



IN THIS EDITION

3 Budget highlights

6 New era for Board

11 Famous play on show!

15 Celebrating our volunteers

19 Our precious environment

20 BMX upgrades

Frankston’s triple treat!

The Kevin Collopy, Lloyd Park and Eric Bell Pavilions are set to take on a new lease of life and support healthy outcomes and lifestyles thanks to major upgrades.

Langwarrin’s Lloyd Park is going from strength to strength with the new \$8.6 million pavilion now open to the public.

Featuring views across all three ovals, the new facility is the proud new home of the Langwarrin Football Netball Club, Langwarrin Junior Football Club and Langwarrin Cricket Club.

Langwarrin Football Netball Club President Gary Zeuschner said: “This magnificent facility serves the present and future needs of the club and community. The pavilion’s benefit will extend well beyond sport, with organisations able to hire for

community-based activities.”

Lloyd Park Pavilion is funded by Council in partnership with the Australian Government.

The Pines Pythons Football Netball Club has a new \$9.25 million home at the new Eric Bell Pavilion. The project was funded by Council and the Victorian Government.

It’s also home to the Pines Cricket Club, and both clubs are rapt with their new facility, which features a multi-purpose community room, four change rooms and much more.

Pines Football Netball Club President Kim Jackson said: “Not only are these facilities inclusive of our men’s and women’s football and cricket teams, they also provide opportunities for us to connect with and share the rooms with local community groups.”

Completing the trifecta is the new \$5.46 million Kevin Collopy Pavilion, which has just been completed as part of Council’s delivery of the Jubilee Park Master Plan and complements the new stadium, upgraded ovals, parking, landscaping, upgraded outdoor netball courts and more.

For the home clubs, Frankston YCW Football Netball Club and Frankston Peninsula Cricket Club, the redevelopment means they will be able to better support existing and new players and strengthen female participation.

The project is funded by Council with support from the Victorian Government’s Community Sport and Infrastructure Loan Scheme. It will be officially opened in August.

Read more on page 4.

The new Lloyd Park Pavilion is a winner.



Contact us

Phone: 1300 322 322

Email: info@frankston.vic.gov.au

Live Chat: frankston.vic.gov.au

Interpreter: 131 450

Customer Service Centres

Civic Centre

30 Davey Street, Frankston
Monday to Friday, 8.30am–5pm

Seaford Customer Service Centre

Seaford Community Centre,
corner of Station Street and
Broughton Street, Seaford
Times vary.

Langwarrin Customer Service Centre

Shop 6, The Gateway,
Cranbourne-Frankston Road,
Langwarrin
Monday to Thursday, 9am–4pm
Friday (limited self-service),
9am–4pm

Carrum Downs Library and Customer Service Centre

203 Lyrebird Drive, Carrum
Downs, Times vary.

Visitor Information Centre

7N Pier Promenade,
Frankston Waterfront
Open 6 days, 9am–4pm
Phone: 1300 322 842

Hoon driving

1800 333 000 (Crime Stoppers)

Graffiti removal

1800 66 8247 (1800 NO TAGS)

Printed on stock sourced from sustainably farmed forests.

Frankston City News is published six times a year and distributed to approximately 62,000 homes.

Current and previous editions of Frankston City News can be downloaded at frankston.vic.gov.au/FCN



Mayor's message

Our focus on Young Street

If there's one thing that defines our Council, it's a commitment to getting on with the job and delivering the absolute best for ratepayers and residents.

We've been speaking to residents about Young Street and we've heard you loud and clear – voicing safety concerns, about how you feel its unappealing and there's much more work to be done.

We're acutely aware that there's a lot of significant and difficult issues that we have to face in Young St, but that's not an impediment to addressing the situation.

There's been too many strategies and now it's time for action. We have six pillars that are going to focus on revitalising Young St. As part of the Young St renewal, Council will focus on collaborating with business, safety in the community, street presentation, development and activation, city connectivity and space, and community health and wellbeing.



We're working on real, tangible solutions for long term sustainable change in Young St.

This is literally the centrepiece of our city when you're close to the train station to access our much-loved beach, to shops, to our library, to our Civic Centre and Frankston Football Club. We want to see a vibrant, safe, thriving street full of housing and business choice.

We are reaching our potential as

a city, but we also need to look at Young St to make sure that we fix it. Not the strategies, not the plans, but real action. Watch this space because we're determined to get on and fix this City.

Read more on page 5.



Nathan Conroy
Mayor

Message from the CEO

Positioning Frankston to reach its potential

Our work to position Frankston City for its incredibly bright future continues unabated.

We're in the last months of the current Council term (with elections to be held in October) and it's been a big year already as we continue to build on the gains and deliver for residents and ratepayers. As you'll read in this edition, Council's capital works investment in a range of important projects includes the completion of the \$8.6 million Lloyd Park, \$9.25 million Eric Bell and \$5.46 million Kevin Collopy Pavilions – welcomed wholeheartedly by the passionate sporting clubs and communities who use them.

From bringing together our visitor attraction and economic development campaigns under a single, consolidated banner, Imagine Frankston, to attracting major investment to our City

(did I mention there's been \$500 million of approved private development in Frankston City since 2023 alone), we're determined to forge ahead so Frankston reaches its staggering potential. There's so much to look forward to including Frankston being immortalised with its very own game of the classic Monopoly, which is scheduled for this month!

Kicking goals in the spirit of collaboration

Mayor Nathan Conroy and I joined a delegation to Canberra, alongside the Greater South East Melbourne group of Councils (GSEM). We met key Federal Government and Opposition representatives, including the Minister for the NDIS, Bill Shorten, to highlight concerns with potential NDIS scams.

This was a great opportunity to discuss local and regional matters with key decision makers,

including a meeting with the Australia Post CEO regarding the planned closure of the Central Frankston Post Office in Wells St. Importantly, the new GSEM Jobs and Skills Roadmap was launched at Parliament House.

This is a significant collaboration between the eight local government areas, state and federal government agencies, education, community sector and industry partners. The Roadmap outlines the clear solutions for this rapidly growing region – underscoring our commitment to ensuring the creation of jobs and skills for residents to have the well-paid and secure work they need.



Phil Cantillon
Chief Executive Officer

Council 2024–25 Budget focused on delivering for ratepayers and residents

Council has underscored its commitment to delivering the absolute best for ratepayers and residents with the 2024–25 Budget — informed by community guidance and feedback — that ensures Frankston City continues to thrive and transform.

Mayor Nathan Conroy said extensive engagement with residents guided Council’s decisions, adding: “Frankston City is experiencing unprecedented growth and revitalisation with vibrant developments in commerce, events, arts, and cultural activities. Our budget allows us to maintain this momentum, delivering high-quality services, projects, and exceptional facilities.”

On top of the recently completed Jubilee Park Stadium, Kevin Collopy Pavilion and Healthy Futures Hub, this year Council will finish a number of community focused capital projects, including the \$9.25 million Eric Bell Pavilion upgrade in Frankston North, the \$8.6 million Lloyd Park Pavilion redevelopment in Langwarrin, and the expansion of our kindergarten facilities.

Mayor Conroy added: “Despite interest rate rises, the rising costs of materials and services, and impacts from the global pandemic, we’re pleased that we’ve been able to complete these projects while ensuring Council remains in a financially sustainable position.”

Council CEO Phil Cantillon said: “Our budget also reflects continued investment in essential services, like expanded kindergarten capabilities, subsidised swim programs at Peninsula Aquatic Recreation Centre and maintenance of our roads and footpaths. And we’ll continue to provide ongoing support for our highly valued libraries and the vital Meals on Wheels service.”

Budget highlights include:

- \$58.16m in capital works on existing and new projects, including Kananook Commuter Car Park; Frankston Arts Centre Forecourt Upgrade; Street Lighting Renewal Program (LED conversion); Frankston Park Oval reconstruction; Peninsula Aquatic and Recreation: Centre Renewal Program; Langwarrin Child and Family Centre; Seaford Child and Family Centre; Baden Powell Kindergarten Redevelopment and Expansion; Ballam Park Athletics Pavilion; Refurbishment Frankston Basketball and Gymnastics Centre; Sandfield Master Plan Implementation.
- Maintenance of Council owned buildings, infrastructure and open spaces including Buildings and facility maintenance \$9.06m; Road maintenance \$5.94m; Tree management \$3.36m; Ovals and sports surface maintenance \$2.38m; Drainage management \$2.16m; Bushland management \$2.00m; Playspaces, boardwalks and fence maintenance \$1.38m.
- \$1.09m in reactivating Frankston and supporting local businesses, including destination events attraction program; transport connectivity initiatives; city centre revitalisation; support for Frankston Business Collective, and grants for local business.
- \$0.79m on environmental programs including natural bushland rehabilitation; urban forest action plan; flood and stormwater management framework; Coastal Marine Management Plan.
- Delivery of essential community services including Aged Community Care \$3.28m; Community safety programs \$2.79m; Maternal and Child Health \$2.77m; Community centres and grants programs \$3.10m; Youth and Children’s Services \$2.01m.

Waste Management Charge

Alongside your rates, Frankston City applies a waste management charge, under the Local Government Act. The charge covers a range of services as outlined in the graphic.

From the 2025–2026 financial year, new State Government Guidelines take effect, which will change the way the waste charge is applied. Frankston Council will update its waste charge in the 2025–2026 budget and rates notice.

