

# Frankston City News

September–October 2021

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## Mini Frankston City needs you!

### Do you want a better Frankston City?

This October, Council is recruiting residents from all Frankston City Council suburbs to get involved in our expanded community panel, Mini Frankston City. We want to find 500 passionate residents aged 15 and up, to help us shape the future of our area.

Selected panel members will join in our community engagement activities and, importantly, will truly reflect the diversity of our region, so that we can accurately capture residents' needs and views. Your contribution will help us to look after our city, our people and our community.

Senior Coordinator Community Engagement, Heather Hutchinson said, "Community engagement is a powerful tool to guide Councillors and Council departments in their work and Mini Frankston City will have a direct line to Council's key decision makers, to share their ideas and feedback. This is such a unique opportunity to truly make a difference to where you live and to positively affect the delivery of Council programs and services across your whole community. I encourage anyone who is passionate about where they live to come and join us."

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Hope, from Frankston Baseball Club is looking forward to a \$370,000 lighting upgrade at Robinsons Reserve, Frankston South. See page 19.

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Monday to Friday,  
8.30am–5pm

### Seaford Customer Service Centre

Seaford Community Centre,  
corner of Station Street and  
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Monday to Friday, 9am–5pm  
Saturday 9am–12pm

### Langwarrin Customer Service Centre

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Langwarrin  
Monday to Friday, 9am–5pm  
Saturday 9am–12pm

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203 Lyrebird Drive, Carrum  
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### Visitor Information Centre

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Open 7 days, 10am–4pm  
Phone: 1300 322 842

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\*Our Customer Service Centres and Visitor Information Centre are currently closed.

# Mayor's message

## Our new Council finds its groove

Frankston City welcomed an almost entirely new Council at the end of last year and it has been wonderful to be a part of this group, as we establish our new dynamic and role within our community. We are already seeing some great results even at this early stage, as we continue to gain the trust of our community.

An important measure, the annual Community Satisfaction Survey held in May, which is a statutory obligation that every municipality has to undertake each year, recorded an almost 18% increase in overall satisfaction with Frankston City Council's performance for 2021-2022. Average satisfaction with Council services and facilities is also now above the metro average. This result is not only remarkable given it was conducted in the midst of the COVID pandemic; it is also remarkable given Council elected to 'roll the dice' and double the sample size for this year's survey. These results were further strengthened with recent benchmarking showing that positive feedback for Council services has increased by a massive 88% since 2016. This dramatic improvement was recently reinforced by the fact that Frankston City Council won the 'Victorian Customer Impact Award' at the recent LGPro Customer Experience Conference. These outstanding results represent the largest increase in community satisfaction towards Frankston City Council in over ten years, which is something both Councillors and staff should be extremely proud of.

Other recently noteworthy quantitative results in 2020–2021 include:

- Closed Council decisions fell to 9% compared with 28% in 2018-2019.
- Presently we are tracking around 94% of Council business being conducted in public, which demonstrates more transparent decision making for the community.
- External income increased 3% on the previous year and we have also seen an impressive 33% increase in grant funding during the same period. We received roughly \$21.4 million in State and Federal funding in the last year. Given how competitive and integral funding success is in this period of global volatility, this alone is a fantastic result.
- We delivered 91.5% of planned infrastructure projects, compared with 61.8% in 2016–2017.
- 76% of planning permits were approved within 90 days, compared with 58% in 2016–2017.
- We have almost doubled the number of positive stories about Frankston City released to the media.

As wonderful as these results are, it is equally important Council continues to build upon this moving into 2022-2023 and beyond. Your Council commits to do just that.

## COVID Recovery Package focuses on the future

Our \$3.86 COVID Recovery Package announced in early July is an adaptation of our COVID Relief and Recovery Package, introduced early in the pandemic. As the pandemic has



progressed, the supports we are providing are also changing, with less of a focus on disaster relief and more on providing the skills and support our community needs to rebuild in the coming months and years.

The 2021–2022 funding boost brings Council's total COVID support to date to \$9.128m. This funding has, and will continue to provide, critical assistance such as community and business grants, job creation strategies, urgent community care for community organisations to support our most vulnerable, mental health support, fee relief for residents, community groups and businesses, funding for a major tourism campaign to entice local tourism to Frankston, the continuation of a scholarship program to assist vocational and tertiary students, the creation of an independent business chamber network to help upskill local businesses and industries, and more! For more information on the many initiatives to get our community through this pandemic, visit: [frankston.vic.gov.au/COVID](http://frankston.vic.gov.au/COVID)

**Cr Kris Bolam, Mayor**

# Message from the CEO

## As many of you would have heard, the state marked its 200th day in lockdown back in August.

I think we can all agree this wasn't a milestone we were hoping or wanting to reach this year. Many of you will have strategies to help you through restrictions but it can sometimes be hard to maintain momentum or to think of new ideas to shake up our routines. This is where Council has stepped in to help. We have been running many activities across our different areas these past few weeks and months, to help our community to fill the days — both in and out of lockdown. Council's COVID safe activities included, for the kids, Frankston Arts Centre's KidsFest Competition for children aged 4-12 years and Frankston Libraries online Storytime sessions. Kids also need to be kept active and the reopening of playgrounds was a relief for many parents. We have a list of all our outdoor spaces, including playgrounds, on our website, visit:

[frankston.vic.gov.au/Parksand/playgrounds](http://frankston.vic.gov.au/Parksand/playgrounds) Lockdown has also been hard on teenagers. Our Youth Services team is delivering some amazing online supports, including the Online Youth Hangouts — a safe and inclusive space for social connection, while participating in fun and engaging activities. Our libraries are also offering resources for teenagers and young adults, including 24/7 online student support, language tutorials, free access to family history research tools and digital magazines. Visit: [libraries.frankston.gov.au](http://libraries.frankston.gov.au)

For those who are struggling with the effects of the pandemic, Council's Community Recovery Call Centre is here to help residents navigate through the Council and external supports on offer. We can help with referral pathways for external services and we also regularly check in on our most vulnerable and isolated residents. The team is currently conducting welfare checks on over 800 members of the



community, to ensure they are supported through the lockdown period. Our Job Advocates are also available to offer practical support to job seekers, people seeking a career change, or advice on training pathways. The Job Advocates Program is not an employment service but can address some of the barriers to training and employment that may be preventing you from finding work. The team conduct online sessions daily, so please reach out if you or someone you know needs a helping hand. Phone: **9768 1387**, email: [CommunityRecovery@frankston.vic.gov.au](mailto:CommunityRecovery@frankston.vic.gov.au) and [Job.Advocates@frankston.vic.gov.au](mailto:Job.Advocates@frankston.vic.gov.au)

**Phil Cantillon, Chief Executive Officer**

## #FrankstonCity



Mayor Kris Bolam and the State Member for Frankston, Paul Edbrooke MP, at Frankston Pier, which will feature eye catching lighting thanks to the Suburban Revitalisation program.

# Suburban Revitalisation program delivers big wins for Frankston City

## Council has secured State Government funding to deliver a range of diverse and exciting projects to revitalise some of Frankston's much loved and used locations.

Mayor Kris Bolam said the projects – thanks to more than \$2 million funding from the State Government and \$540,000 from Council – will enable revitalisation in the City Centre including:

- New lighting at Frankston Pier to create a safe and welcoming ambience.
- Steibel Lane revitalisation including new art and lighting.
- Nepean Highway revitalisation between Beach St and Davey St including landscape and lighting median improvements to create a more iconic, memorable and safe gateway experience and extended outdoor dining to support Nepean Highway hospitality and activation.

- Concept designs for a City Park in Young Street on the vacant VicTrack site.
- Improvements to the Baxter trail between Frankston and Monash University to promote active transport and deliver a safe and attractive link including lighting, public art, landscaping and wayfinding.
- Fletcher Road Gateway Revitalisation with greening, lighting and public art.
- Sustainable lighting at various locations including the historic clock tower and trees on Nepean Highway.

Mayor Bolam added that the projects were developed in partnership with the Frankston Suburban Revitalisation Board, chaired by the State Member for Frankston, Paul Edbrooke MP. For more information, visit: [frankston.vic.gov.au](http://frankston.vic.gov.au)



Staff celebrate National Meals on Wheels day in August

## Our community

# Struggling to pay your rates?

**We understand many people have been impacted by COVID.**

To help ratepayers during this difficult time, Council has introduced the Hardship Rates Relief Waiver — a once off \$200 waiver for your upcoming rates instalment.

If you're not eligible for the Hardship Rates Relief Waiver and are unable to pay your Rates on time you can apply for an Arrangement to Pay. For more information, visit: [frankston.vic.gov.au/RatesRelief](http://frankston.vic.gov.au/RatesRelief)



## New 40km speed limit for Nepean Highway

**VicRoads is introducing a safer speed of 40km in the busy Frankston shopping centre strip between Fletcher Road and Plowman Place.**

Council officers and Victoria Police advocated to the Department of Transport for a reduction in the speed limit in Frankston on Nepean Highway. The change was originally proposed however the recent advocacy was also seen as an opportunity to improve the streetscape and character of Nepean Highway, as well as road and community safety. The new limit is expected to be in place from September. Keep an eye on updated speed limit signage in the area. For more information, visit: [vicroads.vic.gov.au](http://vicroads.vic.gov.au)

## Ratepayer Rewards

### Helping support our community

Take advantage of either:

- \$25 off at-call hard waste service
- FREE PARC entry
- \$25 to redeem at the Frankston Arts Centre

Visit: [frankston.vic.gov.au/RatepayerRewards](http://frankston.vic.gov.au/RatepayerRewards) or phone 1300 322 322

\*One voucher per household. Terms and conditions apply.

## Have your say at Engage Frankston!

Council's new community opinion platform, *Engage Frankston!* is now live and ready to receive your feedback. The portal is a one-stop-shop for all community consultations, seamlessly linking to all our engagement activities.

*Engage Frankston!* is a place where our

community can share their ideas and provide feedback on Council issues and projects that matter to you. It is also a resource hub for the City's Community Panel and a collaborative space for residents to interact with Council and each other.

