

Frankston City News

September–October 2020

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Working as one to combat COVID-19 in Frankston City

Every day key health and government organisations are working together and sharing skills and resources to keep Frankston City safe from COVID-19.

“I’ve attended meetings with key agencies including Peninsula Health, DHHS and the Hospital Networks Group, and the information sharing and collaboration has been exceptional,” said Council CEO Phil Cantillon.

In a recent ABC article Mr Cantillon commended Peninsula Health, saying staff should be applauded for their commitment to keeping local residents informed.

Following confirmation in late August that the majority of health services at Frankston Hospital had resumed, Peninsula Health CEO, Felicity Topp, reassured the community that the hospital was safe.

“Frankston Hospital is here to serve our local community, and I am pleased to say our services are fully operational and our people are back at work,” Ms Topp said.

“I want to assure our community that our entire health service is safe for everyone to visit. We have put many measures in place to ensure that we have a safe environment across all of our services, including our staff being

asymptomatically tested regularly for COVID-19.”

“Anyone requiring urgent treatment should visit the Emergency Department at Frankston or Rosebud Hospitals, or dial triple 000.”

Meanwhile, Council continues to support Peninsula Health to undertake vital local testing through the provision of community facilities, street signage and information sharing. To date, mobile testing clinics have been conducted at Monterey Reserve in Frankston North, Langwarrin Community Hall and the Carrum Downs Community Pavilion on Wedge Road.

Peninsula Health Chief Operating Officer, Helen Cooper, said Council’s ongoing support was helping locals access COVID-19 testing close to home.

“By setting up mobile screening clinics we are making COVID-19 testing available and more accessible for everyone,” Ms Cooper said.

Council reached out to Victoria’s Chief Health Officer, Professor Brett Sutton, who has encouraged all Victorians to take advantage of the local screening sites and get tested, even if their symptoms are mild. Continued on page 5.

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Due to the need to maintain the safety of our community and our staff all Council customer service centres are closed until further notice.

For more information on other impacted Council services, visit: frankston.vic.gov.au/Coronavirus

Please note, any images displayed in this edition that do not include a face mask pre-date the Victorian Government mandate effective Thursday 23 July 2020. Certain images were also taken prior to social distancing protocol. Council urges all residents to stay 1.5 metres apart and wear a face mask when not at home.

Hoon driving
1800 333 000 (Crime Stoppers)

Graffiti removal
1800 66 8247 (1800 NO TAGS)

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Council elections

Help choose your community leaders

Local government elections are held every four years in Victoria, and Frankston City Council's next election will be held on Saturday 24 October 2020. Council elections are by postal vote and are conducted by the Victorian Electoral Commission (VEC).

Ballot packs will be distributed between 6 and 8 October to every resident and ratepayer enrolled to vote and will include a replay paid envelope. Please note, ballot packs may not arrive to each member of a household that is entitled to vote on the same day.

For your vote to count, completed ballot papers must have been posted before **6pm Friday 23 October**.

You can also hand deliver your vote to 146 Young Street, Frankston by **6pm Friday 23 October**, pending lifted

restrictions and in line with social distancing protocols.

Keep an eye on Council's website for more information closer to the date.

Voting is compulsory, and you may be fined if you don't vote. To register for a text or email reminder, visit:

vec.vic.gov.au

The Caretaker Period commences at midnight on **Tuesday 22 September** and concludes on **Saturday 24**

October. During this time, Council must comply with certain rules and restrictions that are designed to reduce any perceived advantage by current Councillors over other candidates. Restrictions relate to certain types of decision making, and also restrict the dissemination of materials which highlight the achievements or activities of the current Mayor and Councillors.

Further changes you may notice during caretaker:

- The public's ability to post comments on Council social media posts will be removed
- Certain pages on the website will not be available
- There are no columns from your Councillors in this edition of Frankston City News

Council services are in no way affected and facilities remain open as usual (in line with current restrictions.)

For more information, visit: frankston.vic.gov.au/CouncilElections2020



Message from the CEO

Welcome to the first edition of Frankston City News for spring. Thankfully, stage 4 restrictions have not severely impacted our service delivery, and I want to start by expressing how proud I am of our officers for their resilience and continued commitment to the community during COVID-19.

I recently visited Community Support Frankston (CSF), who as part of our \$6.434 million COVID-19 Relief and Recovery Package received an additional \$300,000 in funding and \$270,000 in staff redeployment to enable them to respond to the heightened demand for service as a result of COVID-19.

The Team told me that in July, 3,565 food vouchers were issued, along with 480 instances of other community support. In August, they also distributed more than \$95,000 in financial and in-kind support, compared to \$47,000 in July 2019 — and that's just the tip of the iceberg. Thank you to CSF and the other

service providers who are working overtime to help care for our community.