In 2024-25, residents opting for a smaller garbage bin (80 litres rather than 120 litres) will have their annual fee reduced. You can contact Council on **1300 322 322** to arrange this.



Paying your rates

Rates fund everything from child, youth and family care to aged and disability services, along with roads and drainage, community buildings, capital works and economic development programs. Rates also pay for libraries, arts and culture, and help with events and festivals.

If you are experiencing difficulty in meeting your payment commitments, please contact us to explore the range of support options available.

We are here to help. Visit frankston.vic.gov.au/Rates or phone **1300 322 322**.

TRIPLE TREAT



New Lloyd Park pavilion wows

Langwarrin's Lloyd Park continues to get better and better with the newly upgraded \$8.6 million pavilion now open to the public.

Boasting sweeping views across all three ovals, the new facility is the proud new home of the Langwarrin Football Netball Club, Langwarrin Junior Football Club and Langwarrin Cricket Club.

With its curved new facade and top-class facilities over two levels, including change rooms, kitchen, canteen, storage, first aid rooms,

meeting rooms, public toilets, a lift and more, the pavilion is bound to be the envy of many a club over the Frankston City border!

This is the second pavilion upgraded at Lloyd Park in the past year. In October last year, Council also opened the upgraded netball pavilion, the home of the Langwarrin Netball Club, to complement the recently redeveloped netball courts and lighting — providing a suitable standard of player amenities to support future growth in participation.

Mayor Nathan Conroy commended the clubs for their tenacity and resilience on and off the sports field.

“It takes grit and determination to succeed in sport, and the clubs have applied this approach to advocate for improved facilities for many years,” he said.

“Congratulations to everyone involved in this awesome project.”

Lloyd Park Pavilion is funded by Council in partnership with the Australian Government.

That's a ssssmart design for the pythons' new home!

The Pines Pythons Football Netball Club has a brand-new \$9.25 million home that's right on brand!

The new Eric Bell Pavilion in Frankston North pays homage to this popular club's name, with the exterior brickwork featuring an eye-catching snakeskin design. The theme continues inside with a snake-like staircase taking visitors and members through the modern new facilities.

Eric Bell is also home to

the Pines Cricket Club and both clubs couldn't be more pleased with their amazing new pavilion, which includes accessible facilities, a multi-purpose community room, four change rooms, public toilets, upgraded car parking, landscaping, lighting, commercial kitchen, kiosk, storage, umpires' rooms, timekeepers, first aid rooms and much more.

The completed pavilion means more opportunities for local footy, netball and cricket players to move through the

ranks, stay active and healthy, but also continue to build the sense of community that's special about Frankston City.

The new pavilion was completed in May this year and will be officially opened by Mayor Nathan Conroy and Member for Frankston Paul Edbrooke MP.

The project was funded by Council and the Victorian Government through a low interest loan and a Local Sport Grant from the Department of Jobs, Precincts and Regions.



Dr Collopy would be proud!

If only Dr Kevin Collopy could see the pavilion named after him now.

As a prominent Frankston City community member, Life Member of the Frankston YCW Football Netball Club and former Senior Club Secretary (1966–76) and President (1977–78), he'd be impressed with the pavilion's recent transformation and the benefits it will bring to local football, cricket and netball players and the community.

The \$5.46 million pavilion upgrade has just been completed as part of

Council's delivery of the Jubilee Park Master Plan and complements the new stadium, upgraded ovals, parking, landscaping, upgraded outdoor netball courts and more.

Players, members and visitors can now enjoy refurbished and extended facilities across both levels, including large new change rooms, umpire's facilities, two canteens, storage, first aid rooms, upgraded public toilet amenities, scorer's box, landscaping and facade improvements. A new groundkeepers building is

also now co-located with the pavilion.

For the home clubs, Frankston YCW Football Netball Club and Frankston Peninsula Cricket Club, the redevelopment means they will be able to better support existing and new players and strengthen female participation through additional programs and extended pathway opportunities.

The project is funded by Council with support from the Victorian Government's Community Sport and Infrastructure Loan Scheme.



Transforming the gateway to Frankston

With over 2,000 visitors passing through every day, Young Street is one of the key entries into our rapidly transforming city centre.

Council has collated community feedback received over recent years, which highlights enormous opportunities to transform the experience for those visiting Young Street.

Residents have told Council they are optimistic about the potential that Young Street has as a visitor destination and that they want to see the street revitalised: “It’s a really important entry point into Frankston ... Frankston is such a warm and wonderful place. It’s got a lot going for it, but I think Young Street needs a freshen up.”

Your feedback is helping Council to develop a comprehensive approach aimed at enhancing the visitor and business experience in Young Street.



Mayor Nathan Conroy said: “Young Street is the centrepiece of our city. As you come out of Frankston Train Station, we want to see a vibrant, safe and thriving street full of housing and business choice.

“We know there’s a range of complexities that our community wants us to address here – we’re now ready to use this feedback to transform Young Street into a welcoming and enticing destination,” he said.

As part of the transformation, Council will focus on working with businesses, safety in the community, street presentation, development and activation, city connectivity and space, and community health and wellbeing.

Cr Glenn Aitken said Council’s Rapid Response Team proactively patrols the city centre to enhance community safety, adding: “Council continues to work with local authorities and community organisations to uphold public amenity, make safe the general thoroughfares for shoppers, creating an environment where everyone feels secure and lifts Frankston.”



Cr Kris Bolam said: “Council’s significant funding of CCTV cameras with a livestream to Frankston Police Station underscores the commitment to community safety.”

Cr Suzette Tayler said: “Council is committed to attracting new developments and exciting activations in Young Street, adding that supported by a proactive Council committed to advancing progress, the city is driving sustainable growth for our residents, businesses and visitors alike.

Cr Claire Harvey said: “The revitalisation of Young Street provides us with the opportunity to boost connectivity and concentrate on how people move through the area, be that walking, cycling, driving or public transport.”

Mayor Conroy added: “With the revitalisation of Young Street, it is important to work with the community around the provision of decentralised community services for vulnerable residents.”

Council will share more information on this important strategic work in the coming months.

Be part of the change you want to see

Do you want to have a role in shaping the future of Frankston City? Are you passionate about making a positive contribution to your community?

Then you might consider standing for Council at the October elections. The Municipal Association of Victoria is holding in-person and online candidate information sessions at key locations, providing prospective candidates with all you need to know on the election process, candidate requirements, the roles and responsibilities of Councillors and what to expect once elected.

These sessions, run by the MAV in partnership with Victorian Councils, can be attended either in-person or online.

The next council election will be held on **October 26**. The elections will be managed by the Victorian Electoral Commission, with all voting done by post.

People who are eligible to vote have until **Wednesday 7 August** to enrol or update their details on the electoral roll.

Nominations to stand for election will open on **Monday 9 September** and close **Tuesday 17 September**.

October’s elections will see voters choose candidates based on a different ward structure from the 2020 elections.

Frankston City Council is one of several Victorian local councils to have undergone an electoral structure review in 2024 as mandated by the Local Government Act 2020, and will transition to a single-councillor ward electoral structure, with nine wards replacing the current three wards.

While the number of councillors (nine in total) remains the same, each of the nine new wards in Frankston will have its own councillor,

instead of having three councillors representing one of three wards.

This decision was made by the Minister for Local Government when the Local Government Act 2020 was introduced, to provide fair and equitable representation and facilitate good governance.

The names for the nine wards in this new electoral structure are Ballam, Centenary Park, Derinya, Elisabeth Murdoch, Kananook, Lyrebird, Pines, Wilton and Yamala.



For more information, scan the QR code or visit:

frankston.vic.gov.au/Council/Governance-and-transparency/Governance/Council-Elections-2024

New era for Board

The Frankston Suburban Revitalisation Board (FSRB), established in 2016 by the Victorian Government, has been one of the most successful in the state having delivered over \$60 million in a range of diverse and exciting projects to revitalise some of Frankston City's much loved and used city centre locations.

Over the past six years, the Board has driven a range of initiatives that aim to revitalise Frankston's city centre into the bustling and vibrant hub it is today.

Some key projects include the catalyst Frankston Railway Station redevelopment, White Street Mall upgrade and Big Picture Fest to name a few.

The Board is now entering a new era, moving from Victorian Government managed towards establishing itself as a sustainable ongoing group of specialist members that set and implement place-based advice, revitalisation and strategic direction within the Frankston Metropolitan Activity Centre (FMAC). Council will be undertaking the secretariat responsibilities for the new-look Board.



📷 The Frankston Suburban Revitalisation Board is delivering big wins for Frankston City.

Members of the Board include a range of local representatives, including:

- State Member for Frankston
- Frankston City Mayor
- Frankston City Council Chief Executive Officer
- Peninsula Health
- Chisholm Institute
- Monash University (Peninsula Campus)
- Frankston Business Collective
- Vicinity Centres (Bayside)
- Peninsula Community Legal Centre
- First People's Health and Wellbeing
- South East Water.

The first meeting of the new Board was held in late February, with a new strategic vision currently being developed to guide the Board over the coming years.



📷 Cr David Asker, Cr Sue Baker, Cr Brad Hill, Cr Claire Harvey, Paul Mercurio MP, Sonya Kilkenny MP, Paul Edbrooke MP, Mayor Nathan Conroy, Jodie Belyea MP, Cr Glenn Aitken, Council CEO Phil Cantillon and Cr Kris Bolam.