The user-friendly site offers a wide range of

functions to suit our diverse community, including places to share stories, create social maps, complete surveys, review questions and answers, jump into chats and comment on ideas walls. Visit *Engage Frankston!* today, [engage.frankston.vic.gov.au](http://engage.frankston.vic.gov.au)

# Meals on Wheels needs your help

## National Meals on Wheels Day was Wednesday 25 August and what better way to celebrate than by joining the team!

We are looking for Meals on Wheels volunteers to help prepare and deliver meals directly to homes in our community. Our Meals on Wheels

program is a vital service that provides nourishing meals up to seven days a week, to residents who find it physically difficult to cook for themselves. If you would like to help us prepare or deliver meals, we'd love to hear from you. Please contact our Volunteer Officer on **9768 1624**.



## Have you had your COVID jab yet?

Peninsula Health has opened the Frankston Community Vaccination Hub in the heart of Frankston, to help local and surrounding communities receive their COVID-19 vaccinations.

**Located**  
Level 1, Balmoral building, Bayside Centre. Enter at the corner of Shannon and Station Street Malls and take the escalator or lift to Level 1.

**Hours**  
Mon to Wed, Sat to Sun 9:30am – 5:00pm  
Thurs to Fri 11:30am – 7:00pm  
**Bookings**  
Bookings are essential.



## Book your vaccination

To book an appointment at any current vaccine provider

Phone: 1800 675 398

Press 0 for an interpreter

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

Or contact your local GP

For a list of GPs in your area, visit [hotdoc.com.au](http://hotdoc.com.au)

If you have a pre-existing medical condition and/or disability, speak with your GP before making a booking.



Jobs Victoria Advocate Melissa King (right), with program client, Julie Hillebrand

## Melissa's passion for supporting job seekers in Frankston City

Frankston City Jobs Victoria Advocate, Melissa King is living proof that it's never too late to make a career change - and to make a difference in the lives of others.

Melissa started work with Council over 17 years ago, and in that time, she's managed Council community centres, managed volunteering programs, wrote funding applications, and coordinated community safety programs for over eight years.

Having a lifelong passion for the community, Melissa commenced her career in the not for profit space, first in fundraising and communications for organisations that provided services to people with intellectual and physical disabilities, and then working directly with young people and their families.

Melissa was drawn to her current role as a Jobs Victoria Advocate, as it put to use her decades of experience across multiple industries in the community services, to support others who are looking for a job, training pathway or some direction in life.

"Our program isn't just about matching people with jobs — it's about addressing the barriers to unemployment, and those barriers are different for everyone".

"For some people, it might be practical support, referring them to services to assist with resumes, career counselling and mock job interview practise. For others, it's listening, and making referrals to services that can help," Melissa said.

The program is already working with a range of groups within the community, including school leavers, parents looking to re-enter the workforce, people looking for a career change and older residents, who are looking for employment or volunteering opportunities.

"There are so many positive possibilities to discover by reaching out. Whatever you are looking for, a Jobs Victoria Advocate can help you to reach your goals," Melissa said. For more information about the program, and to make an appointment, visit: [frankston.vic.gov.au](http://frankston.vic.gov.au)



## Is it your turn to receive the COVID-19 vaccination?

Check your eligibility and book now

1800 675 398

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## #FrankstonCity



Young recording artist, Kaiyah

## Emerging artists create this gen's mixtape in a time of COVID

Fresh from the Ebdale Recording Studio, five emerging artists are now ready to reveal their unique stories and music on a special recording – the Fresh Compilation Album 2021.

The artists, ranging in age from 15 to their early twenties, recorded the album thanks to the FReeZA program that is facilitated by Council's Youth Services Team. The original tracks bring the artists' perspectives on mental health, love and a fear of rejection, and finding positive momentum and a fighting spirit — using acoustic indie/folk, nostalgic synths, jazz influences and rap.

Local Jess Healy, 20, of the Fresh Entertainment team, intends to organise a live gig to launch the album when it's possible, saying: "This is a diverse and eclectic group of artists who share captivating stories through their music. This album brings all the good vibes and touches hearts as well."

The album is both a personal reflection of its contributors and a potentially iconic record of the challenges their generation is facing in the uncertain times of this pandemic.

Artists featuring in the Fresh Compilation Album 2021 include, BayZa Leslie, Beast of Virtue, Bridget Allan, Chaliah Hilton-Cronin and Kaiyah Mercedes. The youngest of those who recorded, Kaiyah, spent the lockdown of 2020 learning to play guitar and piano and live streamed to friends – writing and performing in a therapeutic way.

Bridget Allan, however, was a regular on the Melbourne gig scene whose performance opportunities have been stifled by lockdowns and was given a new focus with this album. The song she recorded is called 'Lifeline'.

FReeZA is a Victorian Government initiative supporting young Victorians to get involved in their community by planning and running drug, alcohol and smoke-free events for other young people. Within the program, the Fresh Entertainment committee is active in event management, promotion and design, production and sound production.

Download the album now: [freshfrankston.bandcamp.com](http://freshfrankston.bandcamp.com)

## A push to end local homelessness

Frankston Zero — a major initiative to combat homelessness and assist rough sleepers in Frankston City — was launched during National Homelessness Week 1–7 August.

Frankston City has seen a 388 per cent increase in rough sleeping homelessness since 2016 and became recognised by the State Government as a rough sleeper hotspot in 2017.

Established by the Frankston City Strategic Housing and Homelessness Alliance, a 14 agency collaboration, Frankston Zero has reoriented the local service system to deliver a coordinated response for people sleeping rough.

The initiative operates beyond traditional funding models and includes holistic support such as mental health, family violence and trauma support, while working with the person to find secure housing.

Frankston Zero Chair, Jackie Galloway said: "Frankston Zero is based on the principle that homelessness should be rare, brief and non-reoccurring. We will initially focus on rough sleeping, the most exposed and precarious form of homelessness. We aim to pool resources to find sustained housing outcomes for them. This is a significant step forward for us."

Frankston Zero is currently assisting Adam\* 37 years, who has been rough sleeping predominantly in Frankston City for the past five years.

Adam said: "I was working but lost my job and got kicked out when I couldn't afford the rental anymore. People don't understand how tough it is. It can happen to anyone. My health is really bad now."

"I've been out on the streets for so long – I can't remember what it feels like to have a door to lock. Somewhere to just feel warm and safe would mean everything."



The recent announcement from the State Government for the continued funding for local Assertive Housing and Supportive Housing Teams (Launch and NEAMI) for an additional two to

four years helped to launch Frankston Zero. For more information about Frankston Zero, please visit: [frankston.vic.gov.au/StrategicAlliance](http://frankston.vic.gov.au/StrategicAlliance)

\*Name has been changed



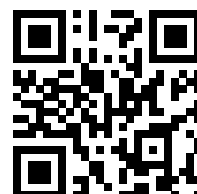


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**Mini Frankston City members will represent the wider community in online engagement activities, discussions, focus groups and deliberative panels, to help influence and guide Council's decision-making, policies and planning.**

The panel will ensure Council can genuinely listen and learn from our community and understand different views and experiences — living in

Frankston City means YOU have the expertise we need!  
 Council's Community Engagement team launched six months ago and has supported Council to ensure that community engagement (including our existing 45 member Community Panel) has strongly influenced our Community Vision 2040, our Council Plan and Budget 2021–2025 and many other key Council strategies, policies and programs.

There are currently around 20 projects on Council's new Engage Frankston! website open for feedback from all residents.  
 To have your say or to register to be a Mini Frankston City panel member during October, visit: [engage.frankston.vic.gov.au](http://engage.frankston.vic.gov.au) or phone: 1300 322 322



## Annual Community Satisfaction Survey 2021

The annual Community Satisfaction Survey measures the perceived importance of Council's services and facilities to the Frankston City community. The survey helps Council to identify current issues that matter to residents and whether residents believe Council is meeting these needs. The survey also measures community perception of key issues, such as safety, traffic and parking and measures any perceived change in our overall performance.

Results are used during our annual budget planning and help us to develop plans and policies that best meet the community's needs.

Social research company Metropolis Research conducted the survey in May and June on Council's behalf, using a random sample of 811 respondents.

### Key findings from the 2021 survey include:

**I am proud of and enjoy living in the area 68% agreed**

**Community is accessible and inclusive for people with disability 58% agreed**

**Community is welcoming and supportive of people from diverse cultures and backgrounds 57% agreed**



**Satisfaction with Council's overall performance up 17.5% this year**



**Overall satisfaction with Council's customer service up 7.2% this year**

**Perception of safety in public areas of Frankston City 70% of people feel safe**

**4% of households reported having run out of food at least once in the last year**

### Top services and facilities

- Local library
- Fortnightly recycling collection
- Food and garden waste collection
- Services for children

### Lowest ranked services

- Frankston City News
- Maintenance and repair of sealed local roads
- Parking enforcement
- Council support for local business
- Public toilets



**Satisfaction with community decisions is up 16.7% this year**



## Full steam ahead for Jubilee

Jubilee Park is one of Frankston City's main regional open space reserves. It currently comprises of regional netball, cricket and football facilities, Nairn Marr Djambana (Indigenous Gathering Place), several community buildings and large areas of open space and bushland.

A range of upgrades have been completed at Jubilee Park, as part of the Jubilee Park Masterplan, including:

- Upgraded lighting for football night games and training
- New cricket nets
- New play space

Works will commence at the reserve shortly on a range of additional projects that further the Jubilee Park Masterplan.

The following projects will occur between October 2021 and mid 2023:

- Jubilee Park Indoor Stadium redevelopment
- Redevelopment of the Kevin Collopy Pavilion
- Hill Street realignment and car park works

- New pathways and vegetation works
- Widening of the Trotting Track
- Sports lighting on the John Butler oval

The Jubilee Park Stadium is one of Council's major projects and will deliver more opportunities for netball and basketball including the ability to host major regional netball and basketball events.

The improvements will benefit resident clubs, Frankston District Netball Association, Peninsula Waves, Frankston Peninsula Premier Cricket Club and Frankston YCW Football Netball Club, as well as community sport more broadly. Work on the new stadium is expected to begin in October, for completion in 2023.