In early September we distributed our annual rate notices, however we know that the current environment has impacted some ratepayer's ability to meet their payment commitments. To assist we've developed a range of support options including rate waivers and arrangements to pay, so if you're experiencing genuine hardship visit our website or give us a call to see how we can help.

To date, more than 800 residents have successfully applied for a \$200 rate waiver, and we've forgone more than \$440,000 in income through the freezing of unpaid penalty interest alone. On top of this, we've awarded close to \$200,000 in grants to support local businesses, community groups, individuals and sporting clubs to recover from COVID-19.

Council has an obligation to provide essential services to the community and



to build and maintain infrastructure to meet their needs. As we move forward into the financial year you will see the roll out of a significant Capital Works Program worth close to \$60 million dollars to help stimulate our local economy and create local jobs.

Before I go, a reminder that Council elections run in October which are an important part of our democratic process for each new Council term.

All the best and stay safe.

Phil Cantillon
Chief Executive Officer

Community and Business Support Grant Program

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



Individuals



Students



Business



Artists



Community



Sporting Clubs

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local Jaqui O'Leary

Hi neighbour! Checking in on each other during COVID-19

The 'Hi Neighbour' campaign launched in March, to help members of the community to connect during social distancing. The cards give locals an opportunity to help neighbours by offering to collect and deliver groceries, run urgent errands, share supplies or simply phone for a chat.

Since its inception, over 170 residents have requested cards, which equates to a total of 3,500 cards being distributed. Seaford resident, Jaqui O'Leary said the cards provided a safe way to support members of her community.

"It gives me peace of mind knowing I have reached out and my neighbours know they can ask me for help if they need it.

"One of my neighbours extended their gratitude for the card and the offer of support. I let them know I had left a bocce set in our communal area, extended the offer for them to use it anytime and said I looked forward to playing with them when restrictions were lifted."

"Any little act of kindness and support can make the world of difference. We can get through this together if we build stronger community connections and have positive support networks around us," said Community Development Officer, Megan Peddle.

To download a copy of the Hi Neighbour card or to place an order, visit: frankston.vic.gov.au/FTLOF and click on Community. Or use the below cut out.

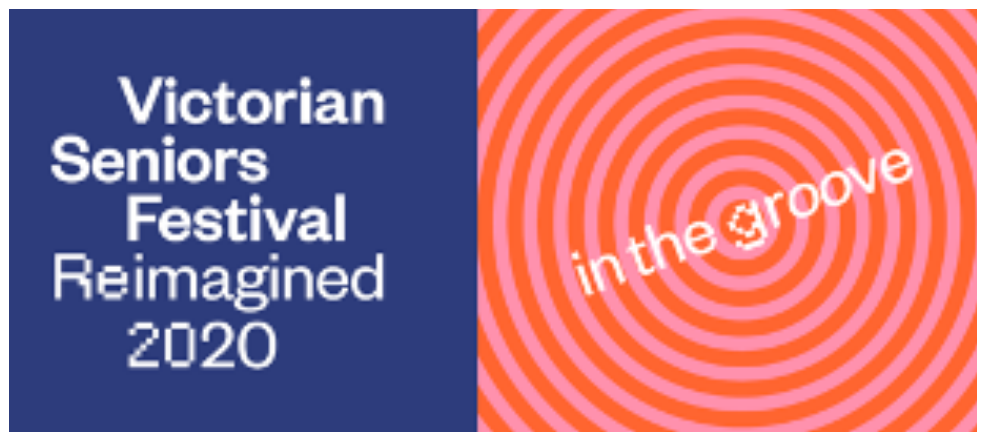
Where do you see Frankston City in 20 years?

Council is developing a Community Vision to capture the community's priorities and aspirations for the future of Frankston City.

Once developed, the Vision will form part of Council's strategic planning framework, ensuring that the community's future vision is considered in Council's strategic planning and decision making. Over the past several weeks Council has been hearing from a broad range of people who either live, work, study or visit Frankston City. Activities recently completed include a survey, online workshops, a digital ideas wall and a children's activity.

More opportunities to get involved will be coming up soon, and will include an invitation to all residents to register their interest in being considered for a Community Panel whose task will be to review the community's feedback and make recommendations to Council. The final Community Vision is expected to be announced in June 2021.

For more information about the Community Vision 2040 and the next stage of community consultation visit: frankston.vic.gov.au/CommunityVision2040 and follow Council's Facebook page for the latest updates.



Video Broadcasts

Until 31 October there are four new video broadcasts uploaded weekly to enjoy on Seniors Online
 Visit: seniorsonline.vic.gov.au/festivalandawards

Broadcasts are available with captions and feature performers and presenters who would normally be part of public festival events. They run for 5 to 10 minutes and are hosted by Bec Reid and Tristan Meecham.

Hi neighbour,

Need a hand during this time? I can help!

My name is: _____

I live at: _____

My phone/email is: _____

If you are self isolating, call or message me and I will do my best to help.