Tri-government in collaboration

Council hosted a meeting with local Frankston City Members of Parliament in June.

Attendees included the Federal Member for Dunkley, Jodie Belyea MP, State Planning Minister and Member for Carrum, Sonya Kilkenny MP, the Member for Frankston, Paul Edbrooke MP and Member for Hastings, Paul Mercurio MP.

This is a great example all a tri-government approach to working for local communities, with Council providing updates on co-funded

projects underway across the community such as Kananook Commuter Car Park, Sandfield Reserve Precinct Revitalisation and others, along with key strategic work such as our Frankston Metropolitan Activity Centre (FMAC) Structure Plan and Young Street Action Plan.

We also heard updates from local representatives on the Federal and State Budgets, new Federal Government grant programs coming, NDIS concerns and the potential Australia Post closure in Wells Street.

Housing Advisory Committee

In June, Council hosted a meeting with local representatives of all three levels of government to present on the work of the Frankston City Housing Advisory Committee.

Council established the Committee in 2022 to monitor, advocate and provide advice on local

housing needs within Frankston City.

The Committee functions as an important forum to discuss local housing matters, consider evidence and emerging trends and provide advice to Council. Over the past 18 months, the Committee has heard from a range of groups to learn about local housing

issues and identify opportunities for ensuring an adequate housing supply, in particular affordable housing.

Local Members of Parliament provided advice on Victorian and Federal Government policy and programs to support future housing growth needs across the community.



Cr Kris Bolam JP
North-West Ward
0417 921 644
crbolam@frankston.vic.gov.au



Cr Glenn Aitken
North-West Ward
0417 416 372
craitken@frankston.vic.gov.au



Cr Sue Baker JP
North-West Ward
0438 145 842
crbaker@frankston.vic.gov.au

Whistlestop Reserve upgrade

Many of you will remember Whistlestop, the wonderful amusement park that operated in Karingal in the 1960s and 1970s. While the park may have closed, the location has continued to bring joy to families as Whistlestop Reserve and play space – and it is currently undergoing a facelift.

The \$585,000 upgrade includes 60 trees, a feature wall and boulders, seating, five picnic settings, shelter, BBQ, drinking fountain, playground fencing, swings, boardwalk, bike hoops, pathway to the bus stop, shade sails and more. To ensure the history of the site is captured in the design, we have also included a feature train and artwork panels and signage around the site sharing the story of the amusement park. Thanks to the support and guidance from the Griffiths family, who owned and operated the amusement park.

Jubilee Park upgrades

The improvements keep coming at Jubilee Park. To complement our new \$36.6 million stadium, we have an almost complete pavilion upgrade (Kevin Collopy), new sports lighting, improved drainage and new playing surfaces for the Trotting Track and John Coburn Ovals, not to mention significantly improved parking and landscaping, and recently resurfaced outdoor courts. This has been a significant investment by Council of \$10 million for the west precinct of the park. This includes \$3 million Victorian Government support via a low interest loan for the Kevin Collopy redevelopment and a \$250,000 grant towards the John Coburn sports lighting.

Next up are improvements to enhance passive recreation and later this year, visitors can enjoy new concrete pathways, a BBQ, two picnic shelters, five new picnic settings, more seating, two drinking fountains and new plants, with the total landscaping being made up of 90 per cent indigenous and 10 per cent native species. The total cost of this work is \$500,000.

Cranbourne Road beautification

Frankston City is home to so much wonderful green open space and this is something I'm committed not just to maintaining, but also improving. At this time of year, all our planting is underway, and you may have noticed some recent landscaping improvements along Cranbourne Road. Along with new pathways, we have planted garden beds with native plant species, chosen to bring colour to the locations at the intersections with Beach Road and Lindrum Road, as well as the outer separator (north side) at Ballam Park and Ferndale Road Reserve East.

Frankston City Council provides diverse services

A Councillor's work today is more complex than ever before because of the wide range of community needs and services that Councils are now providing.

Just in the course of one day, a Councillor may be involved in making decisions on planning, finance, conflict resolution, wider City policies, Local Law matters, aged or children's services.

The obligations that Councils are required to comply with under State and Federal ruling have become more demanding and the expectations upon Councillors are forcefully impressed.

The environment a Councillor works in is of high expectation where standards are very clearly laid out as to how a Councillor behaves, how they handle public issues and private information and interaction with City staff and the general public.

As part of that also, a Councillor is expected and required to be courteous and respectful to other Councillors and make an ongoing effort to be helpful and co-operative in discussing, managing and voting on all public affairs.

It is a prerequisite to be able to speak articulately and with an agile mind in a way that allows all sides of a question to be fully considered with reasonable care and without prejudice to arrive at a conclusion that is fair and just.

To make wide reaching decisions over the interests of an individual or an entire community must always be exercised with careful analysis and utmost respect.

The best advice I have to anyone who is elected is, "make decisions over others as you would wish they be made over you".

I think if following that rule you generally won't go too far wrong!

At this next Council election on **26 October** the current three Wards will change into nine separate Wards (Ballam, Centenary Park, Derinya, Elisabeth Murdoch, Kananook, Lyrebird, Pines, Wilton and Yamala) under the direction of the Victorian Electoral Commission.

People who are eligible to vote have until **Wednesday, 7 August** to enrol or update their details on the electoral roll. Anyone wishing to stand for election must nominate by **Tuesday, 17 September**.



For more information and to view the new boundaries, scan the QR code.

Working towards housing choice for everyone

Access to safe and secure housing is the foundation for thriving, healthy and inclusive communities.

Having a place to call home is more than just having a roof over our heads, it is also about having a home that is affordable, meets our needs and provides long-term security.

Council's Housing Advisory Committee (HAC) has gathered critical information to better understand the housing needs of the Frankston City community.

Background reports have been commissioned to better understand how Council can play a constructive role in guiding and facilitating diverse and high quality social and affordable homes for our community along with support services for residents who need a helping hand to prevent homelessness.

The Committee heard presentations from experts on a range of topics including the regulation of rooming houses, local community-led solutions like Frankston Winter Shelter, recommendations from the Frankston Zero Housing Forum and Roundtables, the role of the community housing sector, social enterprises and local government land release projects.

Even though Frankston City remains to be one of the more affordable areas in Metropolitan Melbourne, rental prices have been rapidly increasing. Too many of our residents are living in rental stress and struggling to afford other essential living costs like food and power bills.

The committee has used these discussions and information to make recommendations to Council, undertake advocacy to State and Federal Governments, provide feedback on Council's Housing Strategy Discussion Paper and contribute to discussions with regional alliances, including the Frankston City Strategic Housing and Homeless Alliance, Frankston Zero Executive Group and the Regional Local Government Homelessness and Social Housing Charter Group.

Actions currently being undertaken by Council include development of our Housing Strategy to ensure we have the land supply needed to facilitate 9,000 new homes by 2036 to meet our growing and changing population, while enhancing the integrity of our neighbourhood characteristics. The Draft Strategy is expected to be ready for community engagement in early to mid-2025. Council has also worked on the development of an Affordable Housing Policy to guide and facilitate an increase in affordable housing on public and private land. The Draft Policy is expected to be ready for community engagement in early 2025.



Cr Nathan Conroy, Mayor
North-East Ward
0424 515 930
crconroy@frankston.vic.gov.au



Cr David Asker
North-East Ward
0438 175 560
crasker@frankston.vic.gov.au



Cr Suzette Tayler
North-East Ward
0438 179 515
crtayler@frankston.vic.gov.au

Carrum Downs Recreation Reserve shines!

In the past, some Carrum Downs residents expressed to me that they felt that their suburb was missing out. But I'm proud to say that this has been changing in the past couple of years.

Council has been focused on delivering several key projects for this growing community, including many in the popular Carrum Downs Recreation Reserve. Not too long ago we completed the playground upgrade, making this one of the best district level play spaces in Frankston City.

Since then, we've completed the tennis and netball court upgrade and now we've completed the 149-space car park and associated road and traffic improvements in and around the reserve. This means it's easier to move around the reserve and of course find a parking spot, particularly during peak sports season.

Complementing these upgrades are the new public toilets just completed near the play space, something every parent will appreciate!

New stadium to benefit whole community

I'm proud to share that our new state-of-the-art basketball and gymnastics stadium is now one step closer as both Australian and Victorian Governments recently signed funding agreements, committing their support for the project alongside Council.

As many of you are aware, this project has been a long time coming for our community (about 10 years, in fact) and will provide a welcoming new home for Bayside Gymnastics Club and Frankston and District Basketball Association (FDBA).

The new two-level Frankston Basketball and Gymnastics Stadium at Bardia Ave, Seaford, will feature 10 courts and a dedicated gymnastics hall, alongside player, spectator and community facilities including change rooms, meeting facilities and more.

The existing stadium is already hugely popular, and the upgrade will pave the way for the ongoing growth of these sports across our city, benefitting our very own Carrum Downs clubs such as the Rowellyn Rockets, Flinders Basketball and St Joachim's Panthers. And of course, it will continue to position Frankston City as a sporting hub for the southeast.

At this stage, construction is expected to start mid-2025 and will take about two years to complete. Stay tuned for more updates as we progress planning and designs.

Supporting business to grow and thrive

Council is committed to seeing our local businesses grow and thrive.