The stadium project is being completed thanks to funding from:

- Council: \$20.34 million
- Victorian Government: \$10 million
- Federal Government: \$4.56 million

For more information and to see the detailed and refined concepts of the Jubilee Park Masterplan, visit: [engage.frankston.vic.gov.au/jubilee-park](http://engage.frankston.vic.gov.au/jubilee-park)

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### Helping those experiencing family violence

Family violence is not typically an area that local government steps into but it is becoming increasingly clear that this is a matter of growing concern requiring an all hands on deck approach by all tiers of government. Last year, I successfully led the push for Council to provide funds to eight community support organisations. This was in response to statistics showing COVID was exacerbating instances of family violence. In December, Council also provided funding for a dedicated family violence lawyer and tenancy worker at the Peninsula Legal Aid Centre. In this year's budget, Council has provided a further \$100,000 to fund an internal family violence prevention resource and the rollout of various education campaigns. There is, of course, no silver bullet when it comes to solving the family violence crisis but by giving people the skills to build their emotional intelligence and better handle conflict and stress, it is possible to make a very real difference.

Fresh funding will now be supplied to these initiatives annually. If you are in a family or domestic violence situation and need support, please phone The Orange door: 1800 319 353 or email: [bpa@orangedoor.vic.gov.au](mailto:bpa@orangedoor.vic.gov.au)

### Our greener future

The 2021–2025 Council Plan and Budget highlights our commitment to Frankston City's precious environment. Council is currently exploring bringing forward, two years ahead of schedule, its commitment to being an accredited carbon neutral local government by either 2023/2024 or 2024/2025

Furthermore, the latest budget provides \$200,000 in additional funding to increase our tree planting target to 20,000 trees per year, to a total of 80,000 new trees by the end of the current Council term in 2024. This represents double our standard planting schedule prior to 2020-2021. This will complement other major greening projects, including the Jubilee Park Stadium redevelopment, which includes the planting of a minimum of 300 trees. Council's decision to investigate a Native Vegetation Offset

program will provide an opportunity to secure local offsets through improving areas of native vegetation on Council land. In January, Council also funded an Urban Forest Action Plan, which will focus on allocating tree and vegetation targets should place Frankston City amongst the top municipalities for tree plantings in Australia.

### New major event coming in 2022

I am excited that, despite all the setbacks our arts and events teams have experienced in the past 18 months, we have been able to invest in a major new event for Frankston City — the South Side Festival. The festival will offer a comprehensive program of thought-provoking curated art, cultural, heritage and food experiences across multiple venues and spaces that will transform the city. It has been many years since Council has developed a unique new major event. The festival, to be funded for six years, comes at a critical

time — when we will hopefully all be engaging with our local community, looking to attract visitors and continuing to support local traders. In addition, Council has decided to fund the much acclaimed Big Picture Fest for another year, another major attraction and point of difference for the Frankston area.

This celebration of street art has added many amazing artworks to our local streetscape, with last year's event bringing our total mural count to nearly 30. We will emerge from these lockdowns and gradually the restrictions on public gatherings will subside. When this happens — rest assured we have an exciting rejuvenated events calendar



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### Our vibrant and adaptive café culture

I discovered yet another wonderful new café near my home during a recent weekend outing and I continue to be pleasantly surprised at the hospitality options available to Frankston City locals. Walking to your local café is a treat for many and essential to a sense of community. We have more than 50 cafés alone across the City and they all have their own character and personality. In addition to the cultural benefits of our cafés and restaurants, these businesses are critical to our local economy. In a typical year, local food and beverage services (cafes, restaurants, takeaway food services, catering, pubs, taverns, bars and nightclubs) account for \$352.5 million of Frankston City's total annual gross revenue. The hospitality sector is also

our sixth highest employing industry, accounting for 2,862 jobs per year.

During our many lockdowns cafes have become expert at pivoting to offer takeaways, keeping the coffee flowing and our community heart beating. As the takeaway model remains the dominant one, it has been pleasing to see businesses shift to recyclable cutlery and containers that will break down easily. The sector also keeps many local growers and producers going as well. Lots of our local cafes support ethical and socially responsible sourcing from small collectives of growers.

We have also seen how well these businesses are being embraced in between lockdowns, as enthusiastic locals once again take up the privileged of dining in (especially at amazing outdoor dining offerings). Although the industry has been severely impacted by lockdown restrictions, in the non-lockdown

affected month of April 2021, the local dining and entertainment industry experienced its highest 'total local spend' in over two years, with a peak of \$34.4 million. In the same month, visitor local spend was at its highest since December 2019, matching the 2019 peak of \$14.6 million.

Council is also working hard to ensure we support local businesses to continue trading through these difficult periods and come out the other side — and to help rejuvenate our city centre. While shopfront vacancy rates are at a high of 23.17 per cent in the city centre, Council continues to attract new businesses to the area. The Vacant Shopfront Grants have recently attracted new businesses, Betty's Burgers and a new gourmet sandwich shop by Eny Meeny. Specialty textile store, Loom and Spindle, is also diversifying and expanding to include a makerspace/café.

You can find your local café and many other local businesses to support via the Discover Frankston website, visit: [discoverfrankston.com](http://discoverfrankston.com)



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### North-West Ward

Seaford >> Karingal >> Frankston North >> Frankston



### Thank you Sikh Volunteers Australia

I was so pleased recently to present Sikh Volunteers Australia with a certificate of appreciation for their incredible, ongoing contribution to our community. The certificate recognises the organisation's outstanding generosity, both locally and across the state. The group helps to provide healthy meals to disadvantaged families and other people in need. Their service includes providing meals to elderly residents, single mums, those who have lost their jobs, people at risk of, or experiencing, homelessness and victims of disaster, among others, across seven councils. During the peak of COVID-19 they delivered 140,000 meals with more than half within Frankston City. Sikh Volunteers made the same incredible contribution during the bushfire crisis back in early 2020. They are a comforting and consistent presence in our lives and we truly appreciate their commitment to selflessly serving others.

### Household survey to provide vital feedback for Council

The needs, views and aspirations of Frankston City residents drive Council's ability to deliver the best services and outcomes possible. This is the motivation for Council's Household Survey, which will provide us with an update on the characteristics of the community since the last ABS Census was held 2016, so that our planning is relevant and responsive to changing community needs. Understanding residents' outlook on their city is key to meeting your diverse needs. The findings from the survey will help to shape the kinds of activities, programs, services and infrastructure Council provides. The survey covers key topics such as health and wellbeing, employment and education, services delivered by Council, housing and development, transport and sustainability. Metropolis Research conducted the survey during July and August, from a random sample of 2,250 households across the city. Data collected may inform service reviews, activities to improve residents' experience of Frankston City, activities and services involving health and wellbeing, to inform advocacy to government in areas including transport, strategic priorities and plans in health, wellbeing and housing, activation of the Frankston City centre and tracking progress on priorities identified in Council's strategic plans. A report with the survey findings will be made available on the Frankston City Council website later this year. Thank you to everyone who took the time to complete their survey if they received one, your feedback has been invaluable.



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### Advocacy win for Frankston City with major road upgrades

Council has welcomed Federal Government funding of \$4.25 million for major upgrade works along Hall Road, Carrum Downs, with works funded from the Phase 2 Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program. This funding came out of ongoing Council advocacy for road upgrades in the area and is a welcome improvement for the community. Hall Road is a major arterial that moves a large amount of heavy traffic. We've been advocating hard to the State and Federal Governments for these works to deliver safer, quality roads for our community. We look forward to these works providing a smoother flow of traffic and access to local residences and businesses and welcome infrastructure upgrades with safer pavements and stormwater drainage upgrades. The Hall Road upgrade aligns with \$80 million of works being delivered by Major Road Projects Victoria along Lathams Road, with major works starting in late 2021. Upgrades include an additional lane in each direction between Oliphant Way and Frankston – Dandenong Road, intersection upgrades and the installation of safety barriers. Early works are about to start on construction of a new bridge over Peninsula Link. The project is due for completion in mid-2023. Site investigation works are also underway for a \$282.5 million duplication of Hall Road to the east of the McCormicks Road intersection, jointly funded by the Victorian and Commonwealth Governments. Construction is expected to commence late 2021 and be completed by early 2025. The project will add an extra lane in each direction between McCormicks Road and Western Port Highway, intersection upgrades, new walking and cycling paths along Hall Road between McCormicks Road and Western Port Highway and installation of a centre median and kerb-side safety barriers between McCormicks Road and Western Port Highway. The program of works are scheduled for delivery by December 2021.



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### Helping children reach their full potential

Early childhood is a critical stage of life, where the right intervention will translate to a brighter future, as well as an investment in the wider community. Council recently voted unanimously to adopt the Draft Municipal Early Years Plan 2021–2025, following extensive community consultation. The Plan will support Council to deliver its services, programs and infrastructure, with a focus on promoting a healthy and safe community, resilient families, positive early childhood development, social inclusion and engagement for families. The plan will ensure the delivery of local programs and infrastructure that can improve the health, education and wellbeing of our younger population and their families. While the majority of children in Frankston City are growing up happy and healthy in safe, nurturing and secure environments, there are many children experiencing disadvantage, which can become a cycle that lasts a lifetime. To help combat this disadvantage, a rising issue since the pandemic, Council has introduced ambitious 'indicators of wellbeing,' to track progress and understand what success looks like. Given the increasing number of families who choose to reside here, this success is critical. Our vision over the next four years is to ensure every child in Frankston City has the best start in life, a chance to be heard and opportunities to learn, develop and reach their full potential.

### Supporting a healthier future for Frankston City

Consultation has recently closed on Council's new Leisure Strategy 2021–2029 and Health and Wellbeing Plan 2021–2025. These strategic documents join together to set out how Council will work with the community and our partners over the next eight years, to support our community to be healthy, well and physically active at every stage of life. The Leisure Strategy is an important planning tool to help guide Council's future resource priorities, major projects and initiatives to increase participation in active leisure. The Health and Wellbeing Plan will enable Council, our partners and the community to understand the city's health and wellbeing priorities, guide planning for services, programs and infrastructure and drive collective action. The plan outlines six priorities and 18 strategic objectives, including: active community, healthy community, mental wellbeing and inclusion, climate change, gender equality, safety and reducing harms and community health. Keep an eye on the Council website for further updates.