<input type="radio"/> Pick up or drop off groceries	<input type="radio"/> Call you for a chat
<input type="radio"/> Run urgent errands	<input type="radio"/> Share extra supplies
<input type="radio"/> Walk your dog	<input type="radio"/> Other _____

Our community



Peter Lewis



Gary Zeuschner



Melissa Burgess



Tanya Thomas



Gina Poulos, founder of Theodora's Cheerful Givers



Helena Blomeley

Introducing your 2020 Volunteers of the Year

Congratulations to the six recipients of this year's Impact Volunteering Volunteer of the Year Awards. The awards celebrate and recognise the valuable contribution of our volunteers, who give so much of their own time and resources to our community.

"I think the spotlight has really been on volunteers this year and how vital their work is to keeping our community ticking over, especially during times of crisis," said Impact

Volunteering Coordinator, Sue Dunn.

Volunteer winners were announced across five categories, as well as a worthy community organisation who received \$1,000 to help continue their work.

Categories and recipients include:

Initiative

Helena Blomeley, Donation Chain

Innovation

Tanya Thomas, local volunteer

Leadership

Gary Zeuschner, Langwarrin Netball Club

Service

Peter Lewis, Community Support Frankston

Teamwork

Melissa Burgess, Frankston North Community Centre

The outstanding organisation receiving the \$1,000 prize is **Theodora's Cheerful Givers**, who

provide a food bank to those in need.

All nominees have made significant contributions to Frankston City through their tireless work. Many quality nominations were received, showcasing the dedication of our community volunteers through these unprecedented and difficult times.

Thank you to all volunteers and organisations for everything you do for our community.

For more information, visit: impactvolunteering.org.au

Happy 100th birthday Peggy Tucker

Carrum Downs resident, Peggy Tucker brings joy to everyone she meets and last month, when Peggy turned 100, the community returned the favour.

Peggy said she was inundated with calls, cards, flowers and messages on her special day.

"I got letters from the Queen, the Governor General and his wife, the Prime Minister, senators, MPs and the Mayor, and I was even made a life member at my club down at the Lyrebird Community Centre."

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, Peggy from everyone in Frankston City.



SNAP SEND SOLVE

The easy and efficient way to notify local councils, utilities or other authorities of issues that need addressing in your community.

To report illegal motorcycle/monkey bike riding and hoon driving, or if you have information you believe may help solve a crime phone:

Crime Stoppers: 1800 333 000 In an emergency, phone: 000

For more information, including FAQs, visit: snapsendsolve.com or follow @snapsendsolve on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter



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Helping our little learners through COVID-19

Early learning and childcare workers are some of the pandemic's unsung heroes, continuing to provide care, support and consistency to our youngest residents.

Early learning centres across Frankston City, including Council-run Mahogany Rise Child and Family Centre, have helped essential workers to continue providing vital services to the community.

Staff from Mahogany Rise are among those to be commended for their outstanding response to the constantly changing early years' environment.

"The staff has shown strength in their ability to be flexible and versatile, to continue to deliver a safe and high quality education and care program to families," said Mahogany Rise Team Leader, Debra Everitt.

Staff are also maintaining phone contact and providing remote learning opportunities with families not currently attending the centre.

Similarly Council's Supported Playgroups and New Parent Groups, which moved online in March, have continued to innovate and provide support for local families of young children, who are especially vulnerable during ongoing restrictions.

One mum who has been a regular to the new Supported Playgroups Facebook page said, "Whether it's a story, songs or activities my 3-year-old daughter is excited to see familiar faces and loves to participate by singing or dancing. Most importantly it's helped us keep a routine and given us things to look forward to. It's helped vastly to keep things a bit more 'normal'."

For information on Supported Playgroups contact Council's Playgroup Development Officer. Phone: 9293 7156 or email: playgroups@frankston.vic.gov.au

To enrol in a 2021 kinder program visit: frankston.vic.gov.au/kinder

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"Don't take this disease lightly. If you feel unwell with any symptoms of coronavirus, however mild, you should get tested.

"If you have any fever, chills, cough, sore throat, shortness of breath, runny nose, and loss of sense of smell or taste - get tested and stay at home until you get the result," Professor Sutton said.

Council is also working with DHHS and Peninsula Health on engagement programs at rooming houses and other local sites where people might be vulnerable to COVID-19 and its impacts.

The purpose of the program is to provide ongoing support, health education materials, face masks,

sanitiser and referrals to assist residents in addressing any other health and wellbeing concerns.

Council's role in this important program includes providing officers, resources and contacts to support Peninsula Health's onsite operations.

Mr Cantillon thanked Peninsula Health and DHHS for their important contributions to protecting and supporting Frankston City residents throughout the pandemic.

"Our community should rest assured, we will continue to keep them safe by working closely with our partners at Peninsula Health and DHHS, on city-wide COVID-19 prevention and response strategies."