Seaford favourite, Spanish Bar, was a recipient of an Invest Frankston Facade Improvement Grant 2023-24. They received funding for exterior painting, signage, and lighting and have recently completed their facade uplift works.

When Adriano Gonzalez opened Spanish Bar in 2014, he never imagined how popular it would become – so much so that famous performers, including pop star P!nk, visit when they are in town!

"We aimed to add the missing touch to Seaford, and to be the proud pioneers of the positive transformation of this vibrant community over the past decade. Our heartfelt gratitude goes out to everyone who supported and continues to support this dream."

Locals know that Spanish Bar is an institution with friendly service a welcoming family feel and fantastic food, music and events. Congratulations Spanish Bar on 10 years of success!

Can you be our next driving force?

Are you a fully licensed driver over 21 years old and interested in road safety?

We are looking for people who can commit one to two hours a week to help a learner driver to get their licence. The TAC L2P Program is a statewide program that helps young learner drivers who don't have access to a supervising driver or vehicle to help them complete the 120 hours of driving experience they'll need to obtain their probationary licence. This program can be vital to young people who may not have access to a relative or friend to help them.

A driver's licence opens up new opportunities for education and employment. As a volunteer mentor you'll contribute to your community by helping a young person take their next steps toward independence. Vehicles and insurances are provided.

I applaud the volunteer mentors for the time they selflessly give and put in. Volunteers undergo appropriate training – some of our newest recently completed the training. These graduate volunteers will be heading out on the road soon as fully trained volunteers and we wish them and their learner drivers all the best!



For more information, scan the QR code or email L2P@frankston.vic.gov.au

Our City going from strength to strength

Frankston is forging ahead in leaps and bounds.

Thanks to strategic direction from Council and the work of our officers including the Economic Development Team, there's a distinct spirit of transformation and vibrancy with more families, investors, entrepreneurs and visitors flocking to our City to seize the opportunities and sample the lifestyle and stunning environment.

We've united our visitor attraction and economic development campaigns under a single banner, Imagine Frankston – and I'm rapt to report that our Economic Development Team exhibited at the Commbank Small Business Expo at the Melbourne Exhibition Centre in May to showcase our new brand to a wider audience, including small businesses keen to find a location for their enterprise.

Next up, the team will be exhibiting at the Franchising and Business Opportunities Expo on **August 17 and 18** again at the Exhibition Centre to meet potential franchisees and attract new investors to our city – with a focus on revitalising the city centre with new businesses to complement existing businesses.

The event also includes workshops on how to start your own business, free seminars and free business advice. Visit franchisingexpo.com.au/expos/melbourne-2024 to find out more. The Frankston Mornington Peninsula Local Learning and Employment Network (FMPLLEN) is hosting the FMP Industry and Jobs Expo on **20 August** at Mornington Racecourse. Local businesses will be exhibiting and attendees will have the chance to engage directly with industry professionals, employers and jobseekers, eliminating the impersonal nature of online recruitment. For more information, visit fmpindustryexpo.com.au

Our new 2024–2025 Business Mentors

Frankston City Council is set to announce the 2024–2025 Business Mentor Program panel soon.

Offering a plethora of skills and experience in a range of industries, the panel is made up of multiple members.

Thanks to all who applied to be part of the program. If you have a business in Frankston City, you can access this wealth of knowledge and expertise for free as part of the program to help your business grow. Frankston City businesses can access two free one-hour sessions with one of our mentors. **Visit frankston.vic.gov.au/business-and-growth** for more information.



Cr Liam Hughes, Deputy Mayor
South Ward
0413 175 911
crlhughes@frankston.vic.gov.au



Cr Brad Hill JP
South Ward
0438 212 426
crhill@frankston.vic.gov.au



Cr Claire Harvey JP
South Ward
0438 267 778
crharvey@frankston.vic.gov.au

Building resilience for our future leaders

Young people are our future and at Frankston Council, we take the mental health and resilience of our youth very seriously.

I'm proud that Council recently sponsored a Business and Community Leaders Breakfast, with keynote speaker Professor of youth mental health Patrick McCorry, hosted by Rotary at Frankston Arts Centre.

It was fantastic to see more than 200 people attend – highlighting not only how critically important this issue is, but moreso a desire to engage and learn about providing young people with the tools for mental health challenges. The event also covered linking small businesses to the next generation of leaders (helping them develop careers), global trends for youth and their career opportunities and building resilience to ensure career success.

Councils' Youth Services team is also at the forefront of this effort, facilitating a wide range of programs aimed at supporting mental wellbeing and building resilience among our young people.

These programs are delivered wherever young people are – in the community, at schools, shopping centres, sporting clubs, other organisations, and through our own Council-run youth hubs.

These programs and services include Youth Council, which provides valuable feedback on Council initiatives and helps ensure youth voices are heard; NexGen Youth Advisory Group: a group of young people who work directly with Frankston Youth Services to advocate for youth issues and plan events; the FReeZA program, delivered by our Fresh Committee with the support of our youth team, is all about bringing young people incredible music, arts, and culture events throughout the year; and a Hangout space for young people each day of the week where young people can drop in for a toastie, a chat, and to play some games in a supported and safe space.

In the last financial year, our dedicated Youth Services team delivered over 500 programs, and enabled over 1,000 young voices to be heard through program feedback, Youth Council participation and via youth advisory groups.

Today's focus on youth mental health is more important than ever. The challenges faced by our young people can have many layers and can have profound impacts on their futures. By working together, sharing knowledge, and supporting initiatives like those we have in Frankston, we can make a real difference in their lives.

Frankston's art scene is totally wild!

Frankston City's arts scene is second to none!

From our nationally recognised street art walking tours, to the eclectic and pulsating South Side Festival, Big Picture Fest with its captivating murals, public sculptures and Frankston Arts Centre bursting with programs, activities, exhibitions and performances, our arts scene continues to inspire and draw crowds, as well as win acclaim.

It's no wonder that younger members of our community want to get involved and add their colour! It's wonderful to report that due to popular demand, all frames for the 2024 FAC Kids Art Competition have been sold. What an amazing achievement and tribute to the popularity of the arts in Frankston City!

The Kids Art Competition is a call out to young artists aged four to twelve years to celebrate all creatures great and small. Young artists can experience being part of a professional art show and a private VIP celebration event, with the opportunity to great prizes. All entries for the 2024 Kids Art Competition have now been exhausted, but if your child missed out this year, be sure to subscribe to Frankston Arts Centre's eNews and follow their social media platforms to hear first as soon as entries open in 2025.

I can't wait to check out the artistic creations and interpretations when the 'Wild At Art' Kids Art Exhibition is held in Cube 37 from Thursday, 19 September to Saturday, 2 November. For more details, visit Frankston Arts Centre's website.

Stunning Seaford Wetlands offers something for all

One of my favourite spots to visit is Seaford Wetlands, which is even easier for walkers, bike riders and joggers to enjoy with the new bridge over Kananook Creek. The bridge is part of the \$5 million Seaford Wetlands Rejuvenation Project, which Council is delivering with the State Government.

To complement the bridge, we've just started work on a new viewing platform at Austin Road. The platform and shelter will provide sweeping views across the wetlands and will feature interpretative signage about the wetlands' history and native flora and fauna. New bike hoops, drink fountain and a realigned path will make the new platform another great, accessible community asset and drawcard for visitors. The platform is expected to be complete later this year, just in time for the warmer weather.

With appreciation and in anticipation...

This time four years ago we were in and out of a series of tiring and frustrating COVID lockdowns. I was also starting to meet and talk (mostly online) with my friends Jay and Gabrielle about the possibility of us all running in the 2020 local council elections.

We wanted to model something refreshingly different and to emphasise our commitment to working constructively and collaboratively around a shared vision and shared values, for the common good.

Rather than reinvent the wheel, we consistently pointed to the nine pillars of the Australia reMADE campaign, which we felt clearly articulated our deeper motivations, intentions and hopes as aspiring councillors.

The nine pillars are:

- ▶ A first people's heart.
- ▶ A natural world for now and the future.
- ▶ An economy for the people.
- ▶ A society where all contributions count and every job has dignity.
- ▶ A diversity of people living side by side.
- ▶ A country of flourishing communities.
- ▶ A new dawn for women.
- ▶ A thriving democracy.
- ▶ A proud contributor to a just world.

After a fairly busy few months of quiet, COVID-safe, campaigning it was a genuine privilege to be elected to South Ward in late October, 2020. I remain incredibly grateful for the opportunity and particularly thankful for some of the wonderfully rich and inspiring connections that I have made with people right across our city (as well as engaging with more than a hundred local community groups they represent). People, and our deep connection to place, really are at the heart of our thriving city!

I have learned so much during these past few years and have particularly valued the opportunity to contribute to progress on waste, housing, climate mitigation and adaptation, biodiversity, good governance and democratic participation.

As we look to a new Council term, I'm certainly keen to champion a diverse range of excellent candidates who share a commitment to work constructively for Frankston's future. Perhaps this might be you, or someone you know?

I welcome contact from those who'd like to explore this further.

Have your say and make a difference!

Council staff have been busy analysing over 1,300 responses to the Vision for Frankston City engagement, where you shared your aspirations for the future of our City.

So far, we've heard that safety, a clean, green environment, and a healthy, inclusive community are important to you.