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### Have your say on upcoming Gould Street works

You may be aware that the road and street infrastructure within the Gould Street precinct is ageing and therefore will require upgrades in the future. Council has listened to residents' concerns about the street's current condition and what the future streetscape will look like, taking into consideration drainage, paths, street lighting, vegetation and traffic management. It is our responsibility to ensure the precinct meets the needs of residents and broader community in the short-term, while remaining sustainable in the long-term. The Gould Street Upgrade Project is currently accepting community feedback until **Thursday 30 September** and I encourage who anyone lives in or utilises this area to contribute. We will ensure residents and the wider community remain informed on the project as it is rolled out. Visit: [engage.frankston.vic.gov.au/gould-street-concept-design-consultation](https://engage.frankston.vic.gov.au/gould-street-concept-design-consultation)

### Community Vision reflects Frankston City's aspirations

The priorities and aspirations of Frankston City residents have been captured in the Community Vision 2040, following 10 months of intensive community consultation. The vision was adopted at the 28 June meeting, along with the 2021–2025 Council Plan and Budget. More than 800 people participated in shaping their vision, through an inclusive and deliberative process that included a 46-member Community Panel of residents. The input from our local community and the many other stakeholders involved has been invaluable and has genuinely provided a vision to the city driven by the needs and wants of residents. You told us you wanted to live in a well-connected, safe and culturally inclusive community with a unique identity. You also told us you want to continue to protect our wonderful local natural environment, so that we might all enjoy these assets well into the future. This commitment to the environment includes working together to tackle climate change and recognises the importance of easy access to green spaces and opportunities to be physically active. These will be the key drivers for our community to be able to feel positive about our future in decades to come.

I would like to acknowledge the hard work of our growing Community Panel, who have shown such passion for Frankston City, on not just this project but many others over the past 18 months or so. I would like to also thank all residents who took the time to let us know what is important to them. You can read the full Community Vision via the Council website, visit: [frankston.vic.gov.au/CommunityVision2040](https://frankston.vic.gov.au/CommunityVision2040)



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### Celebrating Council's dedicated staff

For the past seven years I've been working locally as a school careers advisor. Given my day job, my eyes are always very open to seeing things through the lens of people's working lives and seeking to better understand what factors influence people as they shape their careers. In this edition of *Frankston City News*, I want to acknowledge the approximately 800 staff who work for Council across such an amazingly diverse range of roles. I especially want to recognise the 67 staff who have worked for Council for more than two decades! I am heartened by the fact that close to half of Council staff actually live and work within Frankston City. Not only does this mean that they are particularly invested in their roles - as they are working for the benefit of their very own community - they can also reap the benefits of a short commute to work (COVID lockdown restrictions aside)! Council is a significant local employer, alongside Peninsula Health, public schools, major retailers, the Frankston sites of our tertiary providers Monash University and Chisholm Institute, South East Water and State Government offices, among others. Currently Council is rolling out some new initiatives among staff, including developing a strong culture of effective, values-based leadership. I extend my appreciation to Phil Cantillon (CEO) and the members of the Executive Management Team for the way that they have led the entire staff team over a very challenging 18 months. Residents who are interested in keeping an eye on new vacancies with Council should keep their eye on our recruitment website: [careers.frankston.vic.gov.au](https://careers.frankston.vic.gov.au)



**Celebrating 25 years of service in February 2021, from left, Luise Leggatt, Robyn Docker and Martina Rasmussen**



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### Valued volunteers serve up food and friendship

I would like to dedicate my column this month to our hardworking Meals on Wheels (MoW) volunteers. National Meals on Wheels Day was held back in August, celebrating the dedication and commitment of over 45,000 MoW volunteers nationally, with 87 of those based in Frankston City. The day is an opportunity to celebrate the incredible work of our MoW cooks, kitchen staff and delivery drivers - who all volunteer their time to deliver healthy home cooked meals to vulnerable locals. Ours is the only municipal service in Melbourne that both prepares and then delivers its own fresh meals. The Meals on Wheels kitchen opens at 4am each weekday morning, with three course meals - soup, main and dessert - being prepared over the next seven hours. The use of volunteers each day equates to over 9,500 hours of volunteer power a year and in 2020–2021 over 65,000 main meals were produced to support vulnerable residents. We often receive such positive feedback from MoW clients, from the quality of the food, to appreciation for a hot meal for someone who might otherwise go without, to praise for our friendly drivers, who always deliver a smile along with the delicious food. The great thing about this kind of service is that everyone benefits, not just those on the receiving end. Our volunteers get such a feeling of pride and connection from what they do for this service. How wonderful it is to see almost immediate results from your hard work and to know just how much you are needed in the community. Without their help, we could not support the health and independence of our more than 270 individual MoW clients and I would like to thank them for all the hard work they do. For more information about Meals on Wheels service please call **9784 1933**. Anyone interested in volunteering to help with Meals on Wheels activities should contact the Volunteer Officer: **9768 1624**



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## A moment to say thank you

In April this year, Frankston was announced as a finalist for the Victorian Top Tourism Town Awards. The awards ceremony was held at the Bendigo Art Gallery, where the iconic town of Ballarat took top honours.

While Frankston may have missed out on the gold, during the campaign the incredible support and passion of our community shone through. Frankston's residents, businesses and visitors love their city and were so enthusiastic in sharing how proud they are. Here's some of what our community had to say:

"Highly commend the way this city is changing into a cultural hub. Good job!"

"Love Frankston and proud to live here."

"Wonderful changes are expected, it's a beautiful city for tourism."

"Frankston has so much to offer. Great beach, festivals, markets, fantastic views. Awesome food. I have been coming to Frankston for over 40 years."

"We are good people, go Frankston."

"It was only a matter of time before this gem got noticed."

Thank you again to our incredible community for all of your support.

Whether you're a local or a visitor, it's time to discover Frankston.

Visit: [discoverfrankston.com](http://discoverfrankston.com)



The crew at 38 South in Seaford

## Discover Frankston: Is your business participating?

Are you a tourism-related business that would like to market your experience to visitors and locals for free?

The Discover Frankston Participation Program offers a variety of marketing activities, including a FREE business listing on the Discover Frankston website (140,000 hits annually) and business development opportunities for businesses to get involved in. The program aims to increase the awareness on things to do, see, places to stay, eat and drink in the area for both visitors and locals.

This opportunity is FREE\* until 30 June 2022 for all tourism related businesses based within the Frankston municipality.

To discover more, view the Prospectus online complete the application via the portal: [discoverfrankston.com/discover-frankston-participation](http://discoverfrankston.com/discover-frankston-participation)

For assistance or enquiries about these opportunities contact the Tourism Campaign and Marketing Team on 1300 322 322 or email: [tourism@frankston.vic.gov.au](mailto:tourism@frankston.vic.gov.au).

\* Free as part of Council's For The Love Of Frankston - Covid Relief and Recovery Package

## Seniors helping their community

Many older Victorians make a difference in their community each year, whether as a leader who inspires others, a behind-the-scenes organiser or a person who does the hands-on work to deliver services.

There are also many reasons people volunteer, such as raising awareness and supporting important community issues, improving social ties and finding pathways to employment or training.

Research has also found a significant connection between volunteering and good health, specifically for older individuals, showing that volunteering can alleviate depression, increase

satisfaction with life, lower the frequency of hospitalisation and boost a person's ability to cope with illness.

October is all about celebrating seniors, so what better time to seek out a new opportunity to help your community. The Victorian Seniors Festival 2021 is running throughout the month. To join in the festivities, check out what's happening during Seniors Festival 2021. To find out more about volunteering in the Frankston community, visit: [impactvolunteering.org.au](http://impactvolunteering.org.au)



We'd like to say  
**THANK YOU**



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## Celebrating the arts in Frankston City



Love Flower

## Frankston City builds on vibrant arts collection

Over the next 12 months, residents and visitors will see at least five new sculptures installed across our City and its suburbs, including a new gateway sculpture.

Known as *The Lighthouse*, this iconic sculpture is scheduled for installation by March 2022 at the former intersection of Eel Race Road and Nepean Highway.

The sculpture program is delivered through Council commissions and in partnership with Sculptures By The Sea and McClelland Sculpture Park + Gallery. Iconic sculptures such as *Reflective Lullaby*, known locally as Frankie the Gnome, are recognised across Australia.

Mayor Kris Bolam said Frankston City was well known as a thriving arts hub, with a strong commitment to connecting to the community through art.

"Council has worked hard to build our City's impressive collection of public art, which features interactive murals, dynamic sculptures, public performances and the popular yearly street art festival, Big Picture Fest, with an investment of \$140K–\$180K annually.