Visit: dhhs.vic.gov.au

Comfort food continues to deliver

Council's Meals on Wheels program has remained a steady and comforting presence in the lives of local residents during COVID-19

The program has continued to deliver nutritious meals to our vulnerable and senior residents, and has even been extended to meet the increase in demand for service. This included the addition of toilet paper deliveries during the early stages of the pandemic, when supermarket stocks ran low.

Between March and June, the Meals on Wheels program delivered 19,193 meals, 117 per cent more than during the same period last year. This includes vital hot meals delivered to Community Support Frankston, to support our community's most vulnerable.

Council Direct Care Worker, Kylie, who was redeployed to the Meals



on Wheels program delivers meals mainly in the Langwarrin area.

"The people we are helping are so grateful to be greeted by a smiling face, and a quick little chat while social distancing certainly brightens their day. To be honest it brightens my day too."

To access Council's Meals on Wheels service phone: 1300 322 322 or email: intake@frankston.vic.gov.au

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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.

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



Back in Iso with Frankston youth workers

Join one of Frankston Youth Services' many online activities for 12-24 year olds.

Stay entertained, connected and stress free during COVID-19, with plenty of activities to enjoy from the safety and comfort of home.

Activities include: online cooking tutorials, games, competitions and workshops, study support and help accessing employment, education and other key services.

For more info follow @FrankstonYouthService on Facebook and Instagram or phone: 9768 1366

Skaters and scooters rejoice at Sandfield Reserve

In July we celebrated the completion of the skate park upgrade at Sandfield Reserve in Carrum Downs, following extensive lobbying from students and families.

Young locals have already enjoyed the new ramps, which were made possible thanks to a \$200,000 contribution from the Victorian Government and a \$40,000 contribution from Council.

Local BMX rider Storm Ashby said the changes have resulted in “more flow”, allowing users to go higher and faster,

which he describes as “way better”.

While the skate park ramps are complete, works continue to install new seating, shelter and a drinking fountain which is expected completed later this year. The park's new design was done in consultation with local youth.

At time of printing skate parks were closed in line with Victorian Government Stage 4 restrictions.

Visit: dhhs.gov.au for the latest updates.



Frankston City Council CEO, Phil Cantillon with the Council's Youth Services team

#Housingsolveshomelessness
#13Councils2Mpeople2endhomelessness

Victoria has a homelessness and housing affordability crisis

A Housing First approach delivering affordable homes, specifically social housing, is required across all tiers of government and partners to solve homelessness.

monash.vic.gov.au/homelessness

Improving our open spaces

From our beautiful beaches to our small local parks, open spaces are more important than ever right now for maintaining our mental and physical health. Council is currently planning for our future by drafting various open space and play space related plans.

Residents have provided feedback on a broad range of themes from trees and greening to footpaths, bicycle access, safety and inclusive play, and we will use that feedback to develop the plans which will be shared with the community over the coming months.

Witternberg Reserve

We heard all your ideas, challenges and opportunities for this space and created a draft masterplan, now being finalised, to guide the future changes and initiatives. The improvements aim to create a safe, green and welcoming reserve that will support a range of activities and produce positive biodiversity outcomes.

Local Park Action Plan

We have utilised community ideas and specialist advice to draft the Local Park Action Plan. The plan looks

at how we can create better local parks that are welcoming, healthy and sustainable spaces for our local areas. Public exhibition of the plan is scheduled for November 2020.

Frankston City Play Strategy

Thank you to everyone who provided feedback to help inform the development of a draft Play Strategy, which will be presented to the community for comment later this year. To inform the strategy's development we undertook a survey, social media activity and consulted with a broad range of community groups and committees. We were thrilled with the high quality of responses we received and look forward to delivering enhanced community-focused play outcomes in the future. Keep an eye on social media channels updates. To learn more about local open spaces visit: frankston.vic.gov.au/ParksandReserves



Foreshore parking permits: Apply now

Permits allow residential ratepayers and tenants to park for free at Frankston and Seaford foreshores. Permits are valid until **September 2023**. Current foreshore parking permits expire in **September 2020**. To learn more and apply online visit: frankston.vic.gov.au/ForeshoreParkingPermits



Growing female sport in Carrum Downs

Len Phelps Pavilion has been transformed, with new female-friendly change rooms, amenities and social spaces that will allow for participation growth in football, cricket and netball, particularly for young girls and women.

The redeveloped pavilion is thanks to a \$610,000 investment from Council and the Victorian Government, and forms part of the Carrum Downs Recreation Reserve Project.

Overall, this project represents a \$6 million investment by all levels of government including Council and the Victorian and Australian governments.

The recent works complement the new pavilion and synthetic soccer field, and create a precinct that offers premier sport and recreation opportunities for the rapidly growing Carrum Downs community.

For more major project updates see page 10.

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Contactless coffee at a café near you

While the COVID-19 pandemic has put a stop to a number of things, waste-free coffee from your local coffee shop needn't be one of them.

