston City Libraries presents Kathy Lette for a FREE FrankTALK, cake cutting and book signing on Tuesday 5 May at 10am at Frankston Library to celebrate this silver anniversary. This event is FREE but bookings are essential via: library.frankston.vic.gov.au/Whats_On or 9784 1020.

STREET ART WALKING TOURS

Have you tried one of our highly-acclaimed Street Art Tours?

This is the perfect time, as Tours run every month, \$15 per person including a FREE drink. Bookings essential.

Visit: visitfrankston.com or phone: 1300 322 322

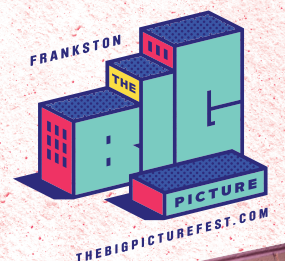


We were so honoured to have Roy Gieseemann in for his first volunteer shift as a 90 year old on 8 January at the Frankston Visitor Information Centre, not long after celebrating this milestone birthday.

Roy has been a dedicated and long-serving volunteer since the opening of the centre in 2007. We have been blessed with his passion for Frankston, optimism, excellent customer service and friendship. Happy Birthday Roy!



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YOUR MARKET GUIDE



Frankston Sunday Market

Every Sunday

8am–1pm

79-83 Young Street, Frankston

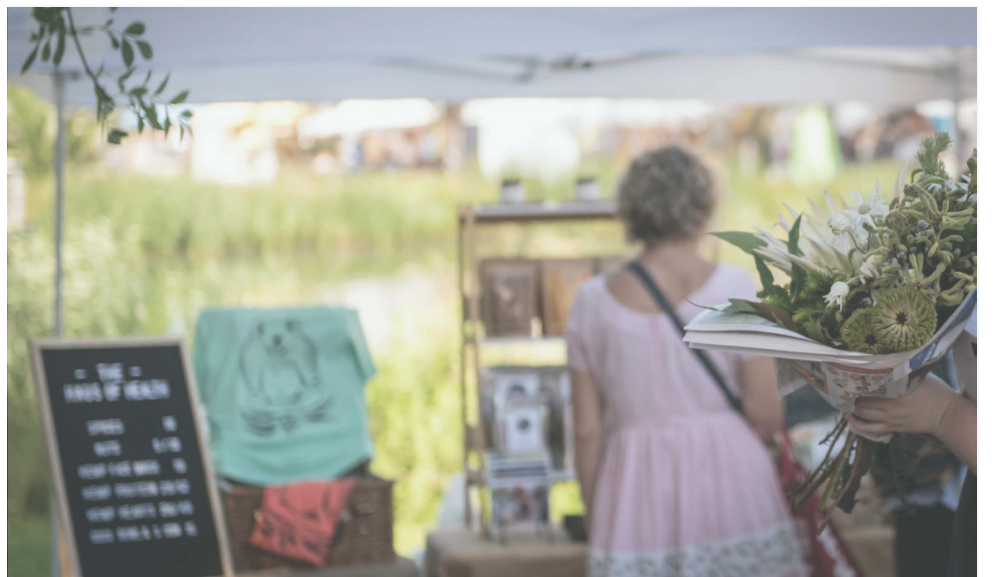


Seaford Handmade Market

Third Sunday of the month
February to December

9am–1pm

Seaford Scout Hall
Station Street,
Seaford



Seaford Farmers Market

Third Sunday of the month

8am–1pm

Broughton Street Reserve
Station Street, Seaford



Little Beauty Market*

Monthly until April

9am–2pm

Beauty Park
High Street, Frankston

See website for dates



1300 322 842

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* Check website for upcoming dates, entry fees and times. Subject to change without notice.

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Staying connected to community

I recently attended the inaugural meeting of the Sri Lankan Seniors Club, where members were busy chatting and connecting over traditional Sri Lankan food and drink. What I loved about this club, other than its wonderful members, was the immediate sense of community I felt. My own grandparents lived their last few years quite isolated from the world around them and I know how easy it is for this to happen. It was an important reminder to me to make the effort to stay active no matter what your age — whether it's joining a community group, volunteering, exercising with friends or just stopping for a cuppa and a chat with a neighbour. Our Positive Ageing Team provide lots of options and I encourage everyone to take advantage.