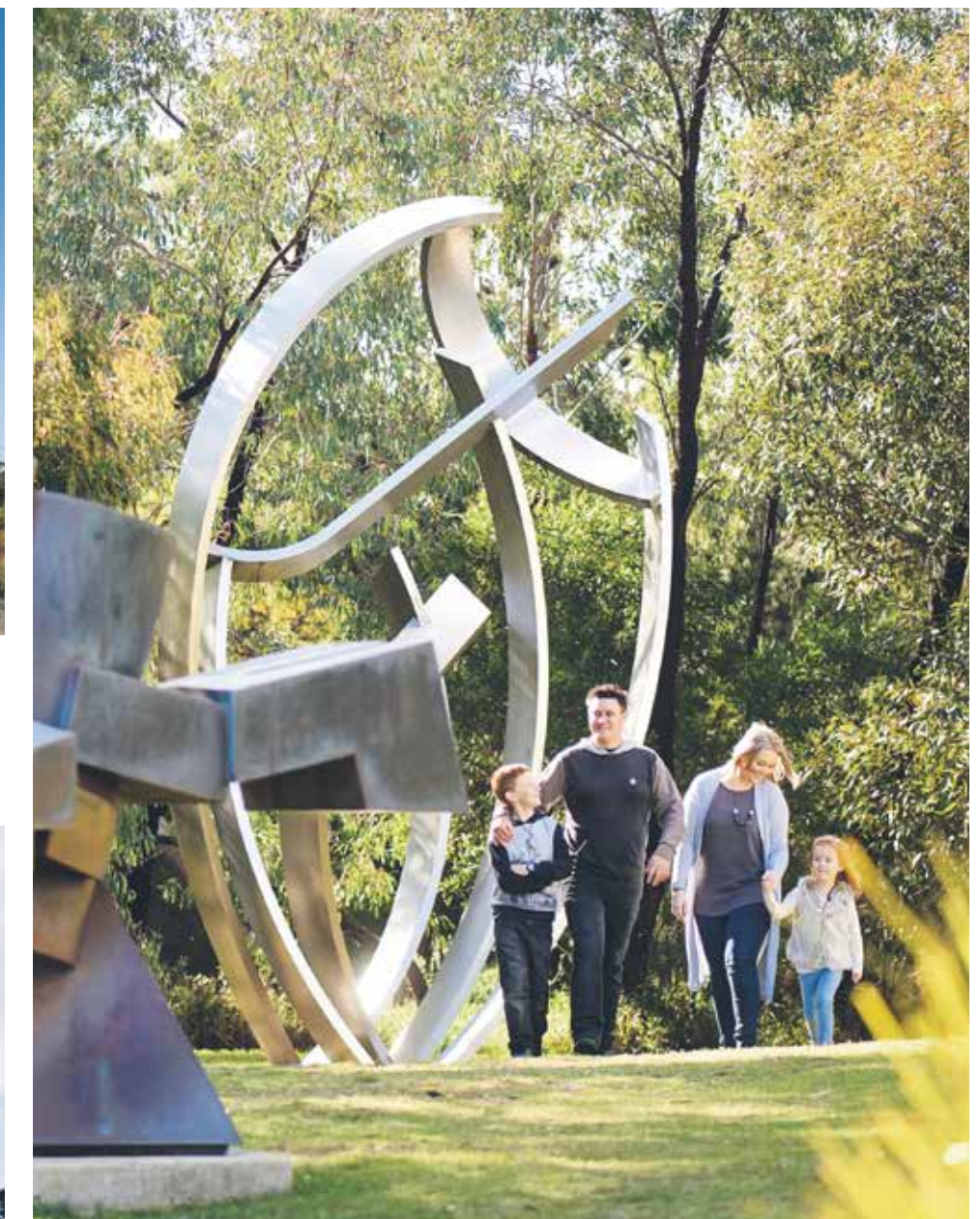
"In June 2021, Council endorsed its new Budget, which provides an investment of \$3.86m in COVID-19 recovery support and reinstates public art funding to the tune of \$500,000.

"Our investment in the arts encourages community connection, wellbeing



Reflective Lullaby

and pride of place, and our murals, sculptures and arts events have become a celebrated part of Frankston's identity," he said. "In 2020, COVID-19 forced us to divert funds from several priority programs, including our public art programs, so we could provide the additional support our community required. To date, Council has provided more than \$5.08m in COVID-19 relief to community groups, businesses, individuals and sporting clubs," Cr Bolam said. Visit: [discoverfrankston.com](http://discoverfrankston.com) or [artscentre.frankston.vic.gov.au](http://artscentre.frankston.vic.gov.au) for more information on local artworks and upcoming performances.



## It's all happening at McClelland Sculpture Park + Gallery

**Award nominated art on display**

Works shortlisted for \$55,000 worth of awards in drawing, watercolour, and ceramics will be exhibited at McClelland, 28 August–7 November, including the Rick Amor Drawing Award, the Splash McClelland Contemporary Watercolour Award and the Senini Award for Ceramics by tertiary students.

**Join the McClelland Creative Minds Café**

McClelland will host a suite of wellbeing offers, including a series of online gatherings and an onsite event for artists and creatives, designed to help them establish ways of coping in the COVID era. Known as the *Creative Minds Café* the events will bring together up to 100 local creatives,

artists, arts workers, arts students, and freelance workers, enabling them to come together to share their experiences, build new connections and enhance their resilience and wellbeing.

**Sunday Soirées music series at McClelland**

A new series of Sunday Soirées music performances will be held at McClelland.

Sunday 7 November  
MICHELLE NICOLLE QUARTET

Sunday 5 December  
STILETTO SISTERS

For more information, visit: [mcclellandgallery.com](http://mcclellandgallery.com)



## Local artists creating in lockdown thanks to grants



Alison Tedesco

**Frankston based Artist, Alison Tedesco, has been honing her skills in urban landscape art with an eye for the charm in the 'ordinariness' of suburbia.**

Thanks to an Artist Project Grant from Council last year, Ms. Tedesco's series of artworks depicting the urban landscape of Frankston, during lockdown, will be exhibited at Frankston Arts Centre in August 2022. "I hope it gives the community a sense of pride to see their surrounds in art form, encouraging a sense of inclusiveness and connection."

Alison found a silver lining in lockdown as an artist, finding she had more time to produce artworks without the external demands of usual everyday life.

"It's been a wonderful blessing as an artist to be supported and encouraged by Council with this grant. It has given me a clear direction in my practice, exposed me to invaluable contacts for further art projects and bolstered my passion to continue the journey as a practicing artist living in Frankston."

A multimedia video of Alison's artwork, 'Frankston Inked by Alison Tedesco' is available to stream via the Frankston Arts Centre YouTube channel.

**Frankston filmmaker and photographer, Kristina Kraskov, will attend the 2021 Australian International Documentary Conference, thanks to Council's Professional Development Grant.**

"I have a feature film in development I'd love to get off the ground. This is my first ever feature and I've been working on it for nearly a year already. I'm also going to participate in some one-on-one mentoring with an experienced producer. Both of these opportunities were made possible thanks to the grant," Kristina said.

Kristina's Atom Award nominated debut short, *Heavy Haulage Girls*, explores the lives of female truck drivers in the Australian outback. It premiered at the St Kilda Film Festival 2017 and is now streaming on DocPlay. Kristina has also directed award nominated documentary short *The King of Frankston* and an observational short film, *Party in the Back*.

She then directed the Atom Award nominated documentary short, a film that follows an unlikely legend in a town with a bad reputation.

Most recently she directed the VICE original, an observational short film



Kristina Kraskov

following competitors in Australia's Mullet Festival, released globally online, with over 600,000 views.

Kristina is excited about the opportunities that will arise after attending the conference.

"I feel really privileged to receive this grant. My practice isn't common for the local area and it's so great that the council recognises the wide-array of practice amongst local artists. In my particular field you need to take a lot of financial risks to get projects off the ground. It's really great to have the grant supporting me to make some of those decisions easier."

Council significantly expanded its Community and Business Grants program in response to the pandemic. Designed to help artists and those working in creative industries to pursue their passion while delivering culturally important work to the community, these grants are a result of the \$6.434 million Relief and Recovery Package, which the council created to help Frankston City recover from the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.

For more information about artist grant recipients and opportunities for local creatives, visit: [thefac.com.au](http://thefac.com.au)

## Council and Police combat local hoon activity

**Council and Victoria Police are working together to tackle hoon activity in Frankston City.**

Mayor Kris Bolam said the Community Local Law 2020 includes clauses specifically defining hoon activity and making it illegal, while also prohibiting people from attending or encouraging hoon events.

Mayor Bolam said: "In recent years a number of 'hoon events' have taken place within the Frankston municipality. They usually take place in less populated areas after dark and can be difficult for police to deal with under current State legislation. Participants and spectators gather at a site after having received details of the event's location on social media sites."

In an effort to reduce the risks to individuals attending and also encouraging hoon events, it was proposed the clause be introduced. Council's Community Safety Team drafted the proposed Local Laws, obtained external legal advice

and introduced them following consultation with the community and the Councillors.

The Community Local Law 2020, introduced in August 2020, includes:

### Clause 2.6 Behaviour involving Vehicles

- Any person who participates in, encourages or attends a **hoon event** without lawful excuse is guilty of an offence.
- The driver of a **motorised vehicle** must not stop or park in close proximity to a **hoon event** without lawful excuse. Clause 4 defines a hoon event as one or more vehicles being driven on a road or in a **public place** in a manner involving the loss of traction; racing; time trials; or the emission of undue noise or smoke. The infringement notice carries a penalty of \$500. To date there have been more than 50 infringements issued.



## FRANKSTON ARTS CENTRE

2021 program

Bookings: 9784 1060 or [thefac.com.au](http://thefac.com.au)



Music

Melbourne Creative Music Company  
**Silvie Paladino: This Is My Life**

Monday 1 November, 7.30pm, FAC Theatre, Tickets: \$69-\$89



Music

Daytime Music + Theatre

**A Very Merry Christmas Variety Special**

Friday 3 December, 10.30am & 1.30pm, FAC Theatre, Tickets: \$19 - \$21



Music

Ben Maiorana Entertainment

**Invincible: The Helen Reddy Story**

Sunday 12 December, 3pm  
FAC Theatre  
Tickets: \$59.90-\$69.90

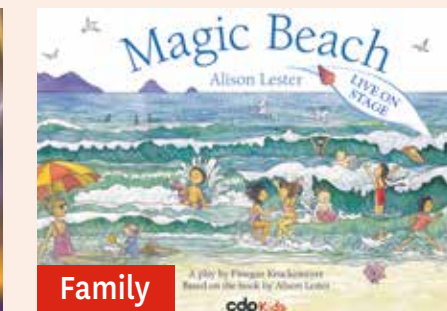


Music

Ostavocal Pty Ltd

**The King of Rock & The Prince of Pop**

Friday 17 December, 8pm  
FAC Theatre  
Tickets: \$59-\$75



Family

CDP Kids

**Magic Beach**

Tuesday 25 January, 12pm  
FAC Theatre  
Tickets: \$23-\$25 (Family of 4 \$95)



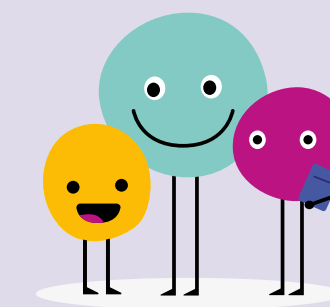
Music

Artist Network

**John Williamson Winding Back**

Friday 11 February 2022, 8pm  
FAC Theatre  
Tickets: \$35-\$69

**Online FrankTALK with Paul Kennedy**  
Join Paul Kennedy in-conversation with the teacher who changed it all, as they discuss his new book *Funkytown*. Please join us via Zoom.  
**Wednesday 13 October at 5.30pm**



# Frankston City Libraries

Explore the possibilities

### School Holiday Program

The spring school holiday program is open for bookings! From STEM to the Australian Ballet, we've got you covered with free activities across our library locations. Bookings essential.