Cafes can choose whether or not to accept a customer's clean reusable cup for takeaway coffee. This is a business decision.

Some cafes will make you a coffee in your reusable cup without touching it in any way using the below contactless method:

1. Pour coffee shot into

in-house vessel

2. Have the customer set the cup on the counter
3. Pour the shot into the cup without touching it
4. Have the customer place their own lid on the cup

Does your local café know about contactless coffee?

For more information, visit: responsiblecafes.org/contactless-coffee

Backyard bird count is back

The Aussie Backyard Bird Count is returning from 19–25 October, encouraging thousands of bird-loving Australians to take part in the national survey. It's fun, FREE and easy and can be completed from your own home.

All you need to do is spend 20 minutes in your front, backyard or balcony and report all birds seen during this time on the Aussie Bird Count app. There is a Field Guide/Bird Finder built into the app and on the website to help you identify birds. When looking at the bird try to note its size, shape and colour.

The data collected creates a real-time snapshot of bird populations and assists Council and BirdLife Australia in understanding more about the birds that live where people live. Last

year 232 residents participated in the survey, which recorded 9,565 individual birds containing 126 different species.

For more information or to get involved, visit: aussiebirdcount.org



Gardens for Wildlife

Gardens for Wildlife is a FREE program to support more wildlife-friendly and environmentally sustainable gardening practices. The program provides simple, practical advice to help you create the perfect habitat in your garden. The Council-run program is supported by our wonderful garden guide volunteers.

Upcoming webinars include:

Inviting Small Birds to your Garden

Wednesday 28 October, 7pm

Having small birds visit our backyards is becoming less common but there are changes we can make to encourage them back. Hear about some of the challenges small birds face in the urban environment and what you can do to make them more at home.

Food Fibre and Medicine Plants

Tuesday 10 November, 10am

Before European settlement the Australian bush provided the first nations people all the Food Fibre and Medicine needed to thrive in this unique country. This webinar will introduce gardeners to some of the plants used by Indigenous Australians and inspire you to grow some of them in your garden.

Wildlife Gardens of Frankston

Saturday 5 December, 10am

Residents are invited to send in photos or a short video of your wildlife garden and we will spend some time sharing and discussing habitat elements of your gardens.

To get involved, visit: frankston.vic.gov.au/GardensforWildlife



Reducing waste during the pandemic

As people endeavour to protect themselves against COVID-19, you may have noticed a rise in all things disposable. Unfortunately, this has also resulted in more waste.

To keep your waste to a minimum, consider the following:

- Use reusable/refillable items that you can use, clean and use again repeatedly instead of disposable items
- Choose package free fruit and vegetables
- Repair rather than replace
- Get creative and make new things

from old, e.g. old gift cards and wrapping paper can be used to make new gift cards, unwanted pillow cases and linen can be used to make face masks. Visit: dhhs.vic.gov.au

- Compost your food scraps or place them in your food and garden waste bin (the one with the lime green lid) for collection
- Plan meals, shop with a list (and sticking to it), ensure your food is stored correctly and make new meals from leftovers.

For more tips to reduce waste, visit frankston.vic.gov.au

Recycling: What's in and what's out?

Recycling makes us feel good because we know it is the right thing to do. However, when we put the wrong thing in the recycling bin, the bin is considered contaminated.

Contamination makes the bin collection service more expensive, compromises the sorting of materials and poses a risk to the workers involved in this sorting. Contamination can therefore result in recyclable items being sent to landfill.

For more information about recycling, visit: frankston.vic.gov.au/WasteandRecycling

See below for what can and can't go in your recycling bin at home.

✓ These items go in your recycling bin:

	Glass bottles and jars		Steel and aluminium cans, aerosol cans, foil and trays
	Plastic bottles, containers and trays		Paper and cardboard

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

	NO soft scrunchable plastics		NO bagged items including recyclables		NO food waste
	NO polystyrene		NO clothing or shoes		

Efficient hot water at home: FREE advice for residents

Heating water in your home can use a large amount of energy, depending on the type of hot water system you have. The most common and most energy intensive is the electric hot water tank that uses a heating element to warm up to 315 litres of water, keeping it heated until needed. This system requires continual electricity use and in winter the running costs can really add up. If you have an electric hot water tank and it is 8 to 10 years old or more, now is the time to begin considering which new hot water system may suit you better. When it dies suddenly, you'll need it replaced quickly, so it's good to do your research when you are not in

a rush.

The good news is the Australian Energy Foundation (AEF) has some helpful information on energy efficient hot water services, including a tool to compare solar hot water and heat pumps. The AEF also has general tips on reducing costs of hot water and other home heating needs.

Council has partnered with the AEF to provide local residents with free energy efficiency advice, including a referral service to reliable suppliers who can quote to undertake the works. Call them today or visit their website for your free consultation. For more information visit: aef.com.au or phone: 1300 236 855

Home gardeners take centre stage for National Tree Day 2020

This year we moved the event from a local reserve to residents' backyards, giving away free native plants to anyone who wanted to join in on Sunday 2 August.