A chat with a trauma cleaner

I hope everyone had a chance to see and speak with author Sandra Pankhurst at one of her sold out events at Frankston Library these past few weeks. Author of *The Trauma Cleaner*, and a good friend of mine, Sandra's book chronicles her incredible life and makes for a great read. Sandra is one of many amazing authors and presenters we have seen come through the library, celebrating its 25th anniversary this year, keep an eye on the library website for their next great event.

An accessible city for all

Due to recent changes within the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS), many services formerly provided by local councils were absorbed by the NDIS. As a result, the NDIS-funded Metro Access Officer position at Council was discontinued. However, in recognition of the important role we play in supporting people with disabilities, Council recently passed a motion to fund a disability access and inclusion position. The role will build on, and adapt, the responsibilities of the Metro Access Officer, to help ensure those in our community with disabilities are able to live a full and independent life.

A helping hand for local businesses

I had the pleasure of attending BusinessConnect Frankston's inaugural meeting in February and this only reiterated in my mind the importance of supporting our local start-ups and smaller operators. Business Connect, a subsidiary of WomenConnect Frankston, is staffed only by volunteers who do a tremendous amount providing networking opportunities to small businesses and entrepreneurs. Find @BusinessConnectFrankston on Facebook.

An honorary Scout

I was officially 'scarfed up' at a recent meeting of the local Scout groups' 'Amazing Race' event at Beauty Park, making me an honorary member for life. These organisation do so much for members, helping to build resilience, cooperation and lifelong friendships and develop the leaders of tomorrow. For more information, visit: scoutsvictoria.com.au



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Sporting upgrades creating new opportunities

Len Phelps Pavilion, located at Carrum Downs Recreation Reserve, is undergoing a significant upgrade over the coming months. The new facility will benefit over 700 club resident sports club members and complements the new synthetic turf and new state-of-the-art multipurpose pavilion opened at the reserve in August 2018. This project, a \$750,000 Council investment, will significantly upgrade the existing facility, to include suitable female-friendly change rooms and associated amenities and social spaces to allow for growth in football, cricket and netball.

Similarly, an upgrade to the pavilion at Skye Recreation Reserve has recently been completed, with much-improved facilities handed over to resident cricket and soccer clubs in January. The clubs were extremely pleased with the outcome and are very much enjoying the two new change rooms, toilet and shower amenities, referee rooms, accessible toilet, first aid and storage. The change room facilities can also be opened up to one larger space to cater for functions and events making it a truly multipurpose facility. The project took seven months to deliver at a cost to Council of \$1 million and, as will all our pavilion upgrades, is aimed at increasing participation in sport among women and the wider community. I encourage all residents to make use of the facilities at their doorsteps: join a local club, spend time in your local park or playground, reserve or beach.

Supporting early learning

The early education years, zero to five years, are the most important in a child's life. They help to establish what will hopefully be a lifelong love of education and to develop critical social skills that will set them up for future success. Council knows just how critical it is to provide both children and their parents with support and education right from day one. This philosophy provides the basis for our maternal and child health service and kindergarten programs, which are in turn supported by the right facilities. We have a program of rolling upgrades to our kindergartens and early learning centres to ensure we are providing the best framework for learning and development. Most recently we completed a \$530,000 upgrade to Langwarrin Kindergarten at the end of February, which included a refreshed interior and new outdoor community space for use by the kinder and our Maternal and Child Health services.



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Building better facilities

Recently completed upgrades to the dog free roam area and obedience grounds at McClelland Reserve and the new pavilion at Ballam Park South are just a few of the improvements we continue to see across Frankston City every day. These new facilities are a wise investment from Council in our community's growth and connectedness, as we work to accommodate a growing population.

Some of you may have also noticed some extra equipment popping up in this area of Ballam Park. This belongs to Australia's National Meteorological Service and will provide the Bureau of Meteorology (BoM) with highly accurate readings of Frankston City's weather, compared to the ageing technology it replaced near Frankston's Waterfront.

Centenary Park Golf Club bushfire fundraiser

I was proud to attend the very successful bushfire fundraiser run by Centenary Park Golf Course on Friday 21 February. All proceeds and green fees, a total of \$1,935, went to support bushfire affected communities. This was one of many fundraisers held by community groups and businesses across our city these past few months and I am so proud of the incredible effort and passion to give back shown by our community during this terrible period of time. Thank you to everyone who donated their goods, time and money.