For our full calendar of events or to book visit [library.frankston.vic.gov.au/whatson](http://library.frankston.vic.gov.au/whatson)  
Phone: 9784 1020







## Rodent problems? Be careful what you kill

During winter, rodents can cause problems as they seek the warmth in and around our homes.

However, before you reach for the rat poison, give a thought to the unintended consequences that pesticides have on wildlife and pets that share your living space.

We have native rodents, marsupial mice, lizards and predatory birds that all may be affected by direct or secondary poisoning.

University researchers in Western Australia are finding that birds of prey such as owls are taking up lethal doses of rodenticides by eating dead or weakened rodents affected by poisons. And this can apply to other wildlife and pets.

Try to avoid the need for poisons by removing the cause:

- Keep your property clean and tidy
- Secure compost heaps
- Keep pet food indoors
- Seal potential entry points in buildings and enclosures.

If you must use poison baits, be careful to place them where other animals and children cannot reach them (tamper proof bait stations) and avoid using 'second generation' rodenticides. Ratsak is a 'first generation' poison that is less harmful (but still toxic) for wildlife when it comes to secondary exposure.



### Sick and injured wildlife

AWARE wildlife rescue  
0412 433 727

### Pet poisoning

Seek immediate veterinary assistance

### Poison ingestion

Phone 000 immediately

### Poisons Information Centre

13 11 26

For help with injured wildlife call Wildlife Victoria 03 8400 7300 or AWARE (24hrs) 0412 433 727

## Collaborating for environmentally sustainable development

Council is one of the 28 Victorian councils collaborating with the Municipal Association of Victoria (representing the Council Alliance for a Sustainable Built Environment) to raise environmentally sustainable development (ESD) targets for new developments.

Stage one will address the evidence base for:

- New developments that produce zero net emissions, better manage water and waste, increase greening and biodiversity, and are more resilient to our changing climate.
- Buildings that provide a healthier, more comfortable environment for our community and improve health outcomes.

Stage two will involve the planning amendment process. The collaboration will help to reduce costs and build shared knowledge and understanding across the participating councils, while longer-term providing clarity and consistency for the development community.

Council is excited to be part of a project demonstrating local government leadership in the pursuit of resilient and zero-carbon buildings and urban places. For more information visit: [casbe.org.au](http://casbe.org.au)

## Have your fruit and eat it too

Those of us who grow food in our backyards know what it is like to compete with the wildlife for those tasty treats.

Netting is usually the preferred method to prevent losing produce to the animals who share our environment. However, netting can pose a significant risk to the safety of wildlife. Large mesh sizes can entangle animals and while struggling to get free, they can experience deep cuts or

strangulation, ultimately causing death. This is more likely with larger mesh sizes, if the netting is slung loosely over the tree or garden, or when it is left lying on the ground.

From 1 September, the use of netting with a mesh size larger than 5mm x 5mm (at full stretch) is prohibited for household use in Victoria.

A few tips for wildlife safety:

- White netting is easier for nocturnal animals to see

- A strand diameter thicker than 500 microns will reduce injuries and fatalities
- Pull netting tightly over the tree or garden to reduce the likelihood of entanglement
- Loose netting on the ground can entangle reptiles and ground feeding birds
- Fix netting to the base of the trunk to stop rats and birds getting to the fruit from underneath

- Net bags and sleeves can be used to protect individual branches instead of having to net a whole tree
- Dispose of old netting responsibly to landfill in a strong biodegradable bag
- Check netted areas daily for animals that may have found their way inside

For help with injured wildlife call Wildlife Victoria 03 8400 7300 or AWARE (24hrs) 0412 433 727

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## Council invests in rooftop solar on community-use facilities

During the past year, four solar rooftop systems were installed on Council's community-use facilities to save on electricity costs, reduce greenhouse gas emissions and increase the uptake of renewable energy.

The four systems, totalling just over 28 kilowatts in capacity, were installed on Ebdale Community Hub and Learning Centre, Frankston North Community Centre, Len Phelps

Pavilion in Carrum Downs and Carrum Downs Tennis Clubhouse.

The power generated from the solar power systems is expected to reduce emissions by approximately 36 tonnes each year. Money saved on electricity costs will be used to deliver other important community services.

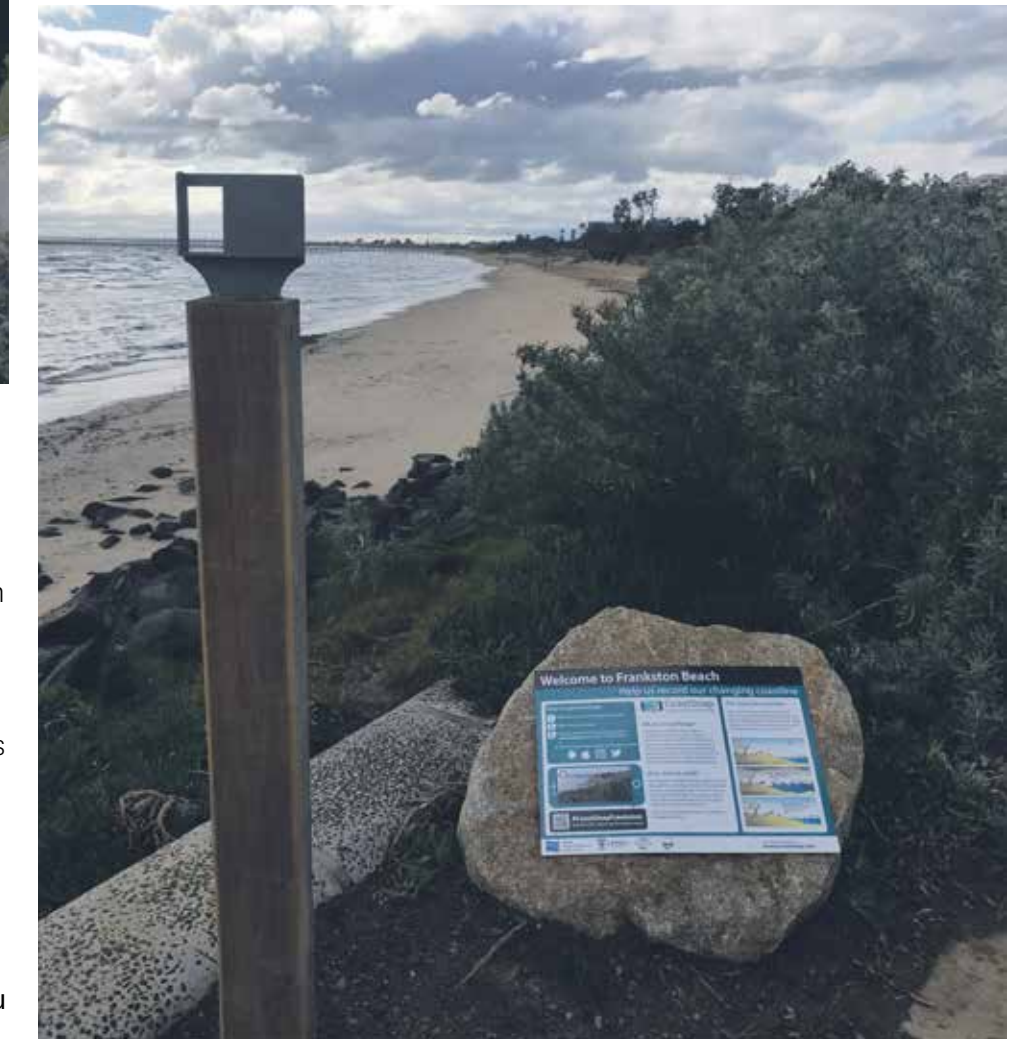
Council's investment in solar is a key action of its *Towards Zero Emissions Plan (2019-2023)*. For more information visit: [frankston.vic.gov.au](http://frankston.vic.gov.au)

## \$250 Power Saving Bonus

You may be eligible for the Victorian Government's one-off household payment of \$250 towards your electricity bill if you receive a Centrelink Pensioner Concession, a Veterans' Pensioner Concession (or hold a gold card), or JobSeeker, Youth Allowance, Austudy or Abstudy.

To apply online, visit: [compare.energy.vic.gov.au](http://compare.energy.vic.gov.au) or for help applying over the phone (10am–4pm weekdays):  
English: 9607 7116 or 9607 7103  
Somali: 9607 7118,  
Vietnamese: 9607 7117  
Mandarin/Cantonese: 9607 7119

## Have you noticed these CoastSnap stations?



CoastSnap is a citizen science based coastal monitoring program that empowers the community to capture our changing coastlines using nothing more than a smartphone.

CoastSnap unlocks the ability to track how a coast is changing over time from storms, rising sea levels, human activities and other factors.

We have deployed two CoastSnap stations at these locations:

- Olivers Hill (Frankston South)

looking north towards Frankston Pier.

- Seaford Pier looking south towards Frankston

So what are you waiting for? Share your images via the free CoastSnap app or social media if you come across one of these points.

For more information check out the CoastSnap website: [www.coastsnap.com](http://www.coastsnap.com)

## Preventing balloon pollution

Seabirds and other marine wildlife are 32 times more likely to die from swallowing balloons than from hard plastics.

Balloons floating in the oceans look like sea jellies, which get eaten by sea birds and fed to young nestlings or marine life can become entangled and drown.

In Victoria it is now considered an act of littering and is illegal to release balloons into the air. Floating helium balloons can be reported to the The Environment Protection Agency (EPA), visit: [epa.vic.gov.au](http://epa.vic.gov.au)

The EPA recommends to only use balloons indoors, secure them strongly and dispose of balloons and accessories responsibly.