We gave away hundreds of plants in the lead up to event and

received wonderful feedback from our community, who were happy they could keep supporting our local environment from the safety of their own home. Here is just some of the comments we received:

"Thank you for the offer to deliver our free plants during these uncertain times. My young boys will love planting them for National Tree Day."

"Thank you very much for the plants, they will be put to good use! Very grateful for the drop off too :)"

"I'm pleasantly surprised to hear you will be delivering them - very unexpected!. Thank you in advance - we look forward to our plans arriving in preparation for National Tree Day!"

"Thank you very much for still making National Tree Day happen."

"Thanks so much. It is such a wonderful initiative."

Greening Our Future webinars

A variety of online sessions will replace our usual events in coming months. You can still connect with others through these enjoyable, free sessions and learn interesting, practical tips to make your everyday life as environmentally friendly as you would like it to be.

Session topics include Solar and Batteries, Recycling, Sustainable Gardening, Making Preserves, Modern Cloth Nappies, Waste Free Cooking and more.

We look forward to seeing you at one of these online events soon.

Visit: frankston.vic.gov.au/EnviroEvents



FRANKSTON ARTS CENTRE

2020 program

Bookings: 9784 1060 or thefac.com.au



Theatre

Bringing the arts to you

In response to venue closures in March, the Frankston Arts Centre moved swiftly to curate a digital series for patrons to enjoy from the comfort and safety of home.

Ranging from live streamed music and theatre performances, to virtual art exhibitions and creative participation opportunities, the program continues to bring audiences together despite our physical distancing.

"It was extremely important for us to

stay connected - audiences, the community and artists are the beating heart of the centre and we wanted to keep the energy alive," explains Head of Programming, Tammy Ryan.

Thousands of people have enjoyed FAC's online performances, with many commenting on how good it feels to connect with others via music, even if the audience were all in their own homes. "The arts connect people and creates opportunities for shared

experiences and in a time of crisis that is separating us, these experiences become crucial," Tammy said.

FAC has also released several online creative opportunities since March, including the I Heart Portrait Prize for kids, the Stories at the End of the Line short story call-out resulting in a published anthology and the current LockDown: Short Film Competition. Stay up-to-date with all FAC online entertainment: thefac.com.au

LockDown Short Film Competition

Entries close Sunday 18 October
FREE

First prize is \$2,000 and Highly Commended is \$1,000

Like all documented moments in history, the time we are living through today will leave its mark on us all forever. Frankston Arts Centre is calling for short films that capture the time in our lives we entered or emerged from shutdown and social isolation. Entry is FREE and open to applicants over 16 who live, work or study in Frankston City or demonstrate a strong affiliation with the area.

Shortlisted films to be presented in the multidisciplinary exhibition *This Time, Last Year* at the Frankston Arts Centre in 2021. For more information and details on how to enter, visit: thefac.com.au



Art

School holiday program

Let your imagination run wild these school holidays, visit: thefac.com.au

FAC Invention Factory

Make a Rube Goldberg 'chain reaction' machine!

Saturday 19 September–Sunday 4 October, pay what you can afford.

Ever wanted to build a chain reaction on your own? Those funny machines, where one thing moves the next, transforming boring objects into an exciting domino effect.

We're calling all 'Kid Inventors' to join tinkerer and comedian Jens Alzheimer in his fun online videos and workshops, where he will reveal all his tips and tricks.

Visit: thefac.com.au

What's On at Frankston City Libraries



Homeschool help for your family

Students from Years 3–12 and university can access online support from a network of highly qualified subject specialists for FREE help at any time of the day or night.

- **Writing feedback:** Students can upload any writing draft and receive detailed feedback from a real writing specialist that helps

them think about and improve their own work.

- **Connect Live:** Students can ask a question or draw a diagram and get immediate, personalised help via live chat with a qualified subject specialist, across all core subjects.
- **Practice quizzes:** Online quizzes and printable worksheets in English, maths, chemistry, physics, biology and more. There are more than 750 practice tests available, just choose your year level and/or subjects.
- **Jobseeker help:** Studiosity will also support you with job seeking. If you have a job you'd like to apply for, send a tutor the job advertisement, your resume and your cover letter and the tutors will help you tailor your application to be the stand-out candidate.

Not a member of the library? Join for free online now for immediate access to Studiosity or phone: 9784 1020

Spring into school holidays

Visit the library website for information and bookings for our virtual school holiday program. There's something for everyone!

FrankTALK with Keith Banks

Thursday 8 October at 6pm via Zoom, FREE but bookings essential

Drugs, Guns and Lies: Keith Banks tells his raw and honest story of what it was like to be an undercover police officer when Queensland had the most corrupt police force in the country.