At the conclusion of community engagement, which ran from March until May 2024, a representative panel of 40 Frankston City residents were independently selected to discuss these results in more detail.

Looking forward, from September to November, this group will participate in externally facilitated workshops to finalise the revised vision, which will form part of

Council's strategic planning framework.

The community panel will also provide recommendations to help develop a new four-year Council Plan and review the Financial Plan and Asset Plan.

This month, we'll also invite the community to share their thoughts and ideas on the inclusivity of Council-managed services and spaces, and how we can make them more welcoming for everyone.

We'll be seeking feedback to help develop a plan and actions for inclusion in a range of focus areas including disability, reconciliation, positive ageing, LGBTIQA+, Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CALD) communities and our internal work towards Welcoming Cities Accreditation.

You'll also get a chance to have your say on the Draft Bike Riding Strategy, which has been developed following community consultation in late 2023. Safety when riding is top of mind for the community, with initial feedback calling for connected bike paths to popular destinations and improved crossings and intersections.

Key initiatives include new shared user paths, safety improvements at crossings, and advocacy efforts for safer biking environments at train stations and major road crossings.



To have your say on these projects, scan the QR code, or visit

engage.

frankston.vic.gov.au

Update on our Housing Strategy

Last year, Council engaged the community to help shape the draft Frankston City Housing Strategy, which will incorporate your feedback on neighborhood values and future housing preferences.

Council elections are taking place in November 2024 and throughout this process Council will continue work to finalise the draft Housing Strategy and we look forward to your input again in 2025 when we undertake further community consultation.

You can follow the project at **engage.frankston.vic.gov.au/housing-strategy**

Top awards for Overport Bike Park

We already know Overport Bike Park is a hit with locals and now it's been recognised internationally as well!

Completed late last year, the Frankston South Park was entered into the Architecture and Design Community's International Architecture and Design Awards by the designer and builder, The Trail Collective.

The park took out gold in the Sport, Recreation and Wellness Facilities category and a platinum award in the Parks, Gardens and Landscape Design category, putting Frankston City on the world stage!

The development of the bike park was one of Council's top priorities as part of the Overport Park Master Plan and was strongly advocated for by local children and their families, many of whom are now part of the Overport Dirt Riders.

The park was designed for riders of all ages and skill levels and includes an asphalt beginner's jump section and pump track suitable for bikes, skateboards, skates, and scooters, and intermediate and advanced jump sections designed for adventurous BMX and mountain bike riders.



World's longest running play comes to Frankston

For over 70 years, Agatha Christie's *The Mousetrap* has kept millions of people from across the world on the edge of their seats.

Audiences will get the chance to solve the famed murder mystery when Shake & Stir brings its production to Frankston Arts Centre.

Shake & Stir Artistic Director Ross Balbuziente said: "We're so excited to bring *The Mousetrap* to Frankston and the Frankston Arts Centre! This amazing venue is the perfect fit for our show, with its great atmosphere, facilities and professional staff.

"Frankston Arts Centre is well-known for attracting the best shows and is spoken highly of in the industry.

"We chose Frankston because of its lively arts community and warm, welcoming vibe. Theatre lovers from Melbourne's south-east are always prepared to travel into town for shows so this time we are coming to them.

"We can't wait for Melbourne audiences to enjoy the magic and mystery of Agatha Christie's classic in such a fantastic setting!"

Directed by Australian theatre icon Robyn Nevin and starring Hannah Fredericksen as Mollie Ralston, Alex Rathgeber as Giles Ralston, Geraldine Turner as Mrs Boyle, Chris Parker as Major Metcalf, Miranda Daughtry as Miss Casewell, Gerry Connolly as Mr Paravicini, and Timothy Walker as Detective Sergeant Trotter.

As news spreads of a murder in London, a group of seven strangers find themselves snowed in at a remote countryside guesthouse. When



See Agatha Christie's classic *The Mousetrap* at Frankston Arts Centre. Picture: Joel Devereux

a police sergeant arrives, the guests discover – to their horror – that a killer is in their midst! One by one, the suspicious characters reveal their sordid pasts. Which one is the murderer? Who will be their next victim? Can you solve this world-famous mystery for yourself?

See *The Mousetrap* at Frankston Arts Centre from **31 July to 3 August**. For more information, scan the QR code.



For more information about Frankston Arts Centre membership, please scan the QR code or visit:

artscentre.frankston.vic.gov.au/Whats-On/Search-All-Events/Agatha-Christies-The-Mousetrap

Slam dunk for inclusion at Frankston Basketball

Frankston and District Basketball Association Programs Support Officer, **Tanya Thomas**, has been honoured for her stellar efforts promoting inclusion.

North-West Ward Cr Sue Baker presented Ms Thomas with a Certificate of Appreciation at Council's 24 June Meeting.

Cr Baker said as Programs Support Officer, Ms Thomas has had a profound and a positive influence in the lives of many people and her remarkable contribution to inclusivity in basketball directly led to the FDBA winning the Inclusive Basketball Association of the Year Award for 2023.

"The award is a richly deserved acknowledgement of your association's extensive inclusion work, which continues to expand



Tanya Thomas (left) with Cr Sue Baker.

in scope giving more opportunities for participation through programs such as All Abilities Basketball, Walking Basketball, Wheelchair Basketball and more recently, the pioneering Vision Loss Basketball program," Cr Baker said.

"It's important to note the FDBA was the first association in the country to launch a vision impaired basketball

program. I add that Council is proud to sponsor your All Abilities Competition, and acknowledges the ongoing collaboration between our organisations through our Community Strengthening team.

"We're incredibly proud of your efforts enriching the lives of many and making Frankston City the inclusive and vibrant community that it is."

Museo del Oro Robado exhibition

Joshua Searle examines and unpacks pre-Columbian artefacts held in museum collections encountered through texts, as a means to further understand his own diasporic history and identity as an Australian-Colombian.

From an initial examination of collective cultural identity and societal impact to a more individual personal exploration, this exhibition includes paintings exploring practices of institutional collecting and impact of colonisation.

See his 'Museo del Oro Robado' exhibition at the Glass Cube (37 Davey St, next door to main theatre) until Saturday, 10 August. These striking works can be viewed by day or illuminated at night. Supported by Frankston City Council's Artist Project Grant program.



Frankston City Libraries



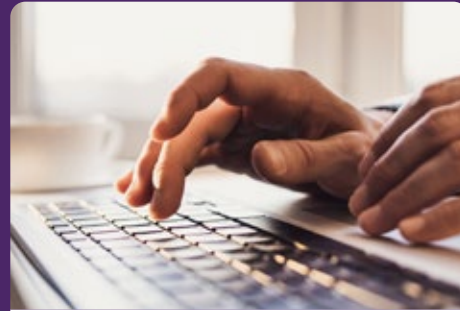
Join the Mayor's Reading Challenge! From 1 August 2024

Frankston City Libraries invites children aged up to five-years-old and their families to get involved with reading this August! Collect your reading record and sticker sheet from August 1 at any branch and start tracking your reads! Read 60 books in August to receive a library bag, free board book of your choice, a signed certificate from the Mayor and a chance to win a \$50 voucher for QBD Books!



FrankTALK with Michael Earp Monday 19 August, 6pm Frankston Library FREE

As part of our Warm Winter Read, join us for a chat with Young Adult author and Warm Winter Read Ambassador, Michael Earp. They are editor of, and contributor to Everything Under the Moon: Fairy Tales in a Queerer Light, Kindred: 12 Queer #LoveOzYA Stories, Out-Side: Queer Words and Art from Regional Victoria and co-edited Avast! Pirate Stories From Transgender Authors with Alison Evans.



ICT Classes with BeConnected Various days and times Frankston Library FREE

Be Connected is an Australian Government initiative committed to building the confidence, digital skills and online safety of older Australians. Upcoming classes include; Online Shopping, Government Websites, Technology for Health and iPhone Basics. Sessions now running at Carrum Downs Library as well as Frankston! Head to the Frankston City Libraries website to book.



Library of Things now Available! Book your induction

Discover the Library of Things, a curated selection of unconventional resources ranging from gadgets to tools, kits, and electronics, all yours to explore for free with a library card. Some of the items available to loan include; Kodak Film Scanner, sewing machine and overlocker, Garden Tools, Bike Repair Kit, Induction cooktops, Baking and Cake Decorating tools, Food Dehydrator, Finska and Quoits. Head to the Frankston City Libraries website.

FRANKSTON ARTS CENTRE



Drama

Agatha Christie's The Mousetrap

Wednesday 31 July – Saturday 3 August

This thrilling West End production is the genre-defining murder mystery from the best-selling novelist of all time... case closed!



Drama

The Visitors

By Sydney Theatre Company
Tuesday 6 August 7.30pm



Music

Mike Oldfield's Tubular Bells Live In Concert

Monday 19 August 8pm



Daytime Music

Daytime Music and Theatre: Tenori

Friday 6 September
10.30am and 1.30pm

Three powerhouse singers, who met while touring with The Ten Tenors, sing classics from the worlds of Opera, Music Theatre and Jazz.



Music

The Whitlams Black Stump Duo

Saturday 7 September 8pm



Dance

The Tap Pack

Wednesday 11 September
7.30pm

Preserving Frankston's unique heritage

Heritage plays a vital role making Frankston City a place where people love to live, work and visit.

Our heritage contributes to the city's distinctive character and tells the story of our past.

In 2020, Council introduced the Local Heritage Preservation Grant (LHPG) Program. The program has a total funding pool of \$40,000 annually to support works that conserve and enhance places of heritage significance in the municipality.

Individuals, community groups or organisations who own or manage a property in a Heritage Overlay can apply for financial support for the following works including preservation, repair, restoration and enhancement.

Rev Claudia Mauracher, from St Paul's Church Frankston, said the congregation was rapt to receive a grant to restore the triple gable roof on both sides of the church.

She added the church members, who also contributed funds towards the project, were excited when the works were complete.

Designed by important ecclesiastical architect Louis Williams, St Paul's is architecturally significant as a fine example of an Arts and Crafts Style church with bold massing, stylised gothic detailing and an imposing tower. Extensively damaged by fire in 1957, the church was rebuilt to a sympathetic design, also by Louis Williams.

Joyce Welsh also received a heritage preservation grant for exterior painting at her historic Frankston house, which was originally built in 1924 for Russell and Mabel Grimwade, and designed by one of Melbourne's best-



The historic house, Westerfield, which was built in 1924.

known architects, Harold Desbrowe Annear.

Mrs Welsh said exterior paintwork had deteriorated and the grant had made a huge difference, adding: "It was a tremendous help."

The house, known as Westerfield, is a distinctive and complete design which embodies Annear's interpretation of Southern European (French) provincial villa themes which were then popular, in combination with his continuing love of the half-timbering of Northern European Medieval architecture.

Applications for Local Heritage Preservation Grants are now open and close on 31 August.



For more information including the grant program guidelines, scan the QR code or visit:

frankston.vic.gov.au/Planning-and-Building/Strategic-and-Heritage-Planning/Local-Heritage-Preservation-Grant-LHPG-Program



Church warden Mary Bawden (left) and Rev Claudia Mauracher outside St Paul's Church.



Community groups receive boost from South East Water

Two Frankston City community groups have received grants from South East Water.

First People's Health and Wellbeing and Mums Supporting Families In Need both received \$10,000 grants.

First Peoples' Health and Wellbeing is a registered charity and Aboriginal community-controlled health organisation providing culturally safe and trauma-informed healthcare through clinics.

Their project will provide vocational training opportunities for local community through their new social enterprise training cafe 'Blak Fig' opening at their clinic in Frankston.

The project will support Aboriginal people facing barriers to employment to gain qualifications and

mentoring in hospitality with an outcome to long-term employment.

Mums Supporting Families in Need provides vital support families with basic daily needs.

Their project will provide 40 'Hampers of Hope' to families in crisis, containing essential items like pantry staples, kitchen, laundry and cleaning items. This will help families who have left family violence situations start again.



For more information about the grant recipients, scan the QR code or visit:

southeastwater.com.au/about-us/community/grants/grant-recipients-2024/#FPHW



Free Business workshops

Did you know Frankston City Council offers a range of free business workshops to help you upskill, get started or to help your business grow and thrive?

Whether you have a bricks and mortar or a home-based business, you're an entrepreneur or your just thinking of upskilling, the Economic Development team are keen to do what we can to help your business or business idea grow and prosper!

All of our workshops are delivered by local

industry experts who are eager to back your business and share their knowledge and expertise with you. From workshops about business planning, tax planning, branding and marketing, to after-hours workshops for builders and trades, there's something for everyone.

Upcoming workshops include Business Accelerator for Builders and Trades, Introduction to Better Habits for Better Productivity and Business Branding.

To book your spot, visit frankston.vic.gov.au/businessesevents

Q&A sessions with local students and business owners

Almost 100 Year 11 Business Management students from Frankston High visited the Council Chambers for a very special Q&A with some local business owners.

As part of their studies, the students asked a range of questions about the fundamentals of owning your own business including getting started, marketing tips, recruitment, corporate social responsibility and customer needs.

Business owners Adam from Safeguarding You, Bec from Marylee Clothing, Joyie from Gloform Electrics, Elizabeth from NetfocusIT and Andrew from Peninsula Plumbing

Clearance Centre volunteered their time to answer questions and give insight into successful business operations. Mayor Nathan Conroy also attended to answer questions about his role within Council and Council's plans for Frankston City's future.

Council will host Mt Erin students for another Q&A in July.

Since 2021, more than 200 businesses have used the program to help their business get ahead and stay on track. Get your free sessions by emailing business@frankston.vic.gov.au



Business Support Services

Did you know Frankston City Council offers an extensive range of FREE business support services?

Whether you are starting, relocating, expanding, growing or upskilling, you can reach out to Council for help and access FREE services such as;

Business Concierge Service — To help you navigate through Council's planning, permits and regulations.

Business Events and Training — Council runs FREE business workshops throughout the year to help you upskill in a number of topics such as getting started, tax planning, branding, video marketing, social media advertising and more.

Business Mentor Program — Get FREE business mentoring from one of our dedicated and experienced business consultants.

Business Grants — There are a number of grant opportunities available for your business such as Business Grants, Façade Grants, Think Local Grants and those available via the Frankston Grant Finder.



For all Council's business support services, information, resources and opportunities, phone **1300 322 322**, email business@frankston.vic.gov.au or scan the QR code.

2024–2025 Business Grants coming soon!

The next round of the popular Frankston City Business Grants is coming soon!

Opening early September, your business could be eligible for a grant between \$5,000 and \$20,000.

The grants are designed to help you take the next step to expand your business, grow from a home-based business to a bricks-and-mortar commercial property or



Madame Tiger owner Laura was thrilled to receive a Business Grant in 2023/24.

relocate your business to Frankston City from another location!

Sign up to our business eNewsletter to stay in the loop or keep watch on our website frankston.vic.gov.au/businessgrants

Council committed to diverse economy with opportunities for all

Council is committed to creating a vibrant and diverse economy that provides opportunities for everyone to flourish, particularly our young people and school leavers.

Mayor Nathan Conroy and Council Business Development Officer Kelly Eaton highlighted this commitment at a School to Work Forum attended by school principals and industry representatives at McClelland Sculpture Park and Gallery. The Forum was hosted by Frankston Mornington Peninsula Local Learning & Employment Network with support from Council.

Mayor Conroy said: “We have a vision set firmly on economic growth and transformative development, providing a clear view of the future.

“From pinpointing opportunities for sustainable development, to elevating our arts and culture scene through major events like the Big Picture Fest and engaging our vibrant community, embracing the quality of our health and education, and continuing to develop our visitor economy, which is growing thanks to 800,000 plus visitors annually.”

Ms Eaton said Frankston is undergoing rapid transformation with its population of 142,826 expected to reach 162,000 by 2041.

She added that Frankston City boasts \$18.4b in economic outcome per annum, 44,000 plus registered businesses and 54,633 local jobs.

“Frankston City has a clear view of the future and is ripe with opportunity including



📍 Burst Brand Agency Director Sam Grigg, Chisholm Chief of Education Conor Mullan, Netfocus IT Business Development and Marketing Manager Elizabeth McDonald and Mt Erin College Careers and Pathways Sharon McCarthy.

healthcare driving high employment and Chisholm and Monash on our doorstep.

“We have many young, energetic, entrepreneurial local business operators in our region. The 20,000 plus residents aged between 12 and 24 will be the next group who will provide the continuation of this

trend in the area and will be led by those who have paved the way today, to ensure there are exciting career pathways for the future.

“Our goal is to ensure the Frankston business community can access a skilled workforce locally and encourage students to take on local job opportunities.”

Volunteer Celebration Event

Council has hosted a Volunteer Celebration event to honour those who do so much for Frankston City.

Mayor Nathan Conroy said the event was a wonderful opportunity to recognise and celebrate the diverse range of volunteers across various Council programs, committees and events and acknowledge their invaluable dedication and valuable contributions to our community.

The event was attended by over 150 volunteers representing over 20 groups within Council, along with Cr Sue Baker.

Mayor Conroy said: “You’re making a difference at our libraries, Family Health Support Services such as Meals on Wheels and Bus Outings Program, as learner driver mentors with the L2P Program, with Volunteering Frankston, at our festivals and events, arts programs such as Hot Arts for Cool Kids, with seniors groups as Age Friendly Ambassadors and Exercise Champions at Wingham Park.

“As well as with youth services – as members of the Youth Council and Fresh FReeZA and then there’s your work at the Visitors Information Centre!”

Mayor Conroy said volunteers were making essential contributions with a range of Advisory Committees including the Disability Access and Inclusion Committee, Culturally and Linguistically Diverse advisory committee and the Social Inclusion Action Group.

There are also volunteers assisting with the Community Grants Panel, Frankston Charitable Fund and Citizen of the Year selection Committee. Volunteers also play critical roles at our Community Centres and Neighbourhood Houses.

Council CEO Phil Cantillon said: “Can I say on behalf of the Council how grateful we are for your dedication and passion. You are really very special to Council and your community.

“We have hundreds of community members who generously volunteer their time each year to support and assist with Council programs, services and committees.

“Put simply, we couldn’t do it without you – whether its environmental causes, the Arts, community outreach, education, raising awareness, advocacy and much more, you make it happen in Frankston City.”



📍 Age Friendly Ambassador Chris Wiggett at the Volunteer Celebration event.



For more information about volunteering with Council, scan the QR code.

➔ frankston.vic.gov.au/Council/Careers-and-Volunteering/Volunteering-with-Frankston-City-Council

Plan for a winter to remember!

As winter sets in, don't settle on the couch and reach for the delivery app and TV remote – instead grab a beanie, jacket and some fun.

It's time to plan for a winter to remember.

Now is the time to head into our city and seek out places with open fires like The Hop Shop; or Humdinger, Hotel Lona and Frankston Brewhouse for live entertainment and warming food or book in for a memorable family dinner night at Betty's Burgers or YoMG.

Not sure your wardrobe is winter-ready? Explore the city's speciality and major fashion stores to find the perfect pair of corduroys, warming puffer jacket, dancing top and eye-catching earrings to bring it all together. With shops dotted throughout the city streets and laneways, as well as within

the shopping centre, you have everything you need to create your winter style.

When it's time to raise the heart rate, warm the body and the soul, then head to the city's heart for an explosive blend of fun, colour and movement. From escape room challenges, blockbuster movies, karaoke, mini golf and bowling, families, friends and everyone in between are invited to get involved in the fun.

For those who prefer to use the shorter days as a reason to slow down and reconnect, then the nature reserves surrounding the city as ideal. Frankston Nature Conservation Reserve is greener in winter and new life moves through the foliage perfect for exploring at any age; the waterfalls flow once again in Sweetwater Creek; and a walk along the boardwalk is reimagined with the cool breeze and moody



waters your backdrop. Take a deep breath and be energised in the crisp morning air before you explore the city's open spaces.

In Frankston City this winter, everyone's welcome and anything is possible. The city's cafes, restaurants, retail shops and entertainment venues are excited to help you make this winter one to remember.

Get a group together, or maybe just a special someone, and make your winter warmer in Frankston City.

Visit [imaginefrankston.com](https://www.imaginefrankston.com) or follow @imaginefrankston on Facebook and Instagram for endless ideas for winter warmth and fun in the city centre and across Frankston City more broadly.

Council celebrates Rainbow Flag Raising for IDAHOBIT Day

Council has celebrated its 20th annual Rainbow Flag Raising to acknowledge IDAHOBIT Day – an International Day against LGBTIQ+ discrimination.

Director Communities Angela Hughes welcomed The Frankston City and Mornington Peninsula LGBTIQ+ Collaborative and participants from local social groups including our local Youth Group Peninsula Pride, Rainbow Connections, Out on the Peninsula, Mornington Peninsula Queers and members and LGBTIQ+ allies from Frankston Police Station, as well as representatives from Peninsula Health and the many other local community support services.

Ms Hughes said IDAHOBIT celebrates the anniversary of the milestone when on May 17, 1990 the World Health Organization removed homosexuality from the Classification of Diseases and Related Health Problems, adding: "Since then, we have seen positive, inclusive shifts in the community, notably same sex marriage being passed by Federal Parliament in 2017."

She said Council is working closely together with our local LGBTIQ+ Collaborative and broader community to ensure the positive changes continues.

"Frankston City Council values and celebrates diversity ... and the safety of our whole community. We

will continue to support and celebrate our LGBTIQ+ community through our programs, services, events and art and performance showcases – as you will have seen with our fabulous South Side Festival."

Before raising the Rainbow Flag, community representatives Arlo Jay and Charlotte spoke about the positive impact LGBTIQ+ awareness and inclusive practices have had on their lives. They also shared a quote on behalf of their friend, Lilly: "It makes me feel happy to have a special place where I can be me. I feel loved and supported by new friends. I feel happy when I am not left out or left behind."



Community Flag Raisers Charlotte (left) and Arlo Jay spoke about the positive impact of inclusion.



Frankston Winter Shelter volunteers (back) Steve and David with (front) Kate, Lolita, Sally and Angela.

Warmth and hope: Frankston Winter Shelter supporting people experiencing homelessness

As the cold winter months settle over Frankston City, the Frankston Winter Shelter steps up to provide a lifeline to those experiencing homelessness.

This church-led initiative has once again proven to be an essential service in the community, offering warmth, hope, and a pathway to stability for our City's most vulnerable residents.

The initiative operates from June to August, providing much-needed respite and assistance, with local churches including Peninsula City Church, Gateway, St Anne's, St Paul's and St Luke's working together to provide venues, volunteers and donations.

Homelessness can arise from various circumstances, including family breakdowns, job loss, mental health issues, domestic violence, and the rising costs of living. The Frankston Winter Shelter, in collaboration with local organisations such as Community Support Frankston, Bolton Clarke, Launch Housing and The Salvation Army Homelessness Peninsula, aims to address these issues by providing immediate relief through food, shelter, a sense of community, and connection to other services.

Last year, the shelter registered 58 guests, with 35 attending regularly. Throughout their stay, guests achieved significant milestones, with some finding employment, entering medical facilities, securing accommodation or being reunited with their families. These outcomes highlight the shelter's impact beyond just providing a place to sleep; it offers a platform for guests to regain stability and move towards a better future.

The involvement of 150 volunteers, many from local churches and community groups, underscores the community's commitment to addressing homelessness.

Volunteer Steve, from Peninsula City Church, said: "I feel like it's important to be active in helping people who are suffering from homelessness and actually get up and do something, rather than talk about someone else doing something.

"The most rewarding part for me has been playing cards with the guests and having a ball. For me, that creates a family atmosphere where you have a meal together. It creates a really pleasant atmosphere," Steve said.

In 2024, Frankston City Council has supported the program through assistance with the permit process, a grant to build an accessible shower and via training in supporting people in difficult situations, including those in domestic violence situations or those experiencing mental health challenges.

Frankston City Council is involved with many other homeless and housing initiatives, including Frankston Zero, which works to reduce rough sleeping by addressing the root causes of homelessness and providing long-term solutions. For a long time, the group has noted a critical shortfall in social housing across Victoria. In line with these efforts, the Victorian government recently set new housing guidelines as part of its engagement for a new plan for Victoria, aiming to build 2 million homes by 2051 to meet the demands of a growing population. For Frankston, this means an additional 36,000 homes by 2051, a crucial step towards alleviating the housing crisis and supporting initiatives like Frankston Zero and Frankston Winter Shelter in their mission to end homelessness.

Frankston Zero Chair, Jackie Galloway OAM, said: "Social housing is more than just a roof over one's head; it provides a strong foundation from which individuals and families can build better lives. It ensures that everyone, regardless of their circumstances, has the opportunity to live in a stable and secure home, contributing to a healthier and more inclusive community."

"With Homelessness Week coming up in early August, it's an important time to raise awareness and get involved in supporting our community's most vulnerable," says Jackie.

This Homelessness Week, Frankston Zero will host a free event on the 8 August 2024 at Community Support Frankston for those experiencing homelessness to link in with support services, assistance with housing, and help obtaining identification.



To learn more about Frankston Zero, scan the QR code or visit:

www.frankston.vic.gov.au/Council/Advocacy-and-Partnerships/Tackling-homelessness-in-Frankston/Frankston-City-Strategic-Housing-and-Homelessness-Alliance

A better view of Seaford Wetlands – coming soon!

You asked us to continue to preserve and protect the Seaford Wetlands while sensitively upgrading suitable community facilities – and we're doing just that.

Stage two of the Seaford Wetlands Rejuvenation Project – an accessible new viewing platform and shelter – is now underway.

Replacing the existing old platform at Austin Road, the new facility will enhance visitor experiences by providing a safe and comfortable panoramic view of the wetlands for people of all ages and abilities.

It includes a ramp, seating, accessible drinking fountain, bike hoops, new carefully selected plantings, realigned path to safely connect to the new shelter and platform ramp, and interpretative signs with information about the wetlands, its environmental and

heritage value and the flora and fauna within the wetlands.

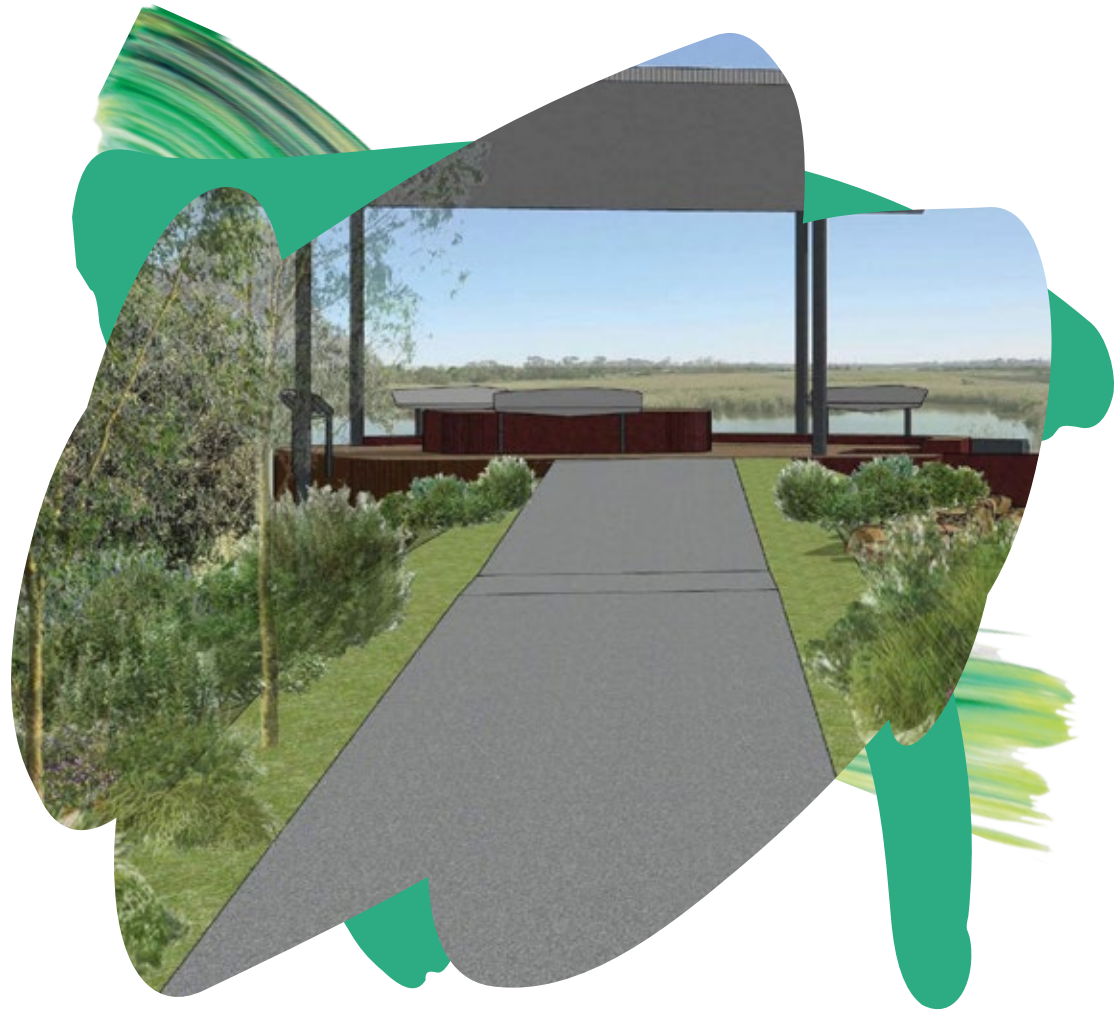
During community engagement, upgrading the platform by moving it away from the fence line so rubbish wouldn't fall into the wetlands was also well received. For this reason, the new platform will also be set back slightly from the existing location.

As the area is home to many sensitive species, all works will be undertaken in accordance with Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act (EPBC) requirements.

The platform is due to be completed later this year. Find out more about the \$5 million Seaford Wetlands Rejuvenation Project being delivered

by Council in partnership with the Victorian Government.

You can also read about the outcomes of our two rounds of community engagement and stakeholder engagement with key groups, which helped inform this project's delivery.



For more information scan the QR code or visit:

frankston.vic.gov.au/Things-To-Do/Parks-and-Reserves/Seaford/Seaford-Wetlands

Improving connections for bike riders and walkers in Seaford

We're improving pedestrian and bike rider safety by constructing a new shared user path (SUP) along Seaford Road and adding a pedestrian refuge near RF Miles Reserve.

The new path will provide a safe and continuous link along Seaford Road, from Elsie Avenue to the Nepean Highway and the pedestrian refuge will also improve access to the nearby Kananook Creek walking trail and RF Miles Reserve and play space by providing a safe crossing point.

The project will require the removal of five parking spaces on Seaford Road to ensure the path is wide enough to meet all Department of Transport and Planning's SUP design requirements.

The SUP is fully funded by the Victorian Government through the Level Crossing Removal Project and demonstrates Council's commitment to active transport, one of the key priority areas in our Integrated Transport Strategy.

The path is expected to be complete by late July.



Frankston Celebrates National Tree Day 2024 and Schools Tree Day

Frankston's green future is looking bright as our community gears up for National Tree Day 2024 and Schools Tree Day.

On Sunday, July 28 from 10am to 12pm join us at the Seaford Wetlands for a morning of planting to further enhance the 2017 National Tree Day planting site.

This year, the focus will be on planting mid and understory vegetation, which is vital for the ecological health of the area, providing essential resources for small birds, mammals, reptiles, and insects. Entry is adjacent to 175 Old Wells Road, Seaford, or via the shared user pathway within the reserve.

For more information and to register your attendance, please follow the QR code below.

Congratulations to our two Environmental Ambassador Schools, Ballam Park Primary School and McClelland Secondary College who are leading the charge, along with 48 preschools, primary, and secondary schools, planting over 2,500 indigenous plants on Schools Tree Day, Friday, July 26

This initiative underscores the importance of environmental stewardship among our youth. Let's come together to make Frankston greener and more sustainable!



Students participate in Schools Tree Day at Woodleigh's Minimbah Campus.



For more information scan the QR code or visit:

treeday.planetark.org/site/10029871

Induction cooktops at Frankston City Libraries!

Have you ever wanted to try induction cooking without committing to changing your stove just yet?

As part of our Climate Change Strategy, Frankston City Council's local libraries are now offering Portable Induction Cooktops for loan. Induction cooking is an excellent way to save energy and reduce household costs.

The featured cooktop is the powerful and user-friendly Westinghouse Induction Cooktop 2000W. This appliance operates quietly and includes a child lock

safety feature, ensuring a safe cooking environment for families.

Borrowing the cooktop is a fantastic opportunity to test if induction cooking suits your needs and to check if your pots and pans are compatible. In addition to the cooktops, the libraries also provide Home Energy Saver Toolkits and Thermal Imaging Cameras for loan, helping you further enhance energy efficiency in your home.

Take advantage of these valuable resources and explore the benefits of energy-saving technologies today.

You can also borrow the most up-to-date edition of the book, 'Your Home', one of Australia's most comprehensive guides to environmentally sustainable homes.



For more information scan the QR code or visit:

library.frankston.vic.gov.au/Library-Services/Home-Energy-Saver-Toolkit-nature-strips



Ian checks out the new Induction Cooktop.

Trim Your Bin Program

Local businesses have been reducing waste and saving money through Council's Trim Your Bin program.

Run alongside Mornington Peninsula Shire Council and the City of Casey, this innovative program has been helping local Frankston City businesses measure waste

output, identify easy actions to avoid and reduce waste, and save on waste related costs.

Expressions of interest are still open for round two of the program. If you own a business in Frankston City or know someone who does, scan the QR code to register your interest or learn more today!



Scan the QR code to register your interest or visit:

frankston.vic.gov.au/Business-and-Growth/Business-support-resources-and-workshops/Business-resources/Programs-and-opportunities/Trim-Your-Bin-Program



📷 Kora, Maxwell and Rosie love being members of the Frankston Sharks BMX Club.

The BMX stars doing Frankston City proud

BMX riding is a family affair for the Frankston Sharks.

Each week, families of all ages and sizes converge on the Club's recently upgraded facilities at Seaford to hone their skills, make friends and race their hearts out (and maybe also enjoy a hot dog or two from the canteen!)

One of those families is the Stephens family. Maxwell, 11, Kora, 9, and Rosie, 3, are all regulars at the new track and are well supported by their biggest fans, mum, Kylie, and dad, Joshua.

Maxwell and Kora joined the club about three years ago and haven't looked back since. They've both competed at state and national level, with Maxwell earning an impressive fifth place at state competition, and Kora taking home the titles for her age group at both events.

As a newcomer to the sport, Rosie isn't yet competing, but joins the other two-to-seven-year-olds as

a 'mini wheeler' – riding on the track on a pedal-free bike to build balance, speed, confidence, skill – and most importantly to have fun!

It's clear that this active little family loves track time. And for those who might be on the fence about giving BMX riding a go, Kora has the best advice: "You'll get a lot of friendships and maybe even trophies!" Though she is clear to stress that she isn't in it for glory – that's just a bonus from doing something she loves with her friends and family.

Sharks President Rob Dowse couldn't agree more, saying the club community is passionate and tightknit.

"We have about 175 members and about 50 of those are adults," he said.

"We have kids who start riding then their parents get tired of just sitting in the side lines, so they get involved too as riders or volunteers. The community spirit is strong."

It's this community spirit that also supports members to reach for the stars, with 55 riders now competing at state level, 30 at nationals and even nine at international level.

The international riders recently competed at the 2024 UCI BMX Racing World Championships in South Carolina, USA. They all did the Sharks proud, with the highest rankings going to Bella May who took home third place in the Under 23 Women's Elite, and Maya Ellis, who won a world title in the Under 13 Girl's Challenge.

Rob says the club couldn't be prouder and believes the recently upgraded track and facilities will bring more riders to Frankston City and support existing riders to continue to develop their skills.

"The upgraded lighting has improved safety – before we had a few shadows and dark spots on the track and they're now gone," he said.

"Having drinking water and public toilets at the track is also making

an enormous difference, and of course the upgraded track speaks for itself.

"All of this now means that our governing body will give greater consideration to us now hosting bigger events."

The \$766,000 Sharks facility upgrade was officially opened by Mayor Nathan Conroy and State Member for Carrum, Hon. Sonya Kilkenny MP, and attended by Cr Glenn Aitken, and includes public toilets and change rooms, LED sports lighting, track surface upgrade and safety fence around the track. The work was funded by Council in partnership with the Victorian Government and the Frankston Sharks BMX Club.

With such great facilities and community support for riders, we're expecting to see more big things happening at Sharks headquarters at 101 Old Wells Rd, Seaford.

For more information, scan the QR code.