Some suggested alternatives at your next party or celebration could be:

- Blowing bubbles
- Floating flowers
- Reusable or recyclable bunting
- Paper decorations
- Planting a tree

For help with injured wildlife call Wildlife Victoria: 8400 7300 or AWARE (24hrs): 0412 433 727







## Frankston Business and Industry Chamber revival

You may have heard that a new Frankston Business and Industry Chamber is in the pipeline.

The chamber will be business and industry-led, with the business community leading the design, development and operations. Council has injected \$200,000 into the resurrection of the Chamber, thanks to COVID Recovery Package funding. A Chamber Design Sprint was held late July, calling for business to provide ideas and suggestions on the design and development of the chamber. Council will keep you informed of the next steps as they arise. If you would like to be a part of the formation of the chamber email: [business@frankston.vic.gov.au](mailto:business@frankston.vic.gov.au)

will activate a shopfront at 16 Station Street to help shape the Australian crafting industry and bring creativity to the location

Applications closed mid-July and each business was assessed by an independent panel and has secured a \$20,000 Vacant Shopfront Activation Grant to help them get started with their venture. Council, in partnership with the Victorian State Government, offered the new grant program specifically to attract new businesses to vacant shopfronts across the city.

## Congratulations to our successful grant winners!

### Vacant Shopfront Activation Grants

The push to fill Frankston City's vacant shops is a step closer with three businesses taking advantage of our new Vacant Shopfront Activation Grants.

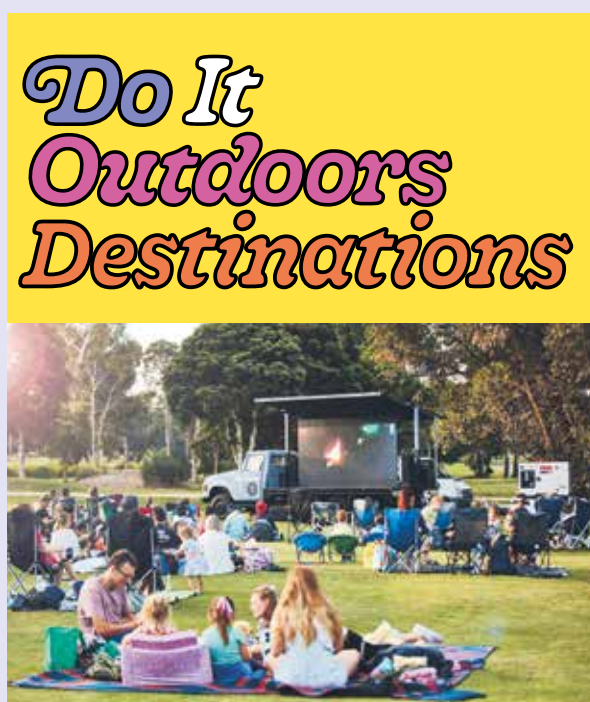
- 1950s style restaurant Betty's Burgers will move into 25 Playne Street
- A new gourmet sandwich bar by Eeny Meeny Café will go into Station Street Mall
- Loom and Spindle, a textile and yarn crafting specialty store,

## Do It Outdoors: Destinations

IF you want to help turn our public spaces into destinations, now is your chance to apply!

Council is calling for local commercial operators to apply to activate some of our most popular public open spaces as part of our Do It Outdoors: Destinations campaign. Whether your business is to provide a nibble, sip, stomp, chill, play or shop, you can Do It Outdoors and bring your commercial activity to our public open spaces. From yoga in the park and food trucks at dusk, to volleyball on the beach or markets by the bay, our public open spaces are eager to thrive with a packed calendar of outdoor adventures and vibrant urban experiences.

Apply now: [frankston.vic.gov.au/DoItOutdoors/Destinations](http://frankston.vic.gov.au/DoItOutdoors/Destinations)



*Do It Outdoors Destinations*

For more information visit: [investfrankston.com](http://investfrankston.com)

## More grants snapped up

Meanwhile, congratulations to the 20 business who were recently awarded a share in almost \$70,000 in Kerbside Encouragement Grants and Façade Improvement Grants.



Philip and Kara from Commonfolk, Nepean Highway, Frankston

### Façade Improvement Grants

Baba on Wells	\$2,087
Coffee for the People	\$10,000
Commonfolk	\$5,000
Non Solo Vino	\$4,289
Virgo Espresso	\$5,000
You-Group	\$781
Peter Oram Shoes	\$5,000
Loom & Spindle	\$5,000
Betty's Burgers	\$5,000

### Kerbside Dining Encouragement Grant

Bowl'd Frankston	\$1,800
Commonfolk Frankston	\$2,000
Eeny Meeny	\$2,000
Frankston Waterfront	\$2,000
Humdinger	\$1,598
Parcha Restaurant	\$2,000
The Hop Shop	\$2,000
Trims Restaurant	\$1,396
Virgo Espresso	\$1,830
Betty's Burgers	\$2,000

## A tasty treat for Nepean Highway

Nepean Highway is about to get a whole lot tastier as we gear up for Frankston City's Outdoor Dining 2.0 program.

Think bright, think light, think fresh and festive — our next round of outdoor dining installations and entertainment will be ready and waiting for when restrictions ease.

Complementing Nepean Highway's new parklet installations and new shade sails, coming at the end of September and more kerbside construction beginning October, will be a packed calendar of local entertainment and activities to enjoy!



If you would like to get involved in the outdoor dining experience connect with us today. Funding for Outdoor Dining 2.0 is thanks \$200,000 from the Victorian Government and \$135,000 from the Revitalisation Board.



From left, Cr Brad Hill, Mayor Kris Bolam and Urban DC Developer Danny Ciarma

## Growing Frankston City

Frankston is experiencing unprecedented growth and popularity, with a number of exciting developments either underway or coming soon.

Construction at Urban DC's \$82 million Horizon Apartment development at 1-2 Plowman Place (next to the Frankston Mechanics Hall) has begun, with the nine-storey luxury apartment building expected to be finished by mid-2023. Urban DC developer, Danny Ciarma said, "I definitely have seen a change in Frankston over the past few years. There has been a groundswell of desire of business people wanting to do more.

"I think Horizon is one of those projects which will definitely kick start this movement and demonstrate to the business community that you can do wonderful things in Frankston and the Council is behind you to support you. There is a market there. For any business venture, there is a population craving greatness in Frankston."

Also on the way is Frankston Commons, at 35 Playne Street,

a new \$28 million nine storey mixed use development. The Commons includes a dedicated ground floor space for new retail and hospitality businesses and six floors of grade A offices, providing 6,294 sqm of new space, as well on-site parking for 67 cars. The development will also feature extensive provision of bicycle and end of trip facilities, such as showers/changing rooms, to encourage a more active lifestyle. The Mayor added that Frankston City is open for appropriate development which will encourage more people to live, work, shop and play locally.

"We are poised to build Frankston's future through advancing impressive, City shaping projects like these ones, which will boost our economy by creating jobs, housing, workplaces and infrastructure for the community," Mayor Bolam said. On top of the private investments, Council's 2021-22 Budget includes a \$64.89 million infrastructure spend. For more information on upcoming local infrastructure projects, follow @FrankstonCityCouncil



### Business Networking Night

Thursday 30 September via Zoom, 5-7pm, hosted by Extreme Networks, Carrum Downs

Come and meet Extreme Networks owner, James Eiling and learn how you can use free or low cost technology to advance your business during and post pandemic.

Tickets \$20, receive an awesome goodie bag filled with gifts and discounts from local businesses delivered to you personally by Frankston business Bite Local. Held on the last Thursday of every month, October's event will be at Sandhurst Golf Club. For more information and bookings, visit: [investfrankston.com/news](http://investfrankston.com/news)



## Find us on Vimeo

Have you checked out our Vimeo account?

You'll find an impressive pool of short video's showcasing some of our incredible local businesses, projects and our amazing Frankston City Mentors. Want to be featured as part of our IF STARS video series? Email: [business@frankston.vic.gov.au](mailto:business@frankston.vic.gov.au) Meanwhile, sit back, relax and watch the magic that happens in our incredible city, visit: [vimeo.com/investfrankston](http://vimeo.com/investfrankston)



## Business Basics Workshop Series

Our inaugural Business Basics Workshop Series has been postponed until October.

Held online on Tuesdays and then in-person on Wednesdays (pending restrictions) at You-Group Victoria in Frankston, the six week

workshop series provides fundamental tools and tips for those keen to start or grow their own business in Frankston City. Delivered by local industry experts, the workshops begin on 19 October and cover: getting started, business

mapping, finances and cashflow, digital marketing and website and branding. Visit: [investfrankston.com/news](http://investfrankston.com/news) to book now!





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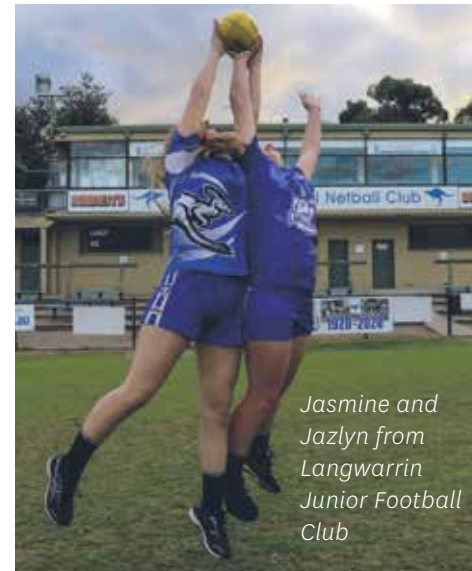
## New pavilion gets green light as Lloyd Park's jewel in the crown

Some of Frankston City's oldest sporting clubs will soon be in the newest of homes with a \$6.5 million centrepiece pavilion in Lloyd Park Reserve getting the green light.

The Federal Government has committed \$3 million toward the major development, with Frankston City Council adding \$3,488,626 to ensure the project is fully funded. Lloyd Park is home to the Langwarrin Football Netball Club, Langwarrin Junior Football Club, Langwarrin Netball Club, Langwarrin Cricket Club and Langwarrin Tennis Club.