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



Artist impression

A level up for Lloyd Park

The sporting pavilion located at Lloyd Park Recreation Reserve in Langwarrin will receive a \$6.488 million upgrade thanks to Council and Australian Government.

Home to Langwarrin Football and Netball Club, Langwarrin Junior Football Club and Langwarrin Cricket Club, the new two-storey pavilion will replace the almost 50 year old building to enable these popular clubs to continue growing and offering even more sporting opportunities.

Boasting sweeping views of the main oval (oval 1) and across to ovals 2 and 3, the upgrade at Lloyd Park will include new car parking, extended pavement for pedestrians and the

demolition and rebuild of a new pavilion. The new pavilion will feature new umpires rooms, public toilets, four change rooms with amenities for men and women, canteen and more.

Project funding includes \$3 million from the Australian Government and a more than \$3.488 million from Council. Concept designs have been completed following extensive consultation with all key stakeholders, with works to commence in 2021 for expected completion in mid-2023.

For more information and project updates, visit: frankston.vic.gov.au/LloydPark

RF Miles Recreation Reserve redevelopment

Works to redevelop RF Miles Recreation Reserve following the removal of Seaford Road level crossing are well underway, with an expected completion date of mid-2021.

Already, while ensuring compliance with COVID-19 restrictions, the construction crew has demolished the old pavilion, built new retaining walls and poured concrete footings for the new pavilion. Works have also commenced on levelling the new oval, cricket nets and netball areas.

The \$9.147 million redevelopment of

RF Miles Recreation Reserve, funded by Council, Victorian and Federal Governments, will include:

- A new two-storey pavilion with female-friendly facilities
- Larger oval to meet AFL standards, a new netball court and new cricket nets
- Car parking, shared user paths and landscaping
- New oval lighting, scoreboard and coaches box

For more information and project updates, visit: frankston.vic.gov.au/RFMilesRedevelopment



The upgraded RF Miles Recreation Reserve is taking shape

Seaford Football Netball Club President Dale O'Neil said: "The club is very excited for the brand new pavilion and oval to be built. To have the availability for netball to train and play from the venue is something we couldn't imagine happening without the assistance from the Council, State and Federal Governments."

Seaford Football Club Women's Team President, Sheridan Howe said, "...we have seen a growing number of women wanting to play at our destination club. I am looking forward to having female-friendly facilities at our home ground and can't wait for the redevelopment to be finished."

Centenary Park tennis facility upgrade

Tennis lovers will undoubtedly agree the new facilities at Centenary Park in Langwarrin are looking 'ace' following a \$4.2 million refurbishment by Council.

Set for completion in August-September (weather dependent), refurbishment works include:

- 13 hard surface courts with lighting and fencing
- Upgrade of existing pavilion featuring open social space, 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 Disability Discrimination Act 1995 compliance requirements
- Landscape works including retaining walls, gardening, footpaths as well as drainage and service upgrades

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



Upgraded courts at Frankston East Tennis

Supporting local trades

While construction on many projects across the state slowed following tighter COVID-19 restrictions, the redevelopment of RF Miles Recreation Reserve continues to support local trades, services and products.

The more than \$9 million project not only benefits local residents through increased opportunity in sport and recreation activities, construction is utilising a large number of local and regional content and trades such as:

- Hydraulics from two Seaford businesses

- Turf supply from a Carrum Downs business
- Concreting from a Seaford business, whose Director lives within walking distance of the site
- Electrical supplied from a Carrum Downs business
- Irrigation from a Mornington business

Council recognises the importance of supporting our local economy and will continue to do so through the delivery of a \$59 million capital works program in 2020-2021.

Invest Frankston

Bringing business leaders to your living room:

Our second online Business Leaders Live (BLL) event was held in late July, hosted by Monash University Peninsula Campus featuring scientists Tane Hunter and Angus Hervey from Future Crunch. Future Crunch's mission is to foster intelligent, optimistic thinking about the future, encouraging businesses to be flexible in a changing environment while minimising their environmental footprint.

This follows the launch BLL event in June, featuring Bernard Salt one of Australia's leading business and media commentators and Victorian

CEO of the Urban Development Institute of Australia, Danni Hunter. The BLL events have proven popular, with almost 2,000 views.

Council's Invest Frankston team hosts regular BLL events, so keep an eye on the website for upcoming sessions. Visit: frankston.vic.gov.au/Business All previous BLL events are also available to view on Facebook @InvestFrankston



Attracting investment to support our city

Council's Invest Frankston team has been working hard behind the scenes to attract new investments and businesses to Frankston City, to help us reach our full potential as the Lifestyle Capital of Victoria — a paramount place to work, live and play. The project has been refocussed and prioritised since COVID-19, to help play a key role in rebuilding and revitalising our city post-pandemic.