Centenary Park tennis expansion underway

In preparation for the expansion of the Frankston Hospital, Council has been supporting the relocation of the Frankston Tennis Club, which currently occupies the Crown Land required for the project. The \$4.2 million Centenary Park tennis refurbishment will merge Frankston Tennis Club and Frankston East Tennis Club in a regional competition ready tennis facility, featuring:

- 13 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 shower, accessible public toilet, new male and female change rooms and amenities, 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

The project will be funded through:

- Council: \$1.365 million
- Victorian Government: \$3 million (from the purchase of Council land and contribution to relocate Frankston Tennis Club)
- Frankston Tennis Club and Frankston East Tennis Club: \$1.495 million



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A new vantage point for Kananook Creek

Earlier this year we asked the community to provide feedback on proposed viewing platform installation at strategic points along Kananook Creek. The aim of the project is to install the platforms along Kananook Creek Walking Trail, between the Allawah Avenue and Fiocchi Avenue footbridges in Frankston and another deck in a small section of the Kananook Creek Reserve at Riviera Street in Seaford.

Creeks play an important role in enhancing the amenity and lifestyle of Frankston City and are integral to the surrounding coastal environment, with flora helping to reduce the impacts of climate change. Kananook Creek, running through Seaford and our city centre, is a key natural feature that Council is committed to preserving and enhancing. The feedback period closed in early February, and we received many helpful suggestions from the community that will hopefully help us progress this project. Thank you to everyone who took the time to have their say. The project is still in planning stage. Council will be providing further updates as we progress.

A healthy choice for Frankston City

Council's new Healthy Choices Policy was introduced last month and will see more healthy food and drink options available at Council-run venues and services. The policy was adopted at the 28 January Ordinary Council Meeting and will allow Council to gradually introduce healthier options, in line with the Victorian Government's 'traffic light' classification system.

The policy will make it easier for local community groups, sporting clubs and businesses to provide visitors with healthier options when using Council-owned or managed facilities. This policy is not about removing junk food from the shelves or telling people what they should eat or do. Rather, Healthy Choices is exactly that — providing people the choice of selecting a treat or a fresher option containing more nutritional benefits. When it comes to Council-operated services and facilities, I believe we have a responsibility to provide this kind of variety and I am proud we have taken this initiative on. To view the Healthy Choices Policy visit: frankston.vic.gov.au/Policies



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Ensuring good governance

Undeniably there are four pillars of good governance — transparency, accountability, stewardship and integrity — and although there is no single model for how good governance looks in practice it is the responsibility of each Council to determine an approach that enables the effective monitoring of operations and the ability to govern.

CEO, Phil Cantillon, has pledged his commitment to strengthening governance functions across the organisation, which is a crucial first step to improving community confidence in decision making and ensuring that responsibility is taken where errors are made. Taking responsibility and being accountable, includes an acknowledgement of errors, rather than a justification for the error having occurred.

Recent Council meetings have highlighted some shortfalls in Council's governance. In particular, Council debated the adoption of the Green Wedge Management Plan for a second time, following a polarising notice of motion, which enabled a single Councillor to prevent Council Officers from actioning a properly constituted and adopted resolution of Council for three months. Such a delay in actioning a resolution of Council should not have occurred and processes are being put in place to ensure that it does not occur again.

Justifications for errors, particularly where those errors involve governance, cause confidence in the organisation and process of governance to be eroded, because it can reasonably be expected that such a justification will be the response for all manner of errors and creates the perception that there may be, behind the scenes, all manner of delays or crafty alterations or interpretations occurring.

The shortfalls raised above have been referred to the Audit and Risk Committee for third party review and the findings will be made public, to ensure transparency, accountability and integrity of process. It is also necessary for the organisation to examine cultural norms which have been established over time and may encourage certain practices and behaviours. Time spent at an organisation or in a role is not in of itself an indicator of best practice and this applies to Councillors and Council staff alike. It is encouraging that there is now a focus on governance structures and a commitment from the apex of the organisation to do better.

Having referenced the Green Wedge Management Plan, which serves to protect the urban growth boundary and green wedges across the municipality, it would be remiss of me not to recognise and pay tribute to the effort and commitment of the late Barry Ross, long time Seaford resident who passed away December 2019, in achieving this outcome.



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Community shower helping local homeless

In late December 2019, a permanent community shower service was opened in at the Comfort Station in Frankston's city centre, for those experiencing homelessness. The \$31,028 project was initiated by local not-for-profit organisation, Donation Chain and was made possible by joint funding from Council and the Federal Government. The newly-completed shower service is open on Tuesdays from 12.30pm to 2.30pm. The service will be managed by volunteers; their safety and that of service users will be supported by the city's extensive CCTV network, which is not specific to this project.

I advocated for this project to be partly Council funded and I was thrilled to see this finally come to fruition. I would like to acknowledge the hard work of Donation Chain founder, Helena Blomeley in making this project a reality. This was her passion project and it is her dedication and determination that is providing comfort, dignity and support to people in need across Frankston City. Donation Chain is also supplying basic toiletries and clean towels to those using the service and in desperate need of donations to keep this service up and running. For more information email: donationchain@outlook.com

Container Deposit Scheme to boost recycling

I have been advocating on Council's behalf for many years for the introduction of a Container Deposit Scheme in Victoria, and I was thrilled when the Victorian Government announced in February it would be introducing this service. The reward program, which provides consumers and industry with cash for drink bottles and cans, comes at an important time. We have sadly seen so many recyclables diverted to landfill in the state, since the closure of major recycler SKM Ltd. and, although Frankston City has not been affected directly by their closure, it has meant that we need to start looking and new and innovative ways to manage our waste. While it is not clear how exactly the program will be rolled out across the state I am thrilled that this project has finally been set in motion.

Love Where You Live

It was great to attend the Love Where You Live Frankston South photography exhibition at Frankston South Community and Recreation Centre in early February. Well done to the Frankston South local volunteer working group and group coordinator, Megan Peddle for all their hard work. Thank you to Mayor Sandra Mayer for joining us. The amazing Frankston South photos were on display for a full week and I was blown away — not just by beauty of our amazing city but by the incredible standard produced by an array of local photographers. Well done all.



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Community spirit initiatives

An understanding of local history and a sense of civic pride are extremely important elements amongst the citizenry in any suburb or town. Without either, a locality does not have an identity. This is why we have championed the following:

- \$30,000 to create community building programs, 'Best Streets Award', 'Neighbour Day' and 'Love Where You Live'.
- \$10,000 to fund the 'Faces of Frankston' promotional campaign, showcasing the many amazing individuals who make up our community.
- \$26,000 for a rolling program to update suburban and gateway signage, to welcome residents and visitors to our lifestyle capital.
- \$6,000 to develop a curriculum package, supporting teaching of local history in Frankston City primary schools.
- \$150,000 to move and improve the current 'Hall of Fame' precinct. The current Hall of Fame, located in Kananook Creek Boulevard, is 10 years old and in need of an upgrade. The new monument will take the form of engraved granite paver inlays with feature lighting throughout Clyde Street Mall.

Furthermore, we introduced the Local Heritage Preservation Grant Program, which provides matched funding for remedial works on buildings or areas with important historical value, and the Representative Support Grant, to local athletes seeking to represent both Frankston and Australia on the international stage. For more information on our grants program, visit: frankston.vic.gov.au/CouncilGrants.

Park improvements in Seaford

A number of improvements to parks, reserves and playgrounds in Seaford and surrounds have already been completed by Council over the past few months. This includes upgraded play equipment and play spaces at Seaford North Reserve, a \$500,000 Council investment and Wisewould Reserve, a \$202,000 Council investment, with renovations currently under way at Weatherston Reserve, a \$231,000 Council investment scheduled for completion in June 2020.

These upgrades are about encouraging the local community to engage in a range of recreational activities and providing a diverse range of play experiences for all age groups. Thank you to all residents who reached out to me to request these improvements. Please contact me if you have a reserve or public park in mind that is in need of attention.



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A major new city for Victoria

In the greater Melbourne metropolitan area, of which are part, the catch-cry of state government is we must accommodate more people. We are all told this is vital for economic prosperity. Accordingly, we are also told it is a smarter use of existing infrastructure as well as constraining the undeniably massive cost of endlessly extending urban growth. If arguing these points, it can be challenging, as these claims, in isolation, are valid. However, we do not live in a theoretical vacuum. In the real world, there are other considerations that need to be taken into account with high-rise and increased density development. For example, we are presently seeing rapidly changing urban landscapes, in old, spacious and expensive areas, such as Malvern, Toorak and Glen Iris; where period homes with historic value are being demolished and multi-level apartments are proliferating. Traffic congestion is now totally out of control. In Frankston, too, we are seeing allotments being carved up for dual and multiple occupancy. As a result, large canopy trees are being lost through reduced space. This, in turn, causes localised dependency on air-conditioning as shade is reduced or eliminated. Privacy and space between neighbours is vanishing which can lead to increased disputation as everyone is squeezed into the "sardine tin scenario". The importance of children having a yard to play in is largely lost, leaving roads and public parks as play spaces.

The vital importance of 'connected' and strong communities can also be impacted through increased shift in rental population as opposed to more static ownership. The pressure of spiralling development actively contributes to rocketing property prices which, consequently, leaves more and more people searching and marginalised from any reasonable opportunity to purchase. Homelessness is increasing. If there must be significant population increase, it must not come at the cost of qualities we uphold and value.

How do we resolve this? A major new city could be constructed. Victoria is a huge land mass. The space is there. Planning a new city that is built upon the best modern principals and with the learnings of the 21st century is not an impossibility. To create a healthy, green, energy efficient and affordable metropolis, planned around a sustainable economy and better lifestyle is inevitable. To do otherwise will ultimately come at the price of a hard driven 'cash loaded' economy with huge benefits for some, leaving behind limited choice and reduced liveability for the rest of the community. What sort of legacy will we leave behind us?



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Investing in the future of Frankston North students

I was thrilled to learn last year that the Victorian Government would be investing over \$26 million to support better educational outcomes for students in Frankston North. The new facilities, better connections between stages of learning and integrated support for students, teachers and parents will help to lift the achievements of local primary and secondary students. This project will improve education, health and wellbeing programs for the wider Frankston North community. I look forward to watching this plan come to fruition in the coming 18 months.

New playground replaces level crossing in Seaford

Although the Level Crossing Removal Project (LXRP) has been a cause of some inconvenience to motorists and commuters as a large number of level crossings are removed along the Frankston Line, I encourage everyone to remain patient during these works, as this project will ultimately benefit both commuters and drivers. As a lovely offset to the disruption, LXRP has installed a beautiful new playground between RF Miles Reserve Pavilion and the new Seaford Road rail overpass for the community to enjoy. Council will soon take over ongoing maintenance of the playground. Please head down with the kids and make the most of this wonderful new amenity. Please note, Eel Race Road Seaford is now permanently closed to vehicles and pedestrian traffic.

A safer crossing for Nepean School students

A number of Nepean School (Seaford) students recently wrote directly to Council and the Victorian Government regarding safety and accessibility issues when crossing the road at Lorna Street and further along at the Klauer Street signalised pedestrian crossing. Council witnessed first-hand some of the issues students experience when crossing these areas, including wheelchairs becoming stuck on the footpath curb, light sequencing not allowing sufficient time for those with accessibility restrictions to cross and vehicles turning before pedestrians have safely finished crossing.

Minister for Roads and Road Safety, the Hon Jaala Pulford MP, announced in December the Victorian Government would be installing new pedestrian safety technology known as 'Puffin' at the signalised crossing. The new sensors determine when a crossing is clear, adjusting traffic light changes as needed to ensure pedestrians have the time they need to make it across safely.

Council also committed to rectifying the footpath ramp on Lorna Street, to ensure wheelchairs can safely move without obstruction. These important upgrades are supporting students with disabilities to access education and investigations into other locations requiring similar rectification works are also now underway.



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Invest Frankston

Meet our 2020 Business Grant recipients

The Invest Frankston Business Grants Program is supporting seven local businesses to achieve their goals in 2020. Frankston City Mayor, Cr Sandra Mayer, met with the successful business owners earlier this month.

“Since applications opened in August, it has been so inspiring to hear from businesses across the city about their aspirations for the future,” Cr Mayer said. “It was great to meet this year’s recipients and I’m so proud that Council has been

able to support them to make their dreams a reality.”

Cr Mayer said the community benefits of the program were far reaching. “The business grants benefit our local economy through creating jobs and ensure our businesses are right up there with the best in their field.”

“Whether businesses are starting out, expanding, renovating, hiring or buying new equipment, we know these grants will make a huge difference.”



2020 Business Grant recipients with Mayor, Cr Sandra Mayer

Since it began in 2012, the annual program has awarded grants to 33 businesses which have gone on to support the creation of more than 600 jobs and contribute more than \$212 million to the local economy. This year’s recipients are expected to

support the creation of 72 additional jobs, and contribute a further \$15.6 million. To find out more about Council’s grant programs visit: frankston.vic.gov.au/BusinessGrants

Frankston City Council Business Grant recipients 2019-2020

Concept Fibres

Boat builders and composite manufacturers
\$20,000

Breathe Hair

Sustainable hairdressing salon
\$25,000

Vero Pasta

Italian restaurant
\$20,000

The Hop Shop

Craft beer and food business (opening this year)
\$15,000

Extreme Labs

New business incubator
\$15,000

Burst Graphics

Branding agency
\$15,000

Down The Street Café

Café
\$10,000



Dining investments reinvigorate local neighbourhood precincts

New restaurants and dining precincts are reinvigorating Frankston City’s hospitality scene and local neighbourhood precincts. Seaford is fast becoming a beachside dining destination with 38South complementing established businesses, Spanish Bar and Guildford’s Restaurant Café. Mr Frankie, opened last year in

Norman Avenue, Frankston South, which is also home to the popular, Flourish Café.

Two Boys One Beagle and A Coffee Shop recently opened their new garden and outdoor dining area at Frankston’s Kareela Road shopping strip, in time for summer. Why not head down and support your local cafe or restaurant today?

For more information on how Council can support your business, visit: frankston.vic.gov.au/Business or follow Invest Frankston on Facebook and Instagram.

\$160 million Karingal Hub revitalisation coming soon

ISPT, owners of Karingal Hub Shopping Centre, is forging ahead with the Hub’s transformation into a vibrant and lively shopping, dining and entertainment precinct.

The revitalised centre will be home to three full-line supermarkets, including a new Coles and Aldi alongside a fully refurbished Woolworths and a market-style fresh food precinct.

The centrepiece of the redevelopment will be a new town square, offering exciting new dining and entertainment experiences, anchored by Village Cinemas.

The \$160 million project is anticipated to create approximately 220 construction jobs and be completed in stages over 18 months, allowing retailers to continue to trade. Once completed it will also result in the creation of 300 full-time and part-time retail positions.



For more information visit: investfrankston.com

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A doggie treat at McClelland Reserve

The upgraded Frankston Dog Obedience Club grounds and dog free roam area at McClelland Reserve are now open. Improvements included levelling of grounds, new grass and two new dog enclosures.

The club celebrated the reopening of the grounds to the public with a Relaunch Day on Saturday 25 January. Frankston Dog Obedience Club President, Kim Dearden said, "The renovation has refreshed and improved the feel of the club, brightening the rooms and rendering them dog-friendly and inviting to all our current and future members.

"A level ground means both dogs and handlers have a safer, more predictable surface to train on, ensuring that we can concentrate on the training taking place.

"The club can now consider hosting more competitive events, with the hope that all events that are held offsite can come home," Kim said. The club promotes responsible dog ownership running a variety of training classes and meets on Saturdays. New members welcome. For more information on Frankston Dog Obedience Club, visit: fdoc.org.au

Major upgrades at Ballam Park

The Ballam Park South Sports Pavilion has undergone a \$4.81 million overhaul, including \$4.36 million from Council, \$100,000 from Victorian Government, \$300,000 from Australian Government, and \$50,000 from Peninsula Striker Junior Soccer Club.

The grounds are home to the Peninsula Strikers Junior Soccer Club, one of the largest junior soccer clubs in the local area. The new facility provides the club the resources to retain and increase its membership base, with eight unisex change rooms to cater for games on all four soccer pitches, additional female-friendly umpires' rooms, a kitchen/kiosk, additional storage and a first aid room. There is also a large light-filled social space, providing a welcoming

environment for both members and guests. For more information on Peninsula Strikers Junior Football club, visit: peninsulastrikers.com.au Council has also invested \$800,000 to renew the Ballam Park soccer pitch, \$300,000 in new sportsfield lighting and \$80,000 to trial solar lighting in walking trails near the playground. The car park has also recently been upgraded, at an investment of \$150,000.



Local netball scores big

The \$1.29 million Council redevelopment of the four netball courts at Lloyd Park in Langwarrin is now providing a safer and more accessible training space for local clubs.

The completed courts are home to the Langwarrin Netball Club, who contributed \$25,000 to the redevelopment, with Langwarrin Football Netball Club also utilising the facility. The upgrade provides both clubs with a safer environment to play and train and new lighting also increases the time courts can be used – allowing both clubs to expand the programs on offer. Sports Australia also provided \$25,000 to complete the project.

"Both clubs have scored a major win with this redevelopment, but also the wider community. Support for

grassroots sport is integral to ensuring healthy active lifestyles for all junior and senior athletes. Having these facilities accessible to the local public will encourage participation and inclusion within Langwarrin's sporting community," said Langwarrin Netball Club President, Gary Zeuschner.

"Around 2,000 athletes currently use the Lloyd Park netball courts. These upgrades will now pave the way for Langwarrin Netball Club to host tournaments and provide an alternate venue for local schools.

"We look forward to seeing the growth of community sport participation that we are sure will result from this amazing development. It is great to see Council continue to fund projects like this," Gary said.



From left, Langwarrin Netball Club President, Gary Zeuschner, Treasurer, Tania O'Dea, Melbourne Vixens team member, Mwai Kumwenda, Kristy Stanley, Vice President and Secretary, Roni McNamara.

Multi-sport facility boosts female participation

The recently revamped Overport Park Sports Pavilion is now available for local sporting clubs to enjoy.

The pavilion is home to the Frankston Dolphins Junior Football Club, Frankston Dolphins Senior Football Netball Club and Baden Powell Cricket Club. Whilst these clubs have long been supportive of female participation in sport through their various programs, their ability to grow female participation was restricted by their facility.

The new multipurpose facility, a \$4 million Council investment, has four new change rooms and two new umpires' rooms, all with female-friendly amenities. Together with a new kitchen, meeting room/office area and an inviting social space with views of both ovals, the facility provides a more welcoming and inclusive environment for both members and guests.

For more information on these clubs, please contact:

- Frankston Dolphins Junior Football Club, visit: fdjfc.com.au
- Frankston Dolphins Senior Football Netball Club, visit: fdfnc.com.au
- Baden Powell Cricket Club, visit: braves.com.au



Presidents from the three resident clubs and Baden Powell Cricket Club players celebrate the new pavilion.

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Caption

Partnering for a better future

Council's Youth Services Team has partnered with local youth support services, to provide support to vulnerable and severely disengaged young people in Frankston's city centre.

'Project Y', which includes Frankston and Mornington Drug and Alcohol Service, Youth Support and Advocacy Service, Whitelion, Living the Dream Foundation and other local youth support agencies, is focused on providing pathways to education, training, healthcare and other urgently needed support to 12–25 year olds.

Council Youth Programs Team Leader, Ilya Grin, says Project Y's approach is

a simple one — to build relationships. "We are talking about teenagers or young adults, often born into extremely difficult circumstances that are completely out of their control. As a result, they may have dropped out of school, become unemployed and/or have no safe place to sleep at night. This often leads to them spending a lot of their time hanging out in the city centre, where they are able to have a sense of family and belonging through their friendship groups.

"Once we identify where in the city centre these young people are spending most of their time, members

of Project Y simply make ourselves available to them. This might be for a cuppa, a chat and, over time, letting them know what programs and services are available to them," Ilya said.

"There will be the 'quick wins' and then sometimes more complex cases involving mental health issues or substance abuse — or both. These cases just need a more patient and sensitive approach."

Project Y, which also includes Victoria Police and Bayside Centre representatives, works to break down longstanding barriers between disengaged young people and

authority figures.

"Importantly, this whole project is about providing youth with positive connections to their local community, wraparound support and guidance towards a path that will help them to fulfil their potential. I have met so many amazing and talented young people, who have so much to contribute but just haven't had the chance or lack the confidence to try," Ilya says. For more information on Project Y, visit: frankston.vic.gov.au/Youth

SCHOOL HOLIDAY FUN IN FRANKSTON CITY

There is plenty for the kids to see and do right on their doorstep these school holidays. For April school holiday ideas and inspiration, visit: frankston.vic.gov.au/SchoolHolidays



Congratulations to our Youth Council for 2020

We welcomed our 15 new members in February and look forward to working together to advocate for Frankston City youth. Visit: frankston.vic.gov.au/YouthCouncil