The new pavilion will have a second storey with sweeping views of the main oval and across to two other ovals. Accessibility will be a priority with an internal lift, new car parking and extended pavement areas. A kiosk, four change rooms with female-friendly amenities, two umpires' rooms, public toilets and two first aid rooms will connect teams and supporters with the fields on the ground floor. The first floor will include a social room and meeting room, with a kitchen and toilets to support events.

Langwarrin Football Netball Club president, Norm Whiteside said that in the club's 100th year, Life Members



Jasmine and Jazlyn from Langwarrin Junior Football Club

are still enjoying the senior clubrooms they had helped build in 1970, but it was now hampering growth.

"I expect there'll be some trepidation when the rooms are demolished, however it will be for nostalgic reasons only. We haven't taken on women's teams in the senior football club to date because of the antiquated club house. However, with growth within our junior club, we'll realise a senior women's team as the new pavilion is handed over sometime mid-2023," Mr Whiteside said. Langwarrin Cricket Club is also planning for its first women's team in 2022.

## Riley celebrates 10 years at Frankston Skate Park

Frankston Skate Park Coordinator, Riley Dejong recently clocked up 10 years as an employee with the YMCA at Frankston Skate Park.

Riley stated working at the skate park through a work experience program and has never looked back, working his way through various roles to become the site coordinator.

Riley said, "I'm stoked to have this opportunity, working with the local skate community and Council to support and provide opportunities for local young people has been a very rewarding part of my role."

"A lot has changed around the skate park over the years, but it's such an important place for young people in Frankston and I'm lucky to be able to work with a great bunch of people every day."



Riley making the most of Frankston Skate Park facilities.

## RF Miles officially opens

Council was thrilled to announce the completion of the redeveloped RF Miles Recreation Reserve in June, with the official opening planned for Friday 29 October.

Home to Seaford Football Netball Club and Seaford Cricket Club, the \$9.147 million redevelopment was funded by Council, State and Federal Governments. Council is proud to have been able to support numerous local trades throughout the construction and ultimately increase opportunity in sport and recreation activities for local residents.

Thank you to the state and federal government for their support and also to Seaford Football Netball Club and Seaford Cricket Club for their patience during this much anticipated transformation.

Upgrades include a new two-storey pavilion with female-friendly facilities, larger oval to meet AFL standards, new netball courts and new cricket nets, car parking, shared user paths and landscaping, new oval lighting, scoreboard and coaches box.

Seaford Football Netball Club President Dale O'Neil said, "The return to RF Miles has been an incredible

lift to the club being able to house netball, women's and men's football under one roof and unite as one."

Seaford Football Netball Club, Women's Aussie Rules Director, Sheridan Howe said, "The rooms make us feel at home. The facilities have been an absolute game changer. Playing women's football, it can be really hard to know what facilities you are going to walk into and need to adapt to, from urinals and even once having to get changed in a horse stable, we have set the standard now and we are so proud of what we have."

Netball director, Chelsea Robertson said, "This is the first time we have had facilities and a home court to call our own. It is a facility we can be proud of and a great community legacy for years to come."

Seaford Cricket Club Secretary, Tony Cooper, said, "For the players it provides a platform to realise their full potential, as a sporting community it fosters renewed pride strengthening the sense of belonging in our home of almost 100 years, and as volunteers it lifts our spirits, energises us, and offers affirmation that what we are doing here is valued and appreciated."

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## Council hits 'home run' with new lighting at Robinsons Reserve

Council and the Federal Government via Sports Australia will contribute \$180,000 and \$190,000 each towards an exciting project to deliver new lighting at Robinsons Reserve, Frankston South - home to the Frankston Baseball Club in winter and Frankston Softball Association in summer.

Mayor Kris Bolam joined Senator for Victoria, David Van, the Federal Member for Dunkley, Peta Murphy, the State Member for Frankston, Paul Edbrooke MP, Councillors Brad

Hill and Claire Harvey, and sporting club representatives for a sod turning ceremony in July, to mark the start of works for the new lights.

The \$370,000 project will deliver new sports lighting at the Baseball Diamond to 250 lux at Robinsons Reserve that is fit for purpose and meets Australian Standards. The sports lighting will ensure that the diamond can be used by the Baseball Club for training during winter. Works to install the new lights are scheduled to be completed by November 2021.



Back row Cr Brad Hill and Cr Claire Harvey with Senator David Van, the State Member for Frankston, Paul Edbrooke MP, Frankston Baseball Club President Mark O'Brien, the Federal Member for Dunkley, Peta Murphy, and (front row) baseballers Ned, Myer, Hope and Molly.



Frankston Peninsula Cricket Club Vice President Dennis Prendergast, President Cameron Wallace, treasurer Cliff Wright and General Manager Mike Ronchi at Kevin Collopy Pavilion, Jubilee Park.



Pines Cricket Club President, Brad Saunders and Pines Football Netball Club President, Jeff Svigos at Eric Bell Reserve, Frankston North.

## Millions more reasons to love sport in Frankston City

Council has been successful in its bid for funding from the State Government's 2020 Community Sports Infrastructure Loans Scheme. Council will receive low interest loans of \$6.25 million for the Eric Bell Pavilion redevelopment and \$3 million for the Kevin Collopy Pavilion redevelopment.

Mayor Kris Bolam said, "These important upgrades will ensure our local clubs have female-friendly, accessible amenities and modern facilities they need to continue the great work they do. Thank you to State Member for Frankston, Paul Edbrooke MP, for his advocacy and commitment to seeing our applications across the line."

Mr Edbrooke said, "Frankston City Council is set to receive \$6.25 million for the Eric Bell Reserve and \$3 million for the Kevin Collopy Pavilion redevelopment works via the low interest loans scheme.

"I am proud to have advocated on the Council's behalf for these projects, to ensure our local community clubs, including the women's, junior teams

and umpires, have the modern facilities they deserve."

The upgraded Eric Bell Pavilion will be used by the Pines Football Netball club and the Pines Cricket Club. As well as the loan scheme funding, Council received a \$500,000 grant from Sport and Recreation Victoria to make the project possible.

To keep up to date with local sports project milestones, follow @FrankstonCityCouncil or visit: frankston.vic.gov.au



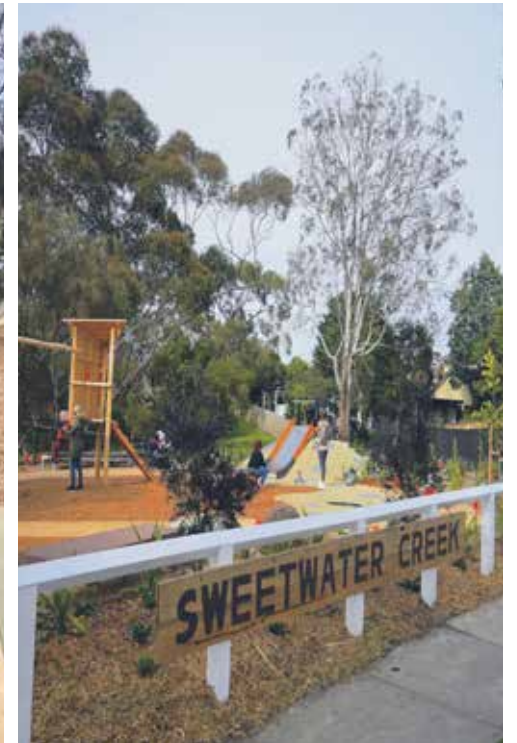


## Unable to visit your local library?

**Frankston City Libraries Home Library Service is FREE and available to residents who are unable to visit their local library due to illness, frailty, disability or short-term mobility restrictions.**

Our volunteers deliver a range of resources at an agreed time and frequency. Items available include books, magazines, large

print books, talking books, films, documentaries and music CDs. You can even be matched with a volunteer who has similar reading interests to you. If you or someone you know would like to take advantage of the service, or you would like to volunteer, please email: [libraryenquiries@frankston.vic.gov.au](mailto:libraryenquiries@frankston.vic.gov.au) or phone: 9784 1020



## New playgrounds in Frankston City add to wonderful amenity

**A new playground in Fleetwood Crescent, Frankston South, has provided a huge boost to amenity in the area.**

South Ward Cr Brad Hill said the playground – close to the stunning Sweetwater Creek – includes a slide, swings, trampoline, nature play and a climbing unit.

Cr Hill said: “This is a beautiful location, on the edge of Sweetwater Creek, and the new playground and park refurbishment reflect the environment.

“Reconstruction of the play space and park improvements include paths, new tree and garden bed planting, park furniture and new fencing.

“The \$250,000 project was identified by the Draft Playground Strategy as a priority due to the condition of the play structures and the fact that the playground at Fleetwood Reserve is the only playground in its catchment area,” Cr Hill said.

Construction on the project started in April 2021 following consultation in 2020.

North East Ward Cr Suzette Tayler said in other exciting news, a new playground at the John Monash Reserve at Skye is also now open.

The \$300,000 upgrade includes refurbishment of the existing timber play unit, new swings, spinner and nature play, shade sails, park fencing, tree planting and garden bed improvements and a new picnic area with barbecue and shelter.

Plans are also underway to refurbish the playground and park in Brolga Reserve on Lyrebird Drive, Carrum Downs, with community consultation completed in August. To find a local park or playground near you, visit: [frankston.vic.gov.au/Parks](http://frankston.vic.gov.au/Parks) or [frankston.vic.gov.au/Playgrounds](http://frankston.vic.gov.au/Playgrounds)



## Stotts Lane path a welcome investment

**Installation of a \$785,000 recycled, shared-user path in Stotts Lane, Frankston South is now complete. The path includes Polyrok – a sustainable alternative to mineral aggregate in concrete, which finds a home for the most problematic waste stream, soft plastic.**

Polyrok is made here in Frankston City by Carrum Downs firm, Replas,

from recycled soft plastics such as bread bags and frozen pea bags. The Stotts Lane Shared User Path project was identified as a high priority in Council’s Path Development Plan and has significantly improved the journey for pedestrians and cyclists along the western side of the Stotts Lane between Golf links Road and Escarpment Drive.