We are developing prospectuses for potential investors in three key sectors: corporate, manufacturing and health and medical technology. Each document highlights the city's best features, together with statistics and other key information to help grow these key sectors and ultimately local employment opportunities. Keep an eye on the Council website for more information in the coming weeks. Visit: frankston.vic.gov.au/Business



Fast Business Grants: Apply today

Council is offering up to \$1,500 to help support the ongoing operations of small businesses impacted by COVID-19. There is a total Fast Business Grant funding pool of \$270,000, with applications remaining open until all funding is exhausted.

If your business can demonstrate a significant downturn as a result of the pandemic and can meet specific

guidelines, you can apply for one of 180 fast business grants.

Funding can be allocated for utilities, Council rates, telecommunication charges, insurance payments, professional advice, or other as applied. To see if your business is eligible and to apply, visit: frankston.vic.gov.au/BusinessNews

FREE COVID-19 business signage

Invest Frankston is delivering 'We are open' stickers to businesses still able to operate through restrictions, as well as social distancing signage.

'We're hibernating' and 'Check us out online' stickers are also available.

If you would like stickers or signage delivered to your shop or business (contact free), please direct message @InvestFrankston on Facebook or Instagram or email: business@frankston.vic.gov.au



For more information visit: investfrankston.com



Elite footy coming to Frankston Park

New lighting will allow VFL and AFLW matches to be broadcast from Frankston Park, securing the ground's place as a premium sporting facility. Following community consultation, works to install four new LED light towers at the home of the Frankston Dolphins were completed in September.

Frankston City Council CEO, Phil Cantillon, said the project would 'shine light' on all of the City's attractions. "Being able to broadcast our sporting events is a big win for all of us. As well as showcasing Frankston over the airwaves, the lights will also help attract big games for local sports fans and be of economic benefit to the community.

"When restrictions are lifted, visitors will come to Frankston to see matches and check out our local attractions, shops and restaurants which will aid the economy's recovery," said Phil.

The intensity of the lights can be turned up or down depending on whether training, standard matches or broadcast level games are taking place. The \$2.8 million lighting upgrade was made possible by funding from all three levels of government, with contributions of \$850,000 from the Australian Government, \$650,000 from the Victorian Government and \$1.3 million from Council.

For information on local sport and sporting clubs, visit: frankston.vic.gov.au/SportingClubs

Doing sport differently

Although community sport has been significantly impacted during COVID-19, many sports were able to resume while restrictions were eased in early June. During this time many clubs quickly and creatively adapted to ensure residents could continue enjoying the benefits of local sport.



Head Coach, Andy Scott



Club members enjoying a safe game

Overport Park Tennis Club

Once Overport Tennis Club received the good news they could partially reopen in early June, the club immediately put guidelines in place to allow play to continue.

Changes included closing alternate courts, social play only with no competitions and no guests (members only), staggered session times and no off-court gatherings.

The club, like all local sporting clubs, provides an important community recreational outlet and they were motivated to work hard to adapt to allow members continued access.

President, Bruce Weatherley said, "It was great to see people back on the courts again and our passionate members having a chance to enjoy the sport they love so much."

Visit: overportparktennisclub.com

Frankston Bowling Club

Up until Stage 4 restrictions were implemented in August, members of Frankston Bowling Club has been managing to get their fix of bowls. Limited to practice (roll ups), the friendly community at Frankston's oldest bowls club have been determined to maintain their skills, using the opportunity for healthy exercise, and importantly, interact with fellow members.

Club CEO Craig Williams says the health and wellbeing of members is paramount and the fact that for the main part restrictions have allowed bowls practice, cannot be overstated. The club remains hopeful the Bowls Pennant season will commence later this year along with its popular Barefoot Bowls, which this season will be expanded to include weekends.

Visit: frankston.bowls.com.au

Keep an eye on the Council's social media for more stories about how our local clubs are adapting during COVID-19. Follow: [@FrankstonCity](https://twitter.com/FrankstonCity)

Helping every young person access sport

Council's Inclusion Support Grants are now open to local children up to the age of 18 years, who may need financial assistance to join a local, not-for-profit sports club.

The grant will cover 75 per cent of club fees, up to \$200. Applications will remain open until grant funds are fully expended. Applicants

must hold a healthcare card. The grant is part of the almost \$1 million Community and Business Grant Program, including COVID-19 specific grants. To apply, visit: frankston.vic.gov.au/CouncilGrants

PARC Your Way

Since you can't get to the gym, Peninsula Aquatic Recreation Centre (PARC) has developed the PARC Your Way app, allowing you to exercise anywhere, anytime, any way you like.

The platform allows you to enjoy unlimited access to PARC's full suite of fitness and wellbeing content and videos. Access a library of recorded classes and workouts, plus a full timetable of live streamed exercise

classes each week, hosted by the PARC instructors and Personal Trainers you know and love. Each day PARC shares a live guided workout video with you via the PARC Your Way app. You can elect to join live or watch at your convenience.

Join the PARC Your Way community today, to stay active and connected. Visit: parcyourway.com.